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FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

DCA 1 Apartments

495 Howard Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11233

July 2015

SITE No. C224162

NYSDEC REGION 2

Where to Find Information:

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

Brooklyn Public Library - Brownsville Branch

61 Glenmore Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11212
Call for hours: (718) 498-9721

NYSDEC, Region 2 Office

47-40 21st Street
Long Island City, NY 11101
Call in advance: (718) 498-9721

Who to Contact:

Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:

Project Related Questions

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For additional information on the New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

Remedy Proposed for Brownfield Site Contamination; Public Comment Period Announced

The public is invited to comment on a proposed remedy being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to address contamination related to the DCA 1 Apartments site (the "Site") located at 495 Howard Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified on the left-hand side of this page under "Where to Find Information."

Based on the current findings of the investigation, NYSDEC in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has determined that the site does not pose a significant threat to public health or the environment. Additional investigation into the potential for human exposure to site-related contaminants via soil vapors is currently planned for the next heating season (period beginning November 1, 2015).

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan for 45 days, from **July 10, 2015 through August 24, 2015**. The proposed plan is available for public review at the location(s) identified on the left-hand side of this page under "Where to Find Information." Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area on the left-hand side of this page.

Proposed Remedy: The proposed Track 4 restricted residential use remedy as described in the detailed "Remedial Action Work Plan" consists of:

- Construction and maintenance of site cover consisting of asphalt driveways, concrete walkways, concrete pavers and metal grating around an existing tree to prevent human exposure to residual soil contamination remaining at the Site;
- Recording of an Environmental Easement, including Institutional Controls, to prevent future exposure to residual contamination remaining at the Site; and
- Publication of a Site Management Plan for long term management of residual contamination as required by the Environmental Easement, including plans for: (1) Institutional and Engineering Controls, (2) monitoring, and (3) reporting.

The proposed remedy was developed by DCA 1, L.P. (the "applicant(s)") after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). A "Remedial Investigation Report", which describes the results of the site investigation was submitted concurrently with the Remedial Action Work Plan and is currently under review by NYSDEC. These documents

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are also available for public review at the locations identified on Page 1.

Site Description: The Site is 0.028-acres and is bordered by open space followed by a residential building to the north, a residential building to the east, Sterling Place to the south and Howard Avenue to the west. It is currently comprised of open space consisting of a fenced grassy area, a concrete covered walkway and an asphalt covered driveway. Previously, the Site had been used as a dry cleaner during the 1960s. Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C224162) at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern at the Site are chlorinated volatile organic compounds (CVOCs), which are present above regulatory guidelines to a limited extent in soil, as well as in groundwater at and in the immediate vicinity of the Site. Higher concentrations of CVOCs in soil vapor have also been identified at and in the immediate vicinity of the Site. Concentrations of several semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), pesticides and metals are also present above regulatory guidelines in soil, primarily in the shallow zone.

Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the cleanup plan as necessary, and issue a final Decision Document. NYSDOH must concur with the proposed remedy. After approval, the proposed remedy becomes the selected remedy. The draft RAWP is revised as needed to describe the selected remedy, and will be made available to the public. The applicant(s) may then design and perform the

cleanup action to address the site contamination, with oversight by NYSDEC and NYSDOH.

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

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 is any real property that is difficult to reuse or redevelop because of the presence or potential presence of contamination.

For more information about the BCP, visit:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

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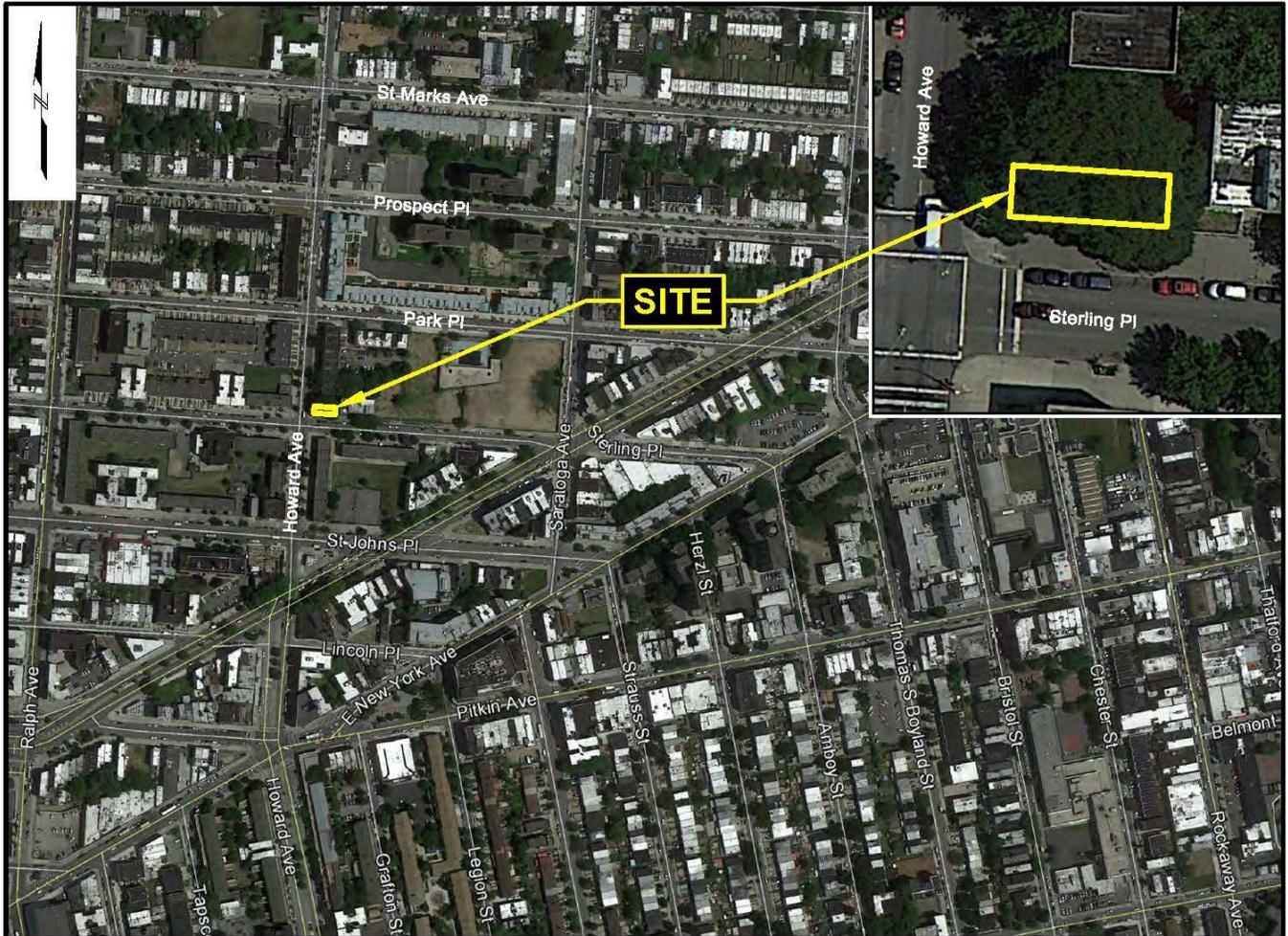
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www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

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SITE LOCATION MAP