# **DECISION DOCUMENT**

**473** President Street **Brownfield Cleanup Program** Brooklyn, Kings County Site No. C224220 October 2020



NEW YORK STATE OF OPPORTUNITY. Department of Environmental Conservation

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# **DECLARATION STATEMENT - DECISION DOCUMENT**

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#### **Statement of Purpose and Basis**

This document presents the remedy for the 473 President Street site, a 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 (the Department) for the 473 President Street site and the public's input to the proposed remedy presented by the Department.

#### **Description of Selected Remedy**

The elements of the selected remedy are as follows:

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- Integrating the remedy with the end use where possible and encouraging green and sustainable re-development; and
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feasible in the future development at this site, any future on-site buildings will include, at a minimum, a 20-mil vapor barrier/waterproofing membrane on the foundation to improve energy efficiency as an element of construction.

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- 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 Department approved Site Management Plan.

#### 8. 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/or engineering controls remain in place and effective:
  - Institutional Controls: The Environmental Easement discussed in Paragraph 7 above
  - Engineering Controls: The cover system discussed in Paragraph 4, the AS/SVE system discussed in Paragraph 5, and the In-Situ Chemical Reduction discussed in Paragraph 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; Note: an excavation plan is not needed for a remedy that achieves residential SCOs in the upper 15 ft;
- descriptions of the provisions of the environmental easement including any land use, and groundwater use restrictions;
- a provision that should a building foundation or building slab be removed in the future, a cover system consistent with that described in Paragraph 4 above will be placed in any areas where the upper two feet of exposed surface soil exceed the applicable soil cleanup objectives (SCOs)
- 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 Department notification; and
- the steps necessary for the periodic reviews and certification of the institutional and/or engineering controls.

2. 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 Department;
- monitoring for vapor intrusion for any buildings on the site, as may be required by the Institutional and Engineering Control Plan discussed above.

3. An Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Plan to ensure continued operation, maintenance, inspection, and reporting of any mechanical or physical components of the active vapor mitigation system. The plan includes, but is not limited to:

- procedures for operating and maintaining the system; and
- compliance inspection of the system to ensure proper O&M as well as providing the data for any necessary reporting.

#### **Declaration**

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

October 9, 2020

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## SECTION 1: SUMMARY AND PURPOSE

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department), 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, the redevelopment or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a contaminant.

The Department 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: <u>CITIZEN PARTICIPATION</u>

The Department 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 the Department 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=C224220

Carroll Gardens Branch Library 396 Clinton Street Brooklyn, NY 11231 Phone: 718-596-6972

Brooklyn Community Board 6 250 Baltic Street Brooklyn, NY 11201-6401 Phone: (718) 643-3027

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

Please note that the Department'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 <a href="http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html">http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html</a>

## SECTION 3: SITE DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY

Location: The 473 President Street site is located in an urban area in Brooklyn, NY. It is located in the southern portion of Block 440, Lot 12. The Gowanus Canal is approximately 350 ft to the west of the site. The site is bounded by a shuffleboard club to the north, a former electronics-waste recycler to the west, President Street to the south, and a former casket company to the east.

Site Features: The site is comprised of a 1 story warehouse that is fully utilized.

Current Zoning and Land Use: The site is vacant and was a former bicycle retailer, a furniture maker, and a showroom for a light designer. It is currently zoned M1-2 (commercial and light industrial uses). The proposed development project calls for demolition of the existing structures and the construction of a mixed-use residential and commercial building, in accordance with zoning laws for that area, with ground floor retail and parking. The development will coincide with the development activities at the neighboring site, President St. Portfolio, BCP Site No. C224309. The nearest residential area is across President Street, but the proposed redevelopment will be largely residential.

Past Use of the Site: The site has an industrial history dating to the 1880s. From 1886 to 1928, the site was a sash and door factory, and later a mill with a machine shop and boilers. In 1938 the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. operated two gasoline underground storage tanks (USTs) as part of their site activities. From 1969 to the 1990s, the site was occupied by Dolin Metal Manufacturing Co. From 1993 to 2007, the building was occupied by manufacturing and storage. There is an open spill from a failed tank test which resulted in petroleum-contaminated soils on-site. The spill number is 9412605.

