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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.

251 Douglass Street

Brownfield Cleanup Program
Site No. C224367
Brooklyn, Kings County



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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 251 Douglass Street site ("site") located at 251 Douglass Street, Kings County, under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) have been met. Please see the map for the site location.

The cleanup activities were performed by Gowanus Douglass Street, LLC. ("applicant") 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 approved FER, Notice of COC and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224367/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified under "Where to Find Information."

Completion of the Project

The following activities have been completed to achieve the cleanup action objectives:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated soil from the top 2 feet below grade surface (bgs) across the entire site, and to approximately 6-8 feet bgs in the southeast & northwestern corners of the site where more significant contamination existed;
- Removal of Underground Storage Tanks and piping in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations;
- In-situ ("in-place") solidification from approximately 4 to 40 feet bgs to address coal tar, which is a dense non-aqueous phase liquid , and grossly contaminated material ;
- Installation of a low-permeability hydraulic barrier wall to a depth of 55 feet below grade around the entire site boundary to prevent off-site migration of coal tar and groundwater contamination;
- Vapor Barrier - A vapor barrier was installed as a construction element of the new building.
- Site Cover System - The existing cover system (consisting of the site building and the surrounding asphalt pavement) was restored after excavation activities and will be maintained.
- Development of a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long-term management of remaining 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.
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to control land use and prevent future exposure to any contamination remaining at the site.

Final Engineering Report Approved

NYSDEC has approved the FER, which:

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

- 3) Describes any institutional/engineering controls to be used. An *institutional control* is a non-physical restriction on use of the site, such as a deed restriction, when contamination left over after the cleanup action makes the site suitable for some, but not all uses. An *engineering control* is a physical barrier or method to manage contamination such as a cap or vapor barrier.
- 4) Certifies that a site management plan for any engineering controls used at the site has been approved by NYSDEC.

The following institutional controls have been put in place on the site:

- Site Management Plan
- Groundwater Use Restriction
- Land Use Restriction
- Environmental Easement

The following engineering controls have been put in place on the site:

- Cover System
- In-situ stabilization monolith
- Hydraulic barrier wall

Next Steps

With its receipt of a COC, the applicant is eligible to redevelop the site. In addition, the applicant is 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 0.65-acres and is bordered on the west by Nevins Street, on the north by Butler Street, and on the south by Douglass Street. Prior to remediation the site was a vacant lot with two partial building foundations, the 10,000-sf and 2,500-sf structures were demolished in November of 2022. Previously, the site had been used as a private garage and auto repair facility and office space since approximately 1931.

The selected remedy is a Track 4 Restricted-Residential use cleanup.. The proposed redevelopment includes construction of a new 14-story mixed use commercial and residential building that will include affordable housing units.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C224367) 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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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

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):
<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224367/>

Pacific Branch Library

25 Fourth Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11217
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Brooklyn Community Board 6

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Site Location





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