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Where to Find Information:

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224328/>
and at these location(s):

Brooklyn Public Library - Brownsville Branch

61 Glenmore Ave
Brooklyn, NY 11212
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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

326-350 Rockaway Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11212

January 2024

SITE No. C224328
NYSDEC REGION 2

NYSDEC Certifies Cleanup Requirements Achieved at Brownfield Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has determined that the cleanup requirements to address contamination related to the 326-350 Rockaway Avenue site ("site") located at 326-350 Rockaway Avenue in Brooklyn, NY, under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program have been met. Please see the map for the site location.

The cleanup activities were performed by 326 Rockaway Housing Development Fund Corporation, 326 Rockaway Owner LLC, and 356 Rockaway Managing Member LLC ("applicants") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). NYSDEC has approved a Final Engineering Report (FER) and issued a Certificate of Completion (COC) for the site.

- Access the FER, Notice of COC and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224328/>.
- The documents also are available at the locations identified at left under "Where to Find Information."

Completion of the Project: The following activities have been completed to achieve the remedial action objectives:

- Excavation - Excavation and off-site disposal of about 12,500 cubic yards of historic fill material exceeding the Unrestricted Use soil cleanup objectives (UUSCOs), the cleanup criteria for a Track 1 cleanup.
- Tank Removals - Removal, decommissioning, and off-site disposal of eleven underground storage tanks (USTs) and their contents in accordance with applicable regulations.
- Confirmation Sampling - After completion of the remedial action at the site, soil sampling documented that no contaminants in soil are above the cleanup criteria.
- Backfilling - Clean fill was brought in to replace the excavated soil and to establish the design grades at the site.
- SVI Evaluation - Evaluation of soil vapor intrusion (SVI) following soil removal.

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Final Engineering Report Approved: NYSDEC has approved the FER, which:

- 1) Describes the cleanup activities completed.
- 2) Certifies that cleanup requirements have been or will be achieved for the site.

Next Steps: With its receipt of a COC, the applicants are eligible to redevelop the site. In addition, the applicants are eligible for tax credits to offset the costs of performing cleanup activities and for redevelopment of the site. A COC may be modified or revoked if, for example, there is a failure to comply with the terms of the order or agreement with NYSDEC.

Site Description: The site is 0.75 acres, is located at 326-350 Rockaway Avenue in the Brownsville neighborhood of Brooklyn, NY, and is identified as Block 3499, Lot 25 on the NYC Tax Map. The site is located on the north portion of the city block bounded by East New York Avenue to the north, Rockaway Avenue to the east, Pitkin Avenue to the south, and Chester Avenue to the west. Historic site use has included a sign painter supply store (1928), a hat cleaner (1934), an exterminating company (1949), store fixture manufacturing (1950 to 1966), and a lamp manufacturing company (1960 to 1965).

The redevelopment plan for the site includes a 14-story building which will be utilized for residences (including affordable housing), as well as commercial retail space.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C224328) at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/dereexternal/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 may 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:

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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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