

# DECISION DOCUMENT

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# DECLARATION STATEMENT - DECISION DOCUMENT

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## **Statement of Purpose and Basis**

This document presents the remedy for the 828 Metropolitan Avenue brownfield cleanup site. The remedial program was chosen in accordance with the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and Title 6 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York (6 NYCRR) Part 375.

This decision is based on the Administrative Record of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department) for the 828 Metropolitan Avenue site and the public's input to the proposed remedy presented by the Department.

## **Description of Selected Remedy**

The elements of the selected remedy are as follows:

### **1. Remedial Design**

A remedial design program will be implemented to provide the details necessary for the construction, operation, optimization, maintenance, and monitoring of the remedial program. Green remediation principles and techniques will be implemented to the extent feasible in the design, implementation, and site management of the remedy as per DER-31. The major green remediation components are as follows:

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- Integrating the remedy with the end use where possible and encouraging green and sustainable re-development.
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- defined by Part 375-1.8(g), although land use is subject to local zoning laws;
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## Declaration

The remedy conforms with promulgated standards and criteria that are directly applicable, or that are relevant and appropriate and takes into consideration Department guidance, as appropriate. The remedy is protective of public health and the environment.

August 31, 2023



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## **SECTION 1: SUMMARY AND PURPOSE**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), has selected a remedy for the above referenced site. The disposal of contaminants at the site has resulted in threats to public health and the environment that would be addressed by the remedy. The disposal or release of contaminants at this site, as more fully described in this document, has contaminated various environmental media. Contaminants include hazardous waste and/or petroleum.

The New York State Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) is a voluntary program. The goal of the BCP is to enhance private-sector cleanups of brownfields and to reduce development pressure on "greenfields." A brownfield site is real property, where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the soil cleanup objectives or other health-based or environmental standards, criteria or guidance, based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property.

The Department has issued this document in accordance with the requirements of New York State Environmental Conservation Law and 6 NYCRR Part 375. This document is a summary of the information that can be found in the site-related reports and documents.

## **SECTION 2: CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

The Department seeks input from the community on all remedies. A public comment period was held, during which the public was encouraged to submit comment on the proposed remedy. All comments on the remedy received during the comment period were considered by the Department in selecting a remedy for the site. Site-related reports and documents were made available for review by the public at the following document repositories:

DECInfo Locator - Web Application  
<https://gisservices.dec.ny.gov/gis/dil/index.html?rs=C224369>

Brooklyn Public Library Leonard Branch  
81 Devoe Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11211  
Phone: (718) 486-6006

Brooklyn Community Board 1  
435 Graham Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11211  
Phone: (718) 389-0009

### **Receive Site Citizen Participation Information By Email**

Please note that the Department's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) is "going paperless" relative to citizen participation information. The ultimate goal is to distribute citizen participation information about contaminated sites electronically by way of county email listservs. Information will be distributed for all sites that are being investigated and cleaned up in a particular county under the State Superfund Program, Environmental Restoration Program, Brownfield Cleanup Program and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Program. We encourage the public to sign up for one or more county listservs at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html>

### **SECTION 3: SITE DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY**

#### **Location:**

The 828 Metropolitan Avenue site is addressed at 808-834 Metropolitan Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11211. The site is located in Kings County, New York and is identified as Brooklyn Block 2916, Lot 14. A lot merger was filed with the Department of Finance in June 2022 which consolidated Lots 8, 14, 16 and 17 into a new Lot 14. The site is approximately 22,625-square-feet (0.52 acres) in size. The site is bounded to the north by Metropolitan Avenue, to the west by Bushwick Avenue, to the south by multi-family residential developments, and to the east by a four-story residential building. The site is located within an urban area of East Williamsburg characterized predominately by multi-story commercial and residential buildings. The Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) subway L line is located to the west under Bushwick Avenue.

#### **Site Features:**

Along with the recently occupied Speedway gasoline filling station consisting of a one-story retail kiosk under a kiosk and a separate rectangular shed on the western portion of the site (former Lot 8), the site included a parking lot (former Lot 14), and multi-family residential buildings (former Lots 16 and 17). The residential buildings were demolished in April 2022.