Site Geology and Hydrogeology: The soils of the area consist of urban fill in the upper 10 feet. The fill consists of brown, medium to fine sand with varying amounts of gravel, brick, concrete, asphalt, coal fragments, coal ash, slag, and wood. Hardened coal tar was observed within the fill layer in a boring located in the southeastern portion of the site. The fill layer was underlain mainly by brown fine sand with varying amounts of silt and clay. Groundwater is approximately 10 foot below ground surface. The regional groundwater table is relatively flat with a slight gradient to the west towards the Gowanus Canal.

A site location map is attached as Figure 1.

## SECTION 4: LAND USE AND PHYSICAL SETTING

The Department 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, alternatives (or an alternative) that restrict(s) the use of the site to restricted-residential use (which allows for commercial use and industrial use) as described in Part 375-1.8(g) were/was 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) to 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 Applicants under the Brownfield Cleanup Agreement are Volunteers. The Volunteers do not have an obligation to address off-site contamination. The Department and the NYSDOH have determined that this site poses a significant threat to human health and the environment. Since the Volunteer owns the building north of the site and the site poses a significant threat to human health and the environment, the Department has required the Volunteer to perform a Soil Vapor Intrusion investigation in that building.

The Department has sought to identify any parties (other than the Volunteers) known or suspected to be responsible for contamination at or emanating from the site, referred to as Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs). The Department has attempted to bring an enforcement action against the PRPs. If an enforcement action cannot be brought or does not result in the initiation of a remedial program by any PRPs, the Department will evaluate the off-site contamination for action under the State Superfund. The PRPs are subject to legal actions by the State for recovery of all response costs the State incurs or has incurred.

#### SECTION 6: SITE CONTAMINATION

#### 6.1: <u>Summary of the Remedial Investigation</u>

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
- indoor air
- outdoor air
- sub-slab 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. The Department 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: <u>http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/61794.html</u>

## 6.1.2: <u>RI Results</u>

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 contaminant(s) of concern identified at this site is/are:

benzene	mercury
ethylbenzene	polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons
toluene	(PAHs), total
xylene (mixed)	tetrachloroethene (PCE)
trichloroethene (TCE)	dichloroethene (1,2-)
arsenic	1,2,4-trimethylbenzene
lead	1,3,5-trimethylbenzene

The contaminant(s) of concern exceed the applicable SCGs for:

groundwatersoilsoil vapor intrusion

#### 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.

The following IRM(s) has/have been completed at this site based on conditions observed during the RI.

## Soil Vapor Intrusion Mitigation in Current Building

Interim Remedial Measures were implemented to address the elevated TCE concentrations in indoor air. Indoor air treatment units were installed in the eastern portion of the building, which had been occupied by a bicycle retail company. Five indoor air treatment units were installed on August 3, 2018, and three additional units were installed on November 19, 2018. A total of three indoor air documentation sampling events were conducted on August 17, September 7, and December 20, 2018.

Two indoor air samples and one ambient air sample were collected at about 3 to 4 feet above ground during each sampling event. The building was screened using a hand-held air monitoring device to identify potential sources of VOCs that may interfere with sampling. Indoor air and ambient air samples were collected into laboratory-supplied 6-liter Summa canisters with flow controllers calibrated for an 8-hour sampling period. Air samples were analyzed for VOCs by EPA Method TO-15.

The total VOC concentration in the indoor air documentation samples ranged from 150.2 micrograms per cubic meter (ug/m3) to 716.029 ug/m3. The total VOC concentration in the ambient air samples collected across three documentation sampling events ranged from 34.674 ug/m3 to 71.976 ug/m3. Twenty-six VOCs were detected in the indoor air samples at concentrations greater than in outdoor ambient air. One compound, TCE, was detected in all indoor air samples at concentrations exceeding the NYSDOH AGV, 2 ug/m3, ranging from 9.03 ug/m3 to 31.4 ug/m3.

Based on the findings, the indoor air treatment units did not reduce the indoor air concentrations to below the NYSDOH guideline values. The owner informed the tenants that the building can only be used for storage and cannot be continuously occupied. The building was fully vacated on December 31, 2019.

#### 6.3: <u>Summary of Environmental Assessment</u>

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.

Soil was analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), metals, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), pesticides, emerging contaminants, and metals. Groundwater was analyzed for VOCs, SVOCs, pesticides, emerging contaminants, and metals. Based upon investigations conducted to date, the primary contaminants of concern for the site include petroleum-related and chlorinated VOCs, SVOCs consisting primarily of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs), lead, mercury, and arsenic.

