



Department of  
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# FACT SHEET

## Brownfield Cleanup Program

37 Otsego Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11231

**SITE No. C224300**  
**NYSDEC REGION 2**

**April 2024**

### Where to Find Information:

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224300/>

#### Document Repository

#### Brooklyn Community Board 6

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Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:

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

## Environmental Cleanup to Begin at Brownfield Site

Action is about to begin that will address contamination related to the 37 Otsego Street site ("site") located at 37 Otsego Street, Brooklyn, NY. Please see the map for the site location. The cleanup activities will be performed by Columbia SF LLC ("applicant") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). NYSDEC has determined that the Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) protects public health and the environment and has approved the plan.

- Access the approved RAWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224300/>.
- The documents also are available at the locations identified at left under "Where to Find Information."

Remedial activities are expected to begin in May 2024 and last about 7 months.

**Highlights of the Upcoming Cleanup Activities:** The goal of the cleanup action for the site is to achieve cleanup levels that protect public health and the environment. The key components of the remedy are:

- All soils in the upper two feet which exceed the restricted-residential soil cleanup objectives (SCOs) will be excavated and transported off-site for disposal. Approximately 7,500 cubic yards of contaminated soil will be removed from the site;
- In-situ ("In-place") solidification (ISS) will be implemented in the western portion of the site to treat petroleum-related volatile organic compounds (VOCs);
- Installation of a soil cover over the ISS treatment area consisting of a minimum of four feet of soil to ensure the underlying monolith remains below the frost line and protected from the freeze-thaw cycle;
- If found on the site, any underground storage tanks (USTs), fuel dispensers, underground piping or other structures will be excavated and properly disposed off-site;
- Collection and analysis of post-remedial soil samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy;
- Importing clean soil that meets the established Soil Cleanup Objectives (SCOs) for use as backfill; and
- Restoring the site cover (i.e., building slab, asphalt or concrete) where it is compromised, or placement of a 2-foot clean soil cover.

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A site-specific Health and Safety plan (HASP) and a Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) will be implemented during remediation activities. The HASP and CAMP establish procedures to protect on-site workers and residents and includes required air monitoring as well as dust and odor suppression measures.

**Next Steps:** After the applicant completes the cleanup activities, they will prepare a Final Engineering Report (FER) and submit it to NYSDEC. The FER will describe the cleanup activities completed and certify that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved.

When NYSDEC is satisfied that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved for the site, it will approve the FER. NYSDEC will then issue a Certificate of Completion (COC) to the applicant. The applicant would be able to redevelop the site in conjunction with receiving a COC. In addition, the applicant would be eligible for tax credits to offset the costs of performing cleanup activities and for redevelopment of the site.

NYSDEC will issue a fact sheet that describes the content of the FER. The fact sheet will identify any institutional controls (for example, environmental easements) or engineering controls (for example, a site cover) necessary at the site in relation to the issuance of the COC.

**Site Description:** The site is in a mixed use residential/commercial section of Red Hook, Brooklyn. The site is bordered by Lorraine Street to the north, Columbia Street to the east, Creamer Street to the south and Otsego Street to the west and is identified as Block 579, Lot 1 on the NYC Tax map. The site's area is 2.30 acres. Site use began circa 1904 and historic uses of the site included a machine shop, iron works, metal forging, and a printing facility. Current site features include a vacant former multi-tenant one-story commercial building, and an asphalt-paved parking lot.

The planned development includes construction of three new 8-story buildings with an approximately 12,000 square foot landscaped area. Site will be remediated to allow for restricted residential use (i.e. multi-family housing).

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C224300) at:

<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/cfm/extapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

**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 site is any real property where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the SCOs or other health-based or environmental standards, criteria or guidance adopted by NYSDEC 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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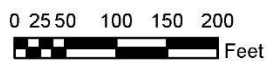
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## Site Location



## Site Map

37 Otsego Street  
Brooklyn, Kings County  
Site No: C224300





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