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You must sign up for the DER email listserv:

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/regional-remediation-project-information/environmental-cleanup-email-newsletters>

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Why You Should Go “Paperless”:

- ☒ Get site information faster and share it easily;
- ☒ 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.



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Where to Find Information

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

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224357>

Brooklyn Public Library

Brownsville Branch 61
Glenmore Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11212
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Brooklyn Community Board 16

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For more information about New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:

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

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

366 Rockaway Ave. Cabinet
Furniture Manufacturing Site
366 Rockaway Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11212

SITE No. C224357

NYSDEC REGION 2

February 2025

Environmental Cleanup to Begin at Brownfield Site

Action is about to begin that will address contamination related to the 366 Rockaway Ave. Cabinet Furniture Manufacturing site ("site") located at 366 Rockaway Avenue in the Brownsville neighborhood of Brooklyn, NY. Please see the map for the site location. The cleanup activities will be performed by Brownsville Arts Owner LLC ("applicant") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). NYSDCE 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/C224357>
- The documents are also available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."

Remedial activities are expected to begin in February 2025 and last about 12 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:

1. Preparation and implementation of a Pre-Design Investigation (PDI) to collect soil samples to confirm the necessary depth of excavation across the Site.
2. Subsequent excavation and offsite disposal of at least 13,000 cubic yards of soil exceeding the Unrestricted Use Soil Cleanup Objectives. Most of the site will be excavated to 6 feet below grade (ft-bg) with select hotspot excavations ranging from 8 to 17 ft-bg.
3. Collection and analysis of site-wide post-excavation soil samples confirming that standards were met.
4. Importation of clean fill that meets the established standards for use as backfill.
5. A soil vapor intrusion (SVI) evaluation will be completed to document that the remedial objectives have been met. Sub-slab depressurization piping will be installed beneath the proposed site building in the event that the SVI evaluation indicates that soil vapor mitigation is required.
6. If an Unrestricted Use cleanup is not achieved, implementation of a Site Management Plan would also be required for long term maintenance institutional or engineering controls (e.g., remedial systems).

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7. If an Unrestricted Use cleanup is not achieved, recording of an Environmental Easement (institutional control) to ensure proper use of the site may be necessary.

A site-specific Health and Safety Plan (HASP) and a Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) will be implemented during remediation activities. 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 1.31-acres and is identified as Lot 15 on Block 3499 of the New York City Tax Map. The site is bordered by a 14-story mixed use building followed by East New York Avenue to the north, Chester Street to the west followed by a 2-story juvenile detention center, Rockaway Avenue to the east followed by several 1- to 4-story commercial and mixed-used residential/commercial buildings, and several one to two-family residences followed by Pitkin Avenue to the south. The site is currently vacant and enclosed by a chain-linked fence. Most of the site is heavily vegetated with a 2,500-square-ft area of paved concrete in the northeastern most corner.

The planned redevelopment for the site includes the construction of a mixed-use affordable housing development with approximately 290 affordable housing units, community facility space accommodating an arts

and media center, performance arts school, music school, multipurpose theater/rehearsal/instruction space, and administrative office space for non-profit organizations.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C224357) 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 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>

We encourage you to share this fact sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or post this fact sheet in a prominent area of your building for others to see.

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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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Site Location





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