#### **Current Zoning and Land Use:**

The site is located within a residential and commercial zoning district (R7A and R6-B with a Commercial C2-4 overlay). The applicant is proposing to build a new 9-story building with a full cellar level. The building will be used for mixed residential (including affordable housing) and commercial purposes. The proposed gross square footage of the new development is 127,355.45 sq ft. The cellar is anticipated to encompass the approximately 20,420-sq-ft Site footprint and extend to a depth of 15 to 16 feet below ground surface (ft bgs). About 136 dwelling units are proposed, of which about 32 units will be designated as affordable housing.

#### **Past Land Use:**

The site was formerly improved with several multi-story commercial and residential buildings as

early as 1910 through the mid-1960s. In the mid-1960s, the former structures on the western half of the site were razed and redeveloped with a single-story commercial building utilized for used car sales with parking. Residential buildings were constructed as early as 1910 on the eastern half of the site. By the late 1970s, various tax lots in the western portion of the site were consolidated into one tax lot (former Lot 8) and occupied by a gasoline filling station, developed with a single-story shed and an overhead canopy with a single-story kiosk. The petroleum filling station on the western portion of the site was active from the late 1970s until April 2022. The remainder of the subject site remained unchanged until April 2022 when the residential buildings on former Lot 16 were demolished.

#### Site Geology and Hydrogeology:

The site is underlain by fill material predominantly consisting of brown to dark brown coarse to fine sand with varying amounts of gravel, concrete, brick, asphalt, and silt. Fill was observed to extend to depths of 5 feet below ground surface (ft bgs). Below the fill is a layer of various graded sands with intermittent clay lenses that extends to at least as deep as 35 ft bgs.

Groundwater was encountered at approximately 23 ft bgs and flows from east to west.

A site location map is attached as Figure 1, and a site map is attached as Figure 2.

### **SECTION 4: LAND USE AND PHYSICAL SETTING**

The Department may consider the current, intended, and reasonably anticipated future land use of the site and its surroundings when evaluating a remedy for soil remediation. For this site, an alternative that restricts the use of the site to restricted-residential use (which allows for commercial use and industrial use) as described in Part 375-1.8(g) was evaluated in addition to an alternative which would allow for unrestricted use of the site.

A comparison of the results of the Remedial Investigation (RI) to the appropriate standards, criteria and guidance values (SCGs) for the identified land use and the unrestricted use SCGs for the site contaminants is available in the RI Report.

### **SECTION 5: ENFORCEMENT STATUS**

The Applicant under the Brownfield Cleanup Agreement is a Volunteer. The Applicant does not have an obligation to address off-site contamination. However, the Department has determined that this site does not pose a significant threat to public health or the environment; accordingly, no enforcement actions are necessary.

### **SECTION 6: SITE CONTAMINATION**

#### **6.1: Summary of the Remedial Investigation**

A remedial investigation (RI) serves as the mechanism for collecting data to:

- characterize site conditions;



- determine the nature of the contamination; and
- assess risk to human health and the environment.

The RI is intended to identify the nature (or type) of contamination which may be present at a site and the extent of that contamination in the environment on the site, or leaving the site. The RI reports on data gathered to determine if the soil, groundwater, soil vapor, indoor air, surface water or sediments may have been contaminated. Monitoring wells are installed to assess groundwater and soil borings or test pits are installed to sample soil and/or waste(s) identified. If other natural resources are present, such as surface water bodies or wetlands, the water and sediment may be sampled as well. Based on the presence of contaminants in soil and groundwater, soil vapor will also be sampled for the presence of contamination. Data collected in the RI influence the development of remedial alternatives. The RI report is available for review in the site document repository and the results are summarized in section 6.3.

The analytical data collected on this site includes data for:

- groundwater
- soil
- soil vapor

#### **6.1.1: Standards, Criteria, and Guidance (SCGs)**

The remedy must conform to promulgated standards and criteria that are directly applicable or that are relevant and appropriate. The selection of a remedy must also take into consideration guidance, as appropriate. Standards, Criteria and Guidance are hereafter called SCGs.

To determine whether the contