

# President Street Portfolio

## Brownfield Cleanup Program

Site No. C224309

499 President Street

Brooklyn, NY 11215



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Environmental  
Conservation

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## Cleanup Action Completed at Brownfield Site

Action has been completed to address the contamination related to the President Street Portfolio site ("site") located at 499 President Street, Brooklyn, NY under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). Please see the map for the site location.

Cleanup activities were performed by 473 President LLC and Gowanus President Owner LLC ("applicants") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). The applicants have submitted a proposed Final Engineering Report (FER) 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.

- Access the approved RWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224309/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified under "Where to Find Information."

## Highlights of the Site Cleanup

The following activities have been or will shortly be completed to achieve the remedial action objectives:

- Excavation - Excavation and off-site disposal of about 3,900 tons of non-hazardous and/or petroleum-impacted soil/fill exceeding applicable Protection of Groundwater Soil Cleanup Objectives (POGSCOs) and/or Restricted-Residential Soil Cleanup Objectives (RRSCOs), the site-specific cleanup criteria. Clean fill was brought in to replace the excavated soil and to establish the design grades at the site.
- Implementation of a Community Air Monitoring Program (CAMP) and Health and Safety Plan (HASP) for the protection of on-site workers, community, and the environment during remediation and construction activities.
- Remedial System Installation – An in-situ ("In-place") remedy consisting of an air sparge/vapor collection (AS/VC) and a soil vapor extraction (SVE) system below the vapor barrier to continually treat the petroleum and chlorinated volatile organic compound (CVOC) contamination in soil, groundwater, and soil vapor. The AS/VC system is a technology used to remove VOCs from groundwater and soil by injecting air into the groundwater table below the building through injection wells, forcing migration of VOCs from groundwater into soil vapor, where it is captured by a network of lateral piping below the building, and transported through an above-grade treatment system before discharge to the atmosphere. SVE is a technology used to treat residual VOCs in the soil. VOCs removed from the subsurface are captured within extraction wells and treated before discharge to the atmosphere.
- Submembrane Depressurization (SMD) System – Installation of an SMD system below any occupied portions of the lowest level of the buildings outside of the AS/VC/SVE system treatment

zones to mitigate soil vapor intrusion into the building. The SMD system collects soil vapor below the building before discharge to the atmosphere via a lateral perforated piping network below the building slab, connected to a roof-mounted blower.

- Groundwater Monitoring – Three groundwater monitoring wells were installed for routine monitoring of groundwater on-site during treatment by the remedial system.
- Site Cover System - The new development will maintain a site cover, which consists of the concrete building foundation slab below the on-site buildings and/or 2-foot clean soil cover in landscaped areas. The soil cover was placed over a demarcation layer.
- Development of a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long-term management of residual contamination as required by the Environmental Easement, including plans for: (1) Institutional and Engineering Controls (IC/ECs); (2) monitoring; (3) operation and maintenance; and (4) reporting.
- An Environmental Easement was recorded to prevent future exposure to any contamination remaining at the site and to ensure implementation of the SMP.

## Next Steps

When NYSDEC approves the FER, it will be made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information"). NYSDEC then will issue a Certificate of Completion (COC) that will be announced in a fact sheet. The applicants would be able to redevelop the site after receiving a COC. In addition, the applicants will be eligible for tax credits to offset a portion of the costs of performing cleanup activities and for redevelopment of the site.

## Site Description

The site is located at 499 President Street in the City of New York, Borough of Brooklyn and is identified as a portion of Block 440, Lot 1 on the New York City Tax Map. The site consists of two non-contiguous parcels, the E-waste parcel and the Pontone parcel, encompassing an area of about 0.29-acres and 0.43-acres, respectively. The site has approximately 155 feet, 120 feet, and 160 feet of frontage along President Street, Union Street, and Nevins Street, respectively, and is located on the block bordered by Union Street to the north, 3rd Avenue to east, President Street to the south and Nevins Street to the west. Historical site uses include a blacksmith (1886), a factory (1915), a painting company (1938 to 1950), an auto repair shop (1938 to 1965), a dental manufacturing company (1949 to 1960), a parking facility (1969 to 1982), an electronics recycling facility (2014 to 2020), and a casket manufacturer and storage facility (1939 to 2020).

The site, combined with adjoining BCP Site No. C224220, is being redeveloped into a 1.17-acre development improved with a multi-story, mixed-use commercial and residential building with a parking garage. The cleanup standard for the site is a Track 4 remedy.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C224309) 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 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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<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/regional-remediation-project-information/environmental-cleanup-email-newsletters>

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

## 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

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### Brooklyn Public Library

#### Park Slope Branch

431 6th Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11215

### Brooklyn Community Board 6

250 Baltic Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
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