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DEC's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) now distributes information about contaminated sites electronically by email.

If you would like to continue to receive information about the contaminated site featured in this fact sheet:

**You must sign up for the DER email listserv:**

[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html)

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### **Why You Should Go “Paperless”:**

- ⚙ Get site information faster and share it easily;
- ⚙ Receive information about all sites in a chosen county - read what you want, delete the rest;
- ⚙ It helps the environment and stretches your tax dollars.

**If “paperless” is not an option for you**, call or write to the DER project manager identified in this fact sheet. Indicate that you need to receive paper copies of fact sheets through the Postal Service. Include the site name in your correspondence.

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# FACT SHEET

## Brownfield Cleanup Program

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**Site Name:** Former B&Z Steel Equipment Co.

**DEC Site #:** C224195

**Address:** 1003 Greene Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11221

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### Cleanup Action Completed at Brownfield Site

Action has been completed to address the contamination related to the Former B&Z Steel Equipment Co. site ("site") located at 1003 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn, Kings County under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program. Please see the map for the site location.

The cleanup activities were performed by Greene Pastures LLC ("applicant(s)") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). The applicant(s) have submitted a draft Final Engineering Report for NYSDEC review which states that cleanup requirements have been or will be achieved to fully protect public health and the environment for the proposed site use.

#### Highlights of the Site Cleanup:

- Excavation of all underground storage tanks (USTs) and piping, as well as on-site soils which exceeded Unrestricted Use Soil Cleanup Objectives (UUSCOs). Clean fill meeting the requirements of 6NYCRR Part 375-6.7(d) was brought in to establish the designed grades at the site;
- Based on the post-excavation environmental data, there was no indication that a soil vapor intrusion evaluation would be required for the proposed on-site building.

#### Next Steps

When NYSDEC approves the Final Engineering Report, it will be made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information" below). NYSDEC then will issue a Certificate of Completion which will be announced in a fact sheet that is sent to the site contact list.

The applicant(s) would be able to redevelop the site after receiving a Certificate of Completion. In addition, the applicant(s):

- would have no liability to the State for contamination at or coming from the site, subject to certain conditions; and
- would be eligible for tax credits to offset the costs of performing cleanup activities and for redevelopment of the site.

A Certificate of Completion may be modified or revoked if, for example, an applicant does not comply with the terms of its Brownfield Cleanup Agreement with NYSDEC.

### **Background**

**Location:** The site is located in the Bedford Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn, NY. The site is identified as Block 1618, Lot 35 and is located on the north side of Greene Avenue between Patchen Avenue and Broadway.

**Site Features:** At the start of the BCP project, the site was an unoccupied one-story commercial building constructed in 1910 and occupied the entire lot. Two fuel dispensers were found inside the building and connected to underground piping for underground storage tanks. Now that contamination has been removed, construction of a 7-story residential building is underway and is expected to be completed in 2016.

**Current Zoning and Land Use:** The site is zoned as a C4-4L district which allows commercial and residential use. C4 districts are intended for regional commercial shopping centers and offices which generate more traffic than neighborhood shopping areas. The C4-4 designation is used in more densely built areas. Prior to acceptance into the BCP, the site was used for contractor storage/commercial use.

**Historic Use:** Prior to its most recent use, the site was used as a mineral water bottling facility, wagon houses, storage, and parking garage and auto repair shop. Non-commercial style fueling activities also occurred at the site up until the late 1970's.

**Site Geology and Hydrogeology:** Subsurface soils at the site consisted of historic fill materials to a depth of approximately 4 - 8 feet below grade, and all historic fill has been removed prior to the construction of the above-mentioned development. A glacial layer exists consisting of silty sand and gravel to a depth of 20 feet with coarse sand and gravel reported to exist below 20 feet. Below the glacial layer, there is a confining layer of Gardiners Clay extending to a depth of approximately 200 feet below sea level. The groundwater depth is approximately 45 feet below grade, and based on the remedial investigation, flows south-southwest.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's website at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=C224195>

**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 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>

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

### **Where to Find Information**

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

Brooklyn Pubic Library - Macon Branch  
361 Lewis Ave. at Macon Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11233  
phone: 718-573-5606

### Who to Contact

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

#### Project Related Questions

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#### Site-Related Health Questions

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As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

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## Figure 1 Site Map

Former B&Z Steel  
Brooklyn, NY  
Site No. C224195