Soil: Benzene was found in soil at a maximum concentration of 2.1 parts per million (ppm), exceeding the protection of groundwater soil cleanup objective (SCO) of 0.06 ppm. Ethyl benzene was found in soil at a maximum concentration 32 ppm, exceeding the protection of groundwater standard of 1 ppm. Toluene was found in soil at a maximum concentration of 5.5 ppm, exceeding the protection of groundwater standard of 0.7 ppm. Xylenes (total) were found in soil at a maximum concentration of 250 ppm, exceeding the protection of groundwater standard of 0.26 ppm. Trichloroethene (TCE) was found in soil at a maximum concentration of 5.1 ppm, exceeding the protection of groundwater standard of 0.47 ppm. Cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene was found in soil at a maximum concentration of 3.7 ppm, exceeding the protection of groundwater standard of 0.25 ppm. 1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene was found in soil at a maximum concentration of 100 ppm, exceeding the protection of groundwater standard of 3.4 ppm. 1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene was found in soil at a maximum concentration of 29 ppm, exceeding the protection of groundwater standard of 8.4 ppm. Arsenic was found in soil at a maximum concentration of 203 ppm, exceeding the restricted residential standard of 16 ppm. Lead was found in soil at a maximum concentration of 1080 ppm, exceeding its restricted residential standard of 400 ppm. Mercury was found in soil at a maximum concentration of 18 ppm, exceeding its restricted residential standard of 0.73 ppm. Benzo(a)anthracene was found at a maximum concentration of 34 ppm, exceeding its restricted residential standard of 1 ppm. Benzo(a)pyrene was found at a maximum concentration of 29 ppm, exceeding its restricted residential standard of 1 ppm. Benzo(b)fluoranthene was found at a maximum concentration of 35 ppm, exceeding its restricted residential standard of 1 ppm. Diben(a,h)anthracene was found at a maximum concentration of 2.6 ppm, exceeding its restricted residential standard of 0.33 ppm. Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene was found at a maximum concentration of 17 ppm, exceeding its restricted residential standard of 0.5 ppm. Data does not indicate any offsite impacts in soil related to this site.

Groundwater: TCE and its associated degradation products are found in groundwater on the northern half of the site at levels exceeding groundwater standards (5 parts per billion - ppb) with a maximum concentration of 1,300 ppb. Benzene was found exceeding its groundwater standard (1 ppb) at a maximum concentration of 3,500 ppb. Ethylbenzene was found exceeding its groundwater standard (5 ug/L) at a maximum concentration of 2,000 ppb. Toluene was found exceeding its groundwater standard (5 ppb) at a maximum concentration of 740 ppb. Xylene (total) was found exceeding its groundwater standard (5 ppb) at a maximum concentration of 6,900 ppb. Cis-1,2-Dichloroethylene was found exceeding its groundwater standard (5 ppb) at a maximum concentration of 4,900 ppb. 1,2,4-Trimethylbenzene was found exceeding its groundwater standard (5 ppb) at a maximum concentration of 4,70 ppb. Arsenic was found exceeding its groundwater standard (5 ppb) at a maximum concentration of 4,70 ppb. Arsenic was found exceeding its groundwater standard (5 ppb) at a maximum concentration of 4,70 ppb. Arsenic was found exceeding its groundwater standard (5 ppb) at a maximum concentration of 4,70 ppb. Arsenic was found exceeding its groundwater standard (5 ppb) at a maximum concentration of 4,70 ppb. Arsenic was found exceeding its groundwater standard (5 ppb) at a maximum concentration of 4,70 ppb. Arsenic was found exceeding its groundwater standard (5 ppb) at a maximum concentration of 4,70 ppb. Arsenic was

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Sub-Slab Soil Vapor and Indoor Air: Trichloroethene (TCE) was detected at a maximum concentration of 39,000 micrograms per cubic meter ( $ug/m^3$ ) in the soil vapor, and 23.9  $ug/m^3$  in indoor air. Tetrachloroethene (PCE) was detected at a maximum concentration of 440  $ug/m^3$  in the soil vapor, and 2.81  $ug/m^3$  in indoor air. Cis-1,2-dichloroethene (DCE) was detected at a maximum concentration of 95  $ug/m^3$  in the soil vapor, and 0.218  $ug/m^3$  in indoor air. Data indicates there is the potential for off-site impacts in soil vapor related to this site.

## 6.4: <u>Summary of Human Exposure Pathways</u>

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 will not come into contact with contaminated soil or groundwater since the site is covered with a building and concrete unless they dig below the ground surface. 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 (air spaces within the soil) may move into 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. The potential exists for the inhalation of site contaminants due to soil vapor intrusion is a concern for offsite buildings.

## 6.5: <u>Summary of the Remediation Objectives</u>

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:

## <u>Groundwater</u>

# **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.

#### <u>Soil</u>

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

- Prevent ingestion/direct contact with contaminated soil.
- Prevent inhalation of or exposure from contaminants volatilizing from contaminants in soil.

## **RAOs for Environmental Protection**

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

## <u>Soil Vapor</u>

## **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 Track 4: Restricted use with site-specific soil cleanup objectives remedy.

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- require the remedial party or site owner to complete and submit to the Department 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 Department approved Site Management Plan.

#### 8. 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/or engineering controls remain in place and effective:
  - Institutional Controls: The Environmental Easement discussed in Paragraph 7 above
  - Engineering Controls: The cover system discussed in Paragraph 4, the AS/SVE system discussed in Paragraph 5, and the In-Situ Chemical Reduction discussed in Paragraph 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; Note: an excavation plan is not needed for a remedy that achieves residential SCOs in the upper 15 ft;
- descriptions of the provisions of the environmental easement including any land use, and groundwater use restrictions;

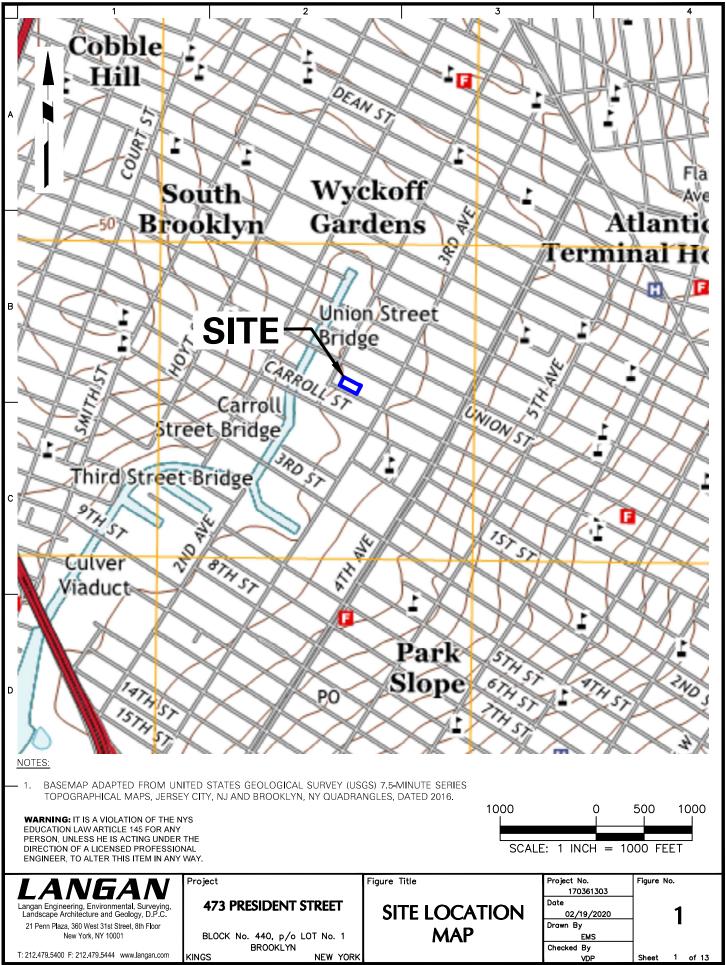
- a provision that should a building foundation or building slab be removed in the future, a cover system consistent with that described in Paragraph 4 above will be placed in any areas where the upper two feet of exposed surface soil exceed the applicable soil cleanup objectives (SCOs)
- a provision 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 Department notification; and
- the steps necessary for the periodic reviews and certification of the institutional and/or engineering controls.

2. 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 Department;
- monitoring for vapor intrusion for any buildings on the site, as may be required by the Institutional and Engineering Control Plan discussed above.

