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- ☑ 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. The option to receive paper is available to individuals only. Groups, organizations, businesses, and government entities are assumed to have email access.



#### Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator <a href="https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224336/">https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224336/</a> and at these location(s):

#### Brooklyn Public Library – Carroll Gardens Branch

396 Clinton Street Brooklyn, NY 11231 (718) 596-6972

#### **Brooklyn Community Board 6**

250 Baltic Street Brooklyn, NY 11201-6401 (718) 643-3027 Infobkcb6@gmail.com

#### Who to Contact

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

#### **Project-Related Questions**

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For more information about New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit: www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

# **FACT SHEET**

**Brownfield Cleanup Program** 

141 3<sup>rd</sup> Street 141 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Brooklyn, Kings County

August 2023

SITE No. C224336 NYSDEC REGION 2

### 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), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), to address contamination related to the 141 3<sup>rd</sup> Street site ("site") located at 141 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Brooklyn, Kings County. Please see the map for the site location.

Based on the findings of the investigation, NYSDEC in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has determined that the site poses a significant threat to public health or the environment. This decision is based on the potential for off-site migration of contaminants in groundwater and the potential for human exposure to site-related contaminants via soil vapors. To address this threat, NYSDEC has developed the proposed remedy summarized below

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a "Draft Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP)" for 45 days, from August 25 through October 7, 2023.

- Access the RAWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224336/.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."
- Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area at left.

**Draft Remedial Work Plan:** The proposed Restricted Residential Use remedy consists of:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated shallow soils to about 2 feet below surface grade across the site;
- Implementation of In-Situ (i.e. in place) Geochemical Stabilization (ISGS) and/or In-Situ Stabilization (ISS) in areas containing coal tar, which is a dense non-aqueous phase liquid (DNAPL), and grossly contaminated material.
- Installation of a Soil Vapor Extraction system to prevent soil vapor from emanating from the site.
- Collecting and analyzing post-remedial soil and groundwater samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy;
- Placement of a cover system over areas without hardscape (buildings, asphalt or concrete) to address contamination remaining above restricted residential use standards;

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- Installation of a sub-slab depressurization system for on-site soil vapor mitigation;
- Importing clean material that meets the established Soil Cleanup Objectives for use as backfill;
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities.
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) would also be required for long term maintenance of the remedial systems.
- recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of the site.

The proposed remedy was developed by Third Street Owner LLC ("applicant") 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 also available for review at the locations identified on Page 1.

**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 applicant 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.

**Site Description:** The site is 1.19-acres and is bordered on the east by the Gowanus Canal, to the south by 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, to the west by BCP site C224346 (Third Street Gowanus) and to the north by commercial properties. The site is currently unoccupied. The site historically operated as a grain and feed mill and woodworking facility from as early as 1886 until at least 1928, a coal company from as early as 1928 until at least 1950, and an automobile salvage yard from as early as 1977 until at least 1986.

The proposed redevelopment includes a 22-story, mixed use commercial and residential building with an about 38,000 square-foot footprint, a 57-foot-wide public esplanade along

the Gowanus Canal and a 102-foot-long supplemental public access corridor along 3rd Street. The proposed uses will include retail and a parking garage on the ground floor, and affordable housing residential units above.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C224336) at:

https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern at the site are volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) and metals, which are present site-wide in soil and groundwater. Coal tar in the form of DNAPL has been identified along the eastern portion of the site along the Gowanus Canal. Chlorinated volatile organic compounds (CVOCs) were detected in on- and off-site soil vapor.

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 DEC that are applicable based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property, in accordance with applicable regulations.

For more information about the BCP, visit: <a href="https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html">https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html</a>

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#### **DECinfo Locator**

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html

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### **Site Location**



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