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- ☑ Get site information faster and share it easily;
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Dr. Izquierdo Gardens

Brownfield Cleanup Program
Site No. C203192
Bronx, Bronx County

Department of Environmental Conservation

September 2026

Draft Investigation Work Plan for Brownfield Site Available for Public Comment

The public is invited to comment on a draft work plan being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to investigate the Dr. Izquierdo Gardens site ("Site") located at 1111 Fox Street, Bronx, NY. Please see the map for the site location.

Draft Investigation Work Plan

The draft investigation work plan, called a "Remedial Investigation Work Plan," (RIWP) was submitted to DEC under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program. The investigation will be performed by Fort Apache Residences, LLC ("applicant(s)") with oversight by DEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

How to Comment

DEC is accepting written comments about the Draft RIWP for 30 days, from **September 9 through October 9, 2026.**

- Access the RIWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C203192/.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified under "Where to Find Information."
- Please submit comments to the DEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Contact Information" area.

Highlights of the Proposed Site Investigation

The investigation will define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater and any other parts of the environment that may be affected.

Previous investigations have detected semi volatile organic compounds and metals in shallow soil, metals and chlorinated volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in groundwater, and VOCs in soil vapor above applicable standards, criteria, and guidance.

Key components of the investigation work include:

- Drilling and sampling soil borings to identify possible on-site sources of contamination;
- Collecting soil vapor samples; and
- Installing and sampling ground water wells to monitor impacts from areas of concern

Next Steps

DEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the work plan. NYSDOH must concur with the plan. After the work plan is approved, the activities detailed in the work plan will be implemented.

When the investigation is completed, a report will be prepared and submitted to DEC that summarizes the results. DEC will review the report, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the report.

After the investigation, a proposed cleanup plan, called a “Draft Remedial Work Plan,” which includes a cleanup alternatives analysis, will be developed. This plan analyzes cleanup alternatives and recommends a final approach: either active cleanup, no action or no further action. . The goal of the cleanup plan is to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. DEC will present the proposed cleanup plan to the public for its review and comment during a 45-day comment period.

DEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

Site Description

The 0.29-acre site is located on the western side of Fox Street, between East 169th Street to the north and East 167th Street to the south. The site is presently vacant and covered with vegetation. The site was first developed as early as 1915 for use as a garage and a post office. Uses between 1915 and 1983 included industrial metal plating, wholesale distribution warehouse for pharmaceuticals, and a youth center club. The site went through foreclosure in the 1980s and 1990s and became vacant. The former structure was demolished in 2013.

The site is located in a Disadvantaged Community, and the proposed project consists of a new 14-story affordable housing project, Dr. Izquiredo Gardens, which will include a ground floor youth center continuing the legacy of the former Fort Apache Youth Center that previously occupied the site.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C203192) at:

https://appfactory.dec.ny.gov/DERExternalSearch/ERDSearch

Brownfield Cleanup Program

New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) encourages the voluntary cleanup of contaminated properties known as "brownfields" so that they can be reused and redeveloped. These uses may include recreation, housing, business or other uses. A brownfield site is any real property where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the soil cleanup objectives or other health-based or environmental standards, criteria or guidance adopted by DEC that are applicable based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property, in accordance with applicable regulations.

For more information about the BCP, visit:

https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/brownfield

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DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: https://dec.ny.gov/maps/interactive-maps/decinfo-locator

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WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these locations:
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Site Location



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