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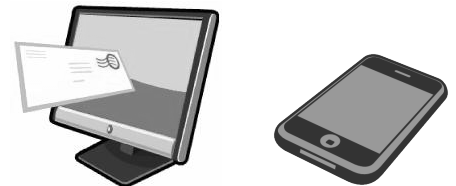
DEC's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) now distributes information about contaminated sites electronically by email.

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

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- ☒ 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



Department of
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Cleanup Action Completed at Brownfield Site

Action has been completed to address the contamination related to the 251 Douglass Street site ("site") located at 251 Douglass Street, Brooklyn, Kings County under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). Please see the map for the site location.

Cleanup activities were performed by Gowanus Douglass Street, LLC ("applicant") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). The applicant(s) has submitted a proposed Final Engineering Report (FER) for NYSDEC review which states that cleanup requirements have been or will be achieved to fully protect public health and the environment for the proposed site use.

- Access the approved RWP 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."

Highlights of the Site Cleanup

The following activities have been or will shortly be completed to achieve the remedial 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 new development will maintain a site cover, which consists of the structures (buildings, pavement, sidewalks) comprising the site development and a 2-foot clean soil cover in landscaped areas. The soil cover will be placed over a demarcation layer, with the upper 6 inches of the soil of sufficient quality to maintain a vegetation layer.
- Development of a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long-term management of residual 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.
- An Environmental Easement was recorded to prevent future exposure to any contamination remaining at the site and to ensure implementation of the SMP.

Next Steps

When NYSDEC approves the FER, it will be made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information"). NYSDEC then will issue a Certificate of Completion (COC) that will be announced in a

fact sheet. The applicant would be able to redevelop the site after receiving a COC. In addition, the applicant will be eligible for tax credits to offset a portion of the costs of performing cleanup activities and for redevelopment of the site.

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 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:

<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
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Brooklyn Community Board 6

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Site Location





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