

# DECISION DOCUMENT

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# DECLARATION STATEMENT - DECISION DOCUMENT

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## **Statement of Purpose and Basis**

This document presents the remedy for the 650 Southern Boulevard brownfield cleanup site. The remedial program was chosen in accordance with the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and Title 6 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York (6 NYCRR) Part 375.

This decision is based on the Administrative Record of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for the 650 Southern Boulevard site and the public's input to the proposed remedy presented by NYSDEC.

## **Description of Selected Remedy**

The elements of the selected remedy are as follows:

### **1. Remedial Design**

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extent feasible in the future development at this site, any future on-site buildings shall be constructed, at a minimum, to meet the 2020 Energy Conservation Construction Code of New York (or most recent edition) to improve energy efficiency as an element of construction.

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### **5. In-Situ Chemical Reduction**

In-situ chemical reduction (ISCR) will be implemented to treat chlorinated volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in groundwater post-excavation, after the ISCO injection discussed in Remedy Element 4 above. A chemical reducing agent such as Daramend<sup>®</sup> Reagent will be placed at the base of the excavation and mixed with remaining onsite soils to destroy the contaminants where chlorinated VOCs were found to be elevated in groundwater.

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## **6. Vapor Intrusion Evaluation**

As part of the Track 1 remedy, a soil vapor intrusion (SVI) evaluation will be completed. The evaluation will include a provision for implementing actions recommended to address exposures related to soil vapor intrusion.

## **7. Local Institutional Controls**

If no Environmental Easement (EE) or Site Management Plan (SMP) is needed to achieve soil, groundwater, or soil vapor remedial action objectives, then the following local use restriction will be relied upon to prevent ingestion of groundwater: Article 141 of the NYCDOHMH code, which prohibits potable use of groundwater without prior approval.

### **Conditional Track 1**

The intent of the remedy is to achieve a Track 1 unrestricted use therefore, no environmental easement or site management plan is anticipated. If the remedial action objectives (RAOs) for groundwater and soil vapor intrusion are not achieved prior to completion of the Final Engineering Report, then a SMP and EE will be required, and a Track 1 cleanup can only be achieved if no engineering controls are needed and the RAOs are achieved within 5 years of the date of the Certificate of Completion.

In the event that Track 1 unrestricted use is not achieved, the following contingent remedial elements will be required, and the remedy will achieve a Track 2 restricted residential cleanup at a minimum.

### ***Contingent Remedial Elements***

## **8. Institutional Controls**

Imposition of an institutional control in the form of an Environmental Easement for the controlled property which will:

- require the remedial party or site owner to complete and submit to the NYSDEC a periodic certification of institutional and engineering controls in accordance with Part 375-1.8 (h)(3);
- allow the use and development of the controlled property for restricted residential use as defined by Part 375-1.8(g), although land use is subject to local zoning laws;
- restrict the use of groundwater as a source of potable or process water, without necessary water quality treatment as determined by the NYSDOH or NYCDOHMH; and
- require compliance with the NYSDEC approved Site Management Plan.

## 9. Site Management Plan

A Site Management Plan is required, which includes the following:

- a. an Institutional and Engineering Control Plan that identifies all use restrictions and engineering controls for the site and details the steps and media-specific requirements necessary to ensure the following institutional and engineering controls remain in place and effective:
  - Institutional Controls: The Environmental Easement discussed in Remedy Element 8 above.
  - Engineering Controls: The Monitoring Wells discussed in Remedy Elements 4 and 5 above, and potentially vapor mitigation if identified following the SVI evaluation discussed in Remedy Element 6 above.

This plan includes, but may not be limited to:

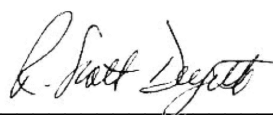
- an Excavation Plan which details the provisions for management of future excavations in areas of remaining contamination;
  - descriptions of the provisions of the environmental easement including any land use, and groundwater use restrictions;
  - a provision for evaluation of the potential for soil vapor intrusion for any occupied buildings on the site, including provision for implementing actions recommended to address exposures related to soil vapor intrusion;
  - provisions for the management and inspection of the identified engineering controls;
  - maintaining site access controls and NYSDEC notification; and
  - the steps necessary for the periodic reviews and certification of the institutional and/or engineering controls.
- b. a Monitoring Plan to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy. The plan includes, but may not be limited to:
    - monitoring of groundwater to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy;
    - a schedule of monitoring and frequency of submittals to the NYSDEC; and
    - monitoring for vapor intrusion for any buildings on the site, as may be required by the Institutional and Engineering Control Plan discussed above.

### Declaration

The remedy conforms with promulgated standards and criteria that are directly applicable, or that are relevant and appropriate and takes into consideration NYSDEC guidance, as appropriate. The remedy is protective of public health and the environment.

March 3, 2025

Date



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## **SECTION 1: SUMMARY AND PURPOSE**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), has selected a remedy for the above referenced site. The disposal of contaminants at the site has resulted in threats to public health and the environment that would be addressed by the remedy. The disposal or release of contaminants at this site, as more fully described in this document, has contaminated various environmental media. Contaminants include hazardous waste and/or petroleum.

The New York State Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) is a voluntary program. The goal of the BCP is to enhance private-sector cleanups of brownfields and to reduce development pressure on "greenfields." A brownfield site is real property, where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the soil cleanup objectives or other health-based or environmental standards, criteria or guidance, based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property.

NYSDEC has issued this document in accordance with the requirements of New York State Environmental Conservation Law and 6 NYCRR Part 375. This document is a summary of the information that can be found in the site-related reports and documents.

## **SECTION 2: CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

NYSDEC seeks input from the community on all remedies. A public comment period was held, during which the public was encouraged to submit comment on the proposed remedy. All comments on the remedy received during the comment period were considered by NYSDEC in selecting a remedy for the site. Site-related reports and documents were made available for review by the public at the following document repositories:

DECInfo Locator - Web Application  
<https://gisservices.dec.ny.gov/gis/dil/index.html?rs=C203170>

New York Public Library - Woodstock Branch  
761 E 160th St  
Bronx, NY 10456  
Phone: (718) 665-6255

Bronx Community Board 2  
1029 East 163rd Street  
Bronx, NY 10459  
Phone: (718) 328-9125

### **Receive Site Citizen Participation Information By Email**

Please note that NYSDEC's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) is "going paperless" relative to citizen participation information. The ultimate goal is to distribute citizen participation information about contaminated sites electronically by way of county email listservs. Information will be distributed for all sites that are being investigated and cleaned up in a particular county under the State Superfund Program, Environmental Restoration Program, Brownfield Cleanup Program and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Program. We encourage the public to sign up for one or more county listservs at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html>

### **SECTION 3: SITE DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY**

Location: The site is located at 650 Southern Boulevard in the Hunts Point-Longwood neighborhood of the Bronx. The site occupies Block 2603, Lot 157. The site is bounded to the north by Southern Boulevard followed by a multi-story residential building, to the east by a multi-story residential building followed by Leggett Avenue, to the south by a commercial building followed by Timpson Place, and to the west by a multi-story residential building followed by Avenue St John.

Site Features: The 0.230-acre site is developed with two adjoining one-story buildings encompassing the entirety of the site.

Current Zoning and Land Use: The site is zoned as R7-1 residential and is currently developed with two adjoining one-story vacant buildings. The surrounding properties are characterized by multi-story residential and commercial buildings, some of which have industrial and manufacturing uses.

Past Use of the Site: The site was developed in the 1940s with two one-story stores. The past uses of the site included primarily commercial applications such as plumbing supply, auto repair, and most recently storage for cleaning supplies.

Site Geology and Hydrogeology: The site stratigraphy from the surface down consists of an urban fill layer extending to approximately 2 feet below grade (ft bg) generally consisting of light to dark brown to gray silty sand with varying amounts of organic matter, brick, gravel, slag, coal, and gravel. The fill layer is underlain by a potentially native layer consisting of brown to gray to reddish brown fine to medium sand with varying amounts of silt, gravel, and weathered bedrock. According to the U.S. Geologic Survey, bedrock at the site is classified as the Manhattan Schist from the lower Cambrian age and was encountered at depths ranging from 11 to 17 ft bg.



Groundwater was encountered at depths ranging from approximately 8 to 12 ft bg and was measured to flow northeast across the site which deviates from the anticipated regional flow direction to the southeast, due to the proximity of a Metropolitan Transit Authority line running below and to the north of the site.

A site location map is attached as Figure 1, and a site plan is attached as Figure 2.

#### **SECTION 4: LAND USE AND PHYSICAL SETTING**

NYSDEC may consider the current, intended, and reasonably anticipated future land use of the site and its surroundings when evaluating a remedy for soil remediation. For this site, an alternative which allows for restricted residential use (which allows for commercial use and industrial use) as described in Part 375-1.8(g) were evaluated in addition to an alternative which would allow for unrestricted use of the site.

A comparison of the results of the Remedial Investigation (RI) against the appropriate standards, criteria and guidance values (SCGs) for the identified land use and the unrestricted use SCGs for the site contaminants is available in the RI Report.

#### **SECTION 5: ENFORCEMENT STATUS**

The Applicant under the Brownfield Cleanup Agreement is a Volunteer. The Applicant does not have an obligation to address off-site contamination. However, NYSDEC in consultation with NYSDOH has determined that this site does not pose a significant threat to public health or the environment; accordingly, no enforcement actions are necessary.

#### **SECTION 6: SITE CONTAMINATION**

##### **6.1: Summary of the Remedial Investigation**

A remedial investigation (RI) serves as the mechanism for collecting data to:

- characterize site conditions;
- determine the nature of the contamination; and
- assess risk to human health and the environment.

The RI is intended to identify the nature (or type) of contamination which may be present at a site and the extent of that contamination in the environment on the site, or leaving the site. The RI reports on data gathered to determine if the soil, groundwater, soil vapor, indoor air, surface water or sediments may have been contaminated. Monitoring wells are installed to assess groundwater and soil borings, or test pits are installed to sample soil and/or waste(s) identified. If other natural resources are present, such as surface water bodies or wetlands, the water and sediment may be sampled as well. Based on the presence of contaminants in soil and groundwater, soil vapor will also be sampled for the presence of contamination. Data collected in the RI influence the development of remedial alternatives. The RI report is available for review in the site document repository and the results are summarized in section 6.3.

The analytical data collected on this site includes data for:

- groundwater
- soil
- soil vapor

#### **6.1.1: Standards, Criteria, and Guidance (SCGs)**

The remedy must conform to promulgated standards and criteria that are directly applicable or that are relevant and appropriate. The selection of a remedy must also take into consideration guidance, as appropriate. Standards, Criteria and Guidance are hereafter called SCGs.

To determine whether the contaminants identified in various media are present at levels of concern, the data from the RI were compared to media specific SCGs. NYSDEC has developed SCGs for groundwater, surface water, sediments, and soil. The NYSDOH has developed SCGs for drinking water and soil vapor intrusion. For a full listing of all SCGs see: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/61794.html>

#### **6.1.2: RI Results**

The data have identified contaminants of concern. A "contaminant of concern" is a contaminant that is sufficiently present in frequency and concentration in the environment to require evaluation for remedial action. Not all contaminants identified on the property are contaminants of concern. The nature and extent of contamination and environmental media requiring action are summarized below. Additionally, the RI Report contains a full discussion of the data. The contaminants of concern identified at this site are:

|                        |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| acetone                | ethylbenzene            |
| benzene                | mercury                 |
| benzo(a)anthracene     | tetrachloroethene (PCE) |
| benzo(b)fluoranthene   | toluene                 |
| chrysene               | trichloroethene (TCE)   |
| cis-1,2-dichloroethene | 1,2,4-trimethylbenzene  |

The contaminants of concern exceed the applicable SCGs for:

- groundwater
- soil

#### **6.2: Interim Remedial Measures**

An interim remedial measure (IRM) is conducted at a site when a source of contamination or exposure pathway can be effectively addressed before issuance of the Decision Document.

There were no IRMs performed at this site during the RI.

### **6.3: Summary of Environmental Assessment**

This section summarizes the assessment of existing and potential future environmental impacts presented by the site. Environmental impacts may include existing and potential future exposure pathways to fish and wildlife receptors, wetlands, groundwater resources, and surface water. The RI report presents a detailed discussion of any existing and potential impacts from the site to fish and wildlife receptors.

