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## Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the  
DECinfo Locator  
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224343/>  
and at these location(s):

### Brooklyn Public Library- Crown Heights Branch

560 New York Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11225  
(718) 773-1180

### Brooklyn Community Board 9

890 Nostrand Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11225  
(718) 778-9279

## 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](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html)

e work plan. NYSDOH must concur  
with the plan. After the work plan is  
approved, the activities detailed in the  
work plan will be implemented.

# FACT SHEET

## Brownfield Cleanup Program

73 - 99 Empire Boulevard

73 - 99 Empire Boulevard  
Brooklyn, New York 11225

SITE No. C224343

NYSDEC REGION 2

June 2022

## Draft Investigation Work Plan for Brownfield Site Available for Public Comment

The public is invited to comment on a draft work plan being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to investigate the 73 - 99 Empire Boulevard Site ("site") located at 73 - 99 Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn, New York County. Please see the map for the site location.

**Draft Investigation Work Plan:** The draft investigation work plan, called a "Remedial Investigation Work Plan," (RIWP) was submitted to NYSDEC under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program. The investigation will be performed by Empire Boulevard Holdings LLC ("Volunteer") with oversight by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the Draft RIWP for 30 days, from **June 23 through July 23, 2022**.

- Access the RIWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224343/>.
- 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.

**Highlights of the Proposed Site Investigation:** The investigation will define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater and any other parts of the environment that may be affected.

Previous investigations have detected semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) and metals in soil onsite.

Key components of the investigation work include:

- Drilling and sampling soil borings to identify possible on-site sources of contamination and to fill data gaps from prior investigations; and
- Collecting sub-slab soil vapor samples.

**Next Steps:** NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve th

When the investigation is completed, a report will be prepared and submitted to NYSDEC that summarizes the results. NYSDEC will review the report, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the report.

After the investigation, a proposed cleanup plan, called a "Draft Remedial Work Plan" will be developed. The cleanup plan will include an evaluation of the proposed site remedy or recommend a no action or no further action alternative. The goal of the cleanup plan is to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. NYSDEC will present the proposed cleanup plan to the public for its review and comment during a 45-day comment period.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

**Site Description:** The site is 0.86-acres and is bordered to the south by Empire Boulevard, to the west by McKeever Place (a.k.a. Zenita Thompson Place), to the north by Sullivan Place, and to the east by commercial buildings followed by Bedford Avenue. The site is improved with two, one-story commercial buildings with partial cellars. The larger building is currently vacant, and the smaller building is currently occupied by a laundromat. Exterior areas include concrete-paved sidewalks and asphalt paved parking areas. Previously, the site had been used for auto, truck and equipment manufacturing and auto service operations since the 1930s.

The planned redevelopment entails abatement and demolition of the existing buildings and construction of a multi-story residential building with basement and ground floor retail and a sub-basement parking garage. The building will include affordable housing units and community space.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C224343) at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/externalapps/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 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://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

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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>

# BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM

## Site Location





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