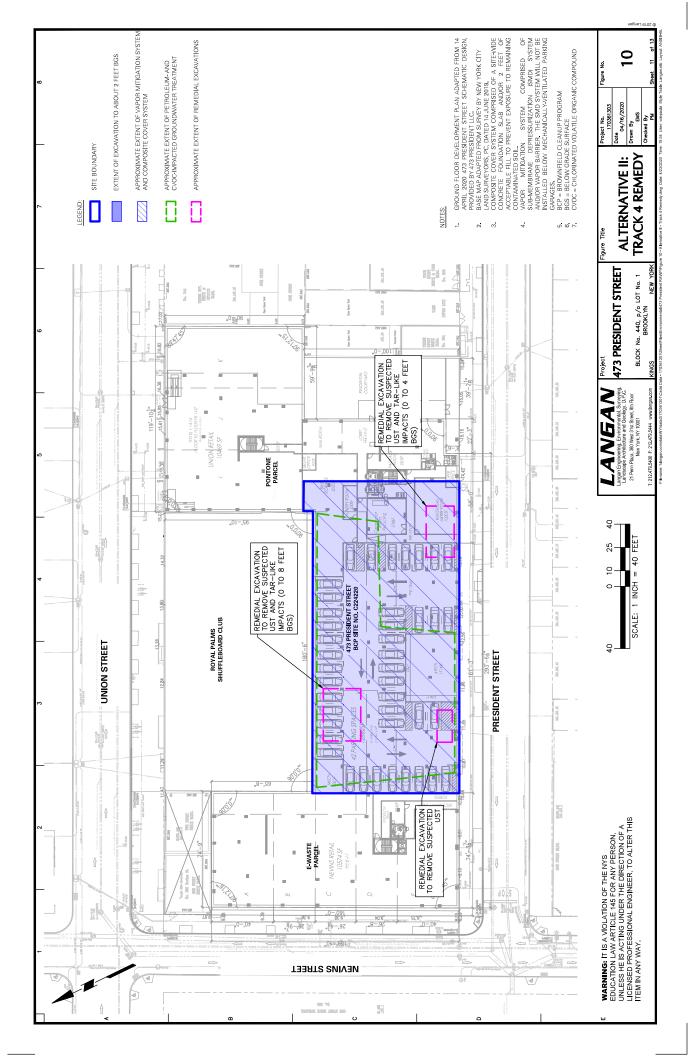
3. An Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Plan to ensure continued operation, maintenance, inspection, and reporting of any mechanical or physical components of the active vapor mitigation system. The plan includes, but is not limited to:

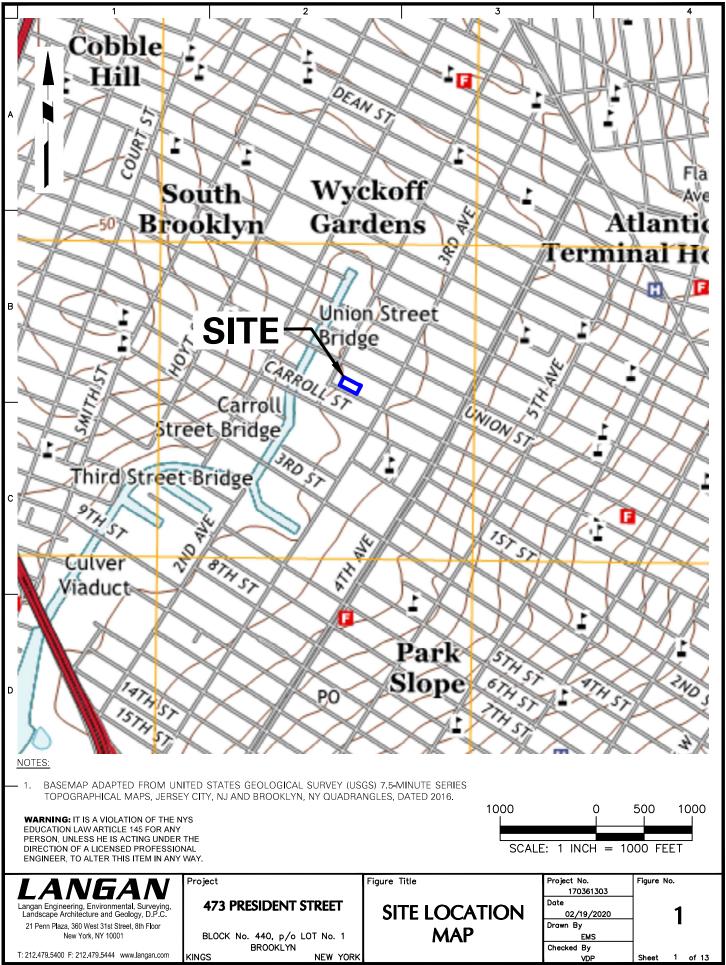
- procedures for operating and maintaining the system; and
- compliance inspection of the system to ensure proper O&M as well as providing the data for any necessary reporting.



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