#### **Nature and Extent of Contamination:**

Soil and groundwater were analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), metals, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), pesticides, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), and 1,4- dioxane. Soil vapor was analyzed for VOCs. The primary contaminants of concern at the site include VOCs and metals in soil; VOCs and SVOCs in groundwater; and chlorinated and petroleum-related VOCs in soil vapor.

#### **Soil**

Exceedances of the unrestricted use soil cleanup objectives (UUSCOs) were primarily found in the historic fill layer which extends to approximately 2 feet below grade (ft bg). In general, the highest concentrations were detected in the upper foot of site soils with some deeper exceedances extending up to 12 ft bg.

VOCs detected at concentrations exceeding their respective UUSCOs include acetone up to 0.11 parts per million (ppm) (UUSCO of 0.05 ppm), benzene up to 0.16 ppm (UUSCO of 0.06 ppm), ethylbenzene up to 30 ppm (UUSCO of 1 ppm), toluene up to 14 ppm (UUSCO of 0.7 ppm), and total xylene up to 300 ppm (UUSCO of 0.26 ppm).

Metals detected at concentrations exceeding their respective UUSCOs include copper up to 91 ppm (UUSCO of 50 ppm), mercury up to 0.265 ppm (UUSCO of 0.18 ppm), and nickel up to 43.5 ppm (UUSCO of 30 ppm).

Pesticides detected at concentrations exceeding their respective UUSCOs include 4,4'-DDE up to 0.00672 ppm (UUSCO of 0.0033 ppm), and 4,4'-DDT up to 0.0728 ppm (UUSCO of 0.0033 ppm).

Total PCBs were detected at concentrations up to 0.229 ppm (UUSCO of 0.1 ppm).

PFAS detected at concentrations exceeding their respective unrestricted use guidance values include perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) up to 3.34 parts per billion (ppb) (UU guidance value of 0.88 ppb).

No SVOCs or 1,4-dioxane were detected above their respective UUSCOs.

Data does not indicate any off-site impacts in soil related to this site.

### Groundwater

VOCs detected at concentrations exceeding Class GA Ambient Water Quality Standard and Guidance Values (AWQSGVs) include acetone up to 1,000 ppb (AWQSGV of 5 ppb), benzene up to 59 ppb (AWQSGV of 1 ppb), cis-1,2-dichloroethene (DCE) up to 130 ppb (AWQSGV of 5 ppb), and vinyl chloride up to 97 ppb (AWQSGV of 2 ppb).

SVOCs detected at concentrations exceeding their respective AWQSGVs include benzo(a)anthracene up to 0.02 ppb (AWQSGV of 0.002 ppb), benzo(b)fluoranthene up to 0.04 ppb (AWQSGV of 0.002 ppb), benzo(k)fluoranthene up to 0.01 ppb (AWQSGV of 0.002 ppb), chrysene up to 0.03 ppb (AWQSGV of 0.002 ppb), indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene up to 0.02 ppb (AWQSGV of 0.002 ppb), and 1,4-dioxane up to 0.773 ppb (AWQSGV of 0.35 ppb).

PFAS detected at concentrations exceeding their respective AWQSGVs include perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) up to 59.2 parts per trillion (ppt) (AWQSGV of 6.7 ppt), and PFOS up to 108 ppt (AWQSGV of 2.7 ppt).

Aside from naturally occurring minerals such as sodium and manganese, no dissolved metals were detected above their respective AWQSGVs. No PCBs or pesticides were detected above their respective AWQSGVs.

Data does not indicate any off-site impacts in groundwater related to this site.

### Soil Vapor

Various chlorinated VOCs were detected in soil vapor including tetrachloroethene (PCE) up to 57 micrograms per cubic meter ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ), trichloroethene (TCE) up to 17.5  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , DCE up to 31.6  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , and vinyl chloride up to 0.948  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ .

Various petroleum-related VOCs were detected in soil vapor including benzene up to 8.11  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , toluene up to 138  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , heptane up to 123  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , and hexane up to 340  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ .

Data does not indicate any off-site impacts in soil vapor related to this site.

## **6.4: Summary of Human Exposure Pathways**

This human exposure assessment identifies ways in which people may be exposed to site-related contaminants. Chemicals can enter the body through three major pathways (breathing, touching or swallowing). This is referred to as *exposure*.

People who enter the site may come into contact with site-related soil and groundwater contamination if they dig below the ground surface; however, it is not likely because buildings currently cover the entirety of the site. Contaminated groundwater at the site is not used for drinking or other purposes and the site is served by a public water supply that obtains water from a different source not affected by this contamination. Volatile organic compounds in soil vapor may move into overlying buildings and affect the indoor air quality. This process, which is similar to the movement of radon gas from the subsurface into the indoor air of buildings, is referred to as soil vapor intrusion. Because the site is vacant, the inhalation of site-related

contaminants due to soil vapor intrusion does not represent a current concern. However, the potential exists for the inhalation of site contaminants due to soil vapor intrusion for any future on-site development. Environmental sampling indicates soil vapor intrusion from site-related contamination is not a concern for off-site buildings.

#### **6.5: Summary of the Remediation Objectives**

The objectives for the remedial program have been established through the remedy selection process stated in 6 NYCRR Part 375. The goal for the remedial program is to restore the site to pre-disposal conditions to the extent feasible. At a minimum, the remedy shall eliminate or mitigate all significant threats to public health and the environment presented by the contamination identified at the site through the proper application of scientific and engineering principles.

The remedial action objectives for this site are:

##### **Groundwater**

###### **RAOs for Public Health Protection**

- Prevent ingestion of groundwater with contaminant levels exceeding drinking water standards.
- Prevent contact with, or inhalation of volatiles, from contaminated groundwater.

###### **RAOs for Environmental Protection**

- Restore ground water aquifer to pre-disposal/pre-release conditions, to the extent practicable.
- Remove the source of ground or surface water contamination.

##### **Soil**

###### **RAOs for Public Health Protection**

- Prevent ingestion/direct contact with contaminated soil.
- Prevent inhalation exposure to contaminants volatilizing from soil.

###### **RAOs for Environmental Protection**

- Prevent migration of contaminants that would result in groundwater or surface water contamination.

##### **Soil Vapor**

###### **RAOs for Public Health Protection**

- Mitigate impacts to public health resulting from existing, or the potential for, soil vapor intrusion into buildings at a site.

#### **SECTION 7: ELEMENTS OF THE SELECTED REMEDY**

The alternatives developed for the site and the evaluation of the remedial criteria are presented in the Alternative Analysis. The remedy is selected pursuant to the remedy selection criteria set forth in DER-10, Technical Guidance for Site Investigation and Remediation and 6 NYCRR Part 375.

The selected remedy is a Conditional Track 1 remedy.

The selected remedy is referred to as the Excavation with ISCO injection and ISCR application remedy.

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## **5. In-Situ Chemical Reduction**

In-situ chemical reduction (ISCR) will be implemented to treat chlorinated volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in groundwater post-excavation, after the ISCO injection discussed in Remedy Element 4 above. A chemical reducing agent such as Daramend<sup>®</sup> Reagent will be placed at the base of the excavation and mixed with remaining onsite soils to destroy the contaminants where chlorinated VOCs were found to be elevated in groundwater.

Prior to the full implementation of this technology, additional laboratory scale studies will be conducted, and additional geochemical data will be collected to define design parameters more clearly.

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## **6. Vapor Intrusion Evaluation**

As part of the Track 1 remedy, a soil vapor intrusion (SVI) evaluation will be completed. The evaluation will include a provision for implementing actions recommended to address exposures related to soil vapor intrusion.

## **7. Local Institutional Controls**

If no Environmental Easement (EE) or Site Management Plan (SMP) is needed to achieve soil, groundwater, or soil vapor remedial action objectives, then the following local use restriction will be relied upon to prevent ingestion of groundwater: Article 141 of the NYCDOHMH code, which prohibits potable use of groundwater without prior approval.

### **Conditional Track 1**

The intent of the remedy is to achieve a Track 1 unrestricted use therefore, no environmental easement or site management plan is anticipated. If the remedial action objectives (RAOs) for groundwater and soil vapor intrusion are not achieved prior to completion of the Final Engineering Report, then a SMP and EE will be required, and a Track 1 cleanup can only be



achieved if no engineering controls are needed and the RAOs are achieved within 5 years of the date of the Certificate of Completion.

In the event that Track 1 unrestricted use is not achieved, the following contingent remedial elements will be required, and the remedy will achieve a Track 2 restricted residential cleanup at a minimum.

### ***Contingent Remedial Elements***

#### **8. Institutional Controls**

Imposition of an institutional control in the form of an Environmental Easement for the controlled property which will:

- require the remedial party or site owner to complete and submit to the NYSDEC a periodic certification of institutional and engineering controls in accordance with Part 375-1.8 (h)(3);
- allow the use and development of the controlled property for restricted residential use as defined by Part 375-1.8(g), although land use is subject to local zoning laws;
- restrict the use of groundwater as a source of potable or process water, without necessary water quality treatment as determined by the NYSDOH or NYCDOHMH; and
- require compliance with the NYSDEC approved Site Management Plan.

#### **9. Site Management Plan**

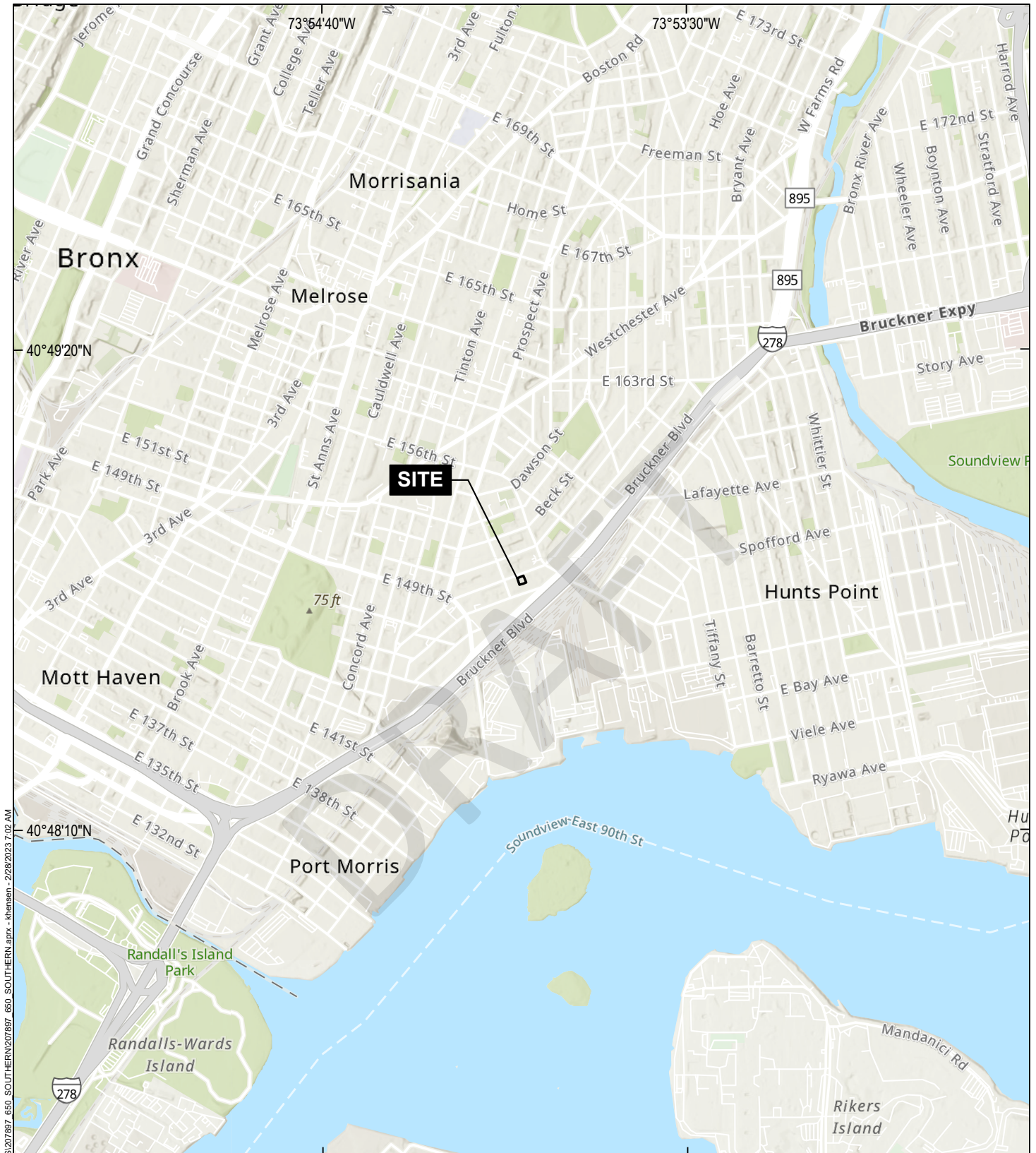
A Site Management Plan is required, which includes the following:

- a. an Institutional and Engineering Control Plan that identifies all use restrictions and engineering controls for the site and details the steps and media-specific requirements necessary to ensure the following institutional and engineering controls remain in place and effective:
  - Institutional Controls: The Environmental Easement discussed in Remedy Element 8 above.
  - Engineering Controls: The Monitoring Wells discussed in Remedy Elements 4 and 5 above, and potentially vapor mitigation if identified following the SVI evaluation discussed in Remedy Element 6 above.

This plan includes, but may not be limited to:

- an Excavation Plan which details the provisions for management of future excavations in areas of remaining contamination;
- descriptions of the provisions of the environmental easement including any land use, and groundwater use restrictions;
- a provision for evaluation of the potential for soil vapor intrusion for any occupied buildings on the site, including provision for implementing actions recommended to address exposures related to soil vapor intrusion;
- provisions for the management and inspection of the identified

- engineering controls;
  - maintaining site access controls and NYSDEC notification; and
  - the steps necessary for the periodic reviews and certification of the institutional and/or engineering controls.
- b. a Monitoring Plan to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy. The plan includes, but may not be limited to:
- monitoring of groundwater to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy;
  - a schedule of monitoring and frequency of submittals to the NYSDEC; and
  - monitoring for vapor intrusion for any buildings on the site, as may be required by the Institutional and Engineering Control Plan discussed above.



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## PROJECT LOCUS

APPROXIMATE SCALE: 1 IN = 2000 FT  
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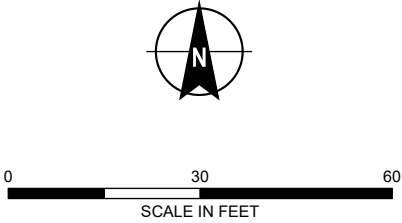


**LEGEND**

SITE BOUNDARY

PARCEL BOUNDARY

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SITE PLAN

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FIGURE 2



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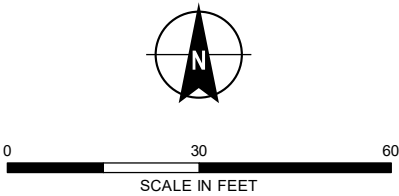


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- RI SOIL BORING WITH UUSCO EXCEEDANCE
- ▭ SITE BOUNDARY
- ▭ PARCEL BOUNDARY
- EXCAVATION DEPTH IN FEET BELOW GROUND SURFACE (FT BGS)
  - ▭ .5 FT BGS
  - ▭ 6 FT BGS
  - ▭ 8 FT BGS
  - ▭ 9 FT BGS
  - ▭ 11 FT BGS
  - ▭ 11.5 FT BGS
  - ▭ 12 FT BGS
  - ▭ 12.5 FT BGS

**NOTES**

1. ALL LOCATIONS AND DIMENSIONS ARE APPROXIMATE.
2. EXCAVATION DEPTHS AND AREAS ARE ESTIMATED BASED ON ANALYTICAL RESULTS FROM THE 2024 REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION. ACTUAL EXCAVATION DEPTHS WILL BE CONTINGENT UPON SITE CONDITIONS.
3. SB-02 WAS COLLECTED IN A PARTIAL CELLAR AND REPRESENTS MATERIAL COLLECTED AT APPROXIMATELY 9.5 FEET BELOW CURRENT SIDEWALK GRADE.
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**FIGURE 3**



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-  2024 PDI SOIL BORING/MONITORING WELL
-  2024 RI Soil Boring/Monitoring Well
-  EXISTING MONITORING WELL
-  PROPOSED INJECTION LOCATION
-  PROPOSED IN SITU CHEMICAL REDUCTANT (ISCR) AREA
-  SITE BOUNDARY
-  PARCEL BOUNDARY

**NOTES**

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**PROPOSED ISCR  
APPLICATION AREA AND  
INJECTION LOCATIONS**

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**FIGURE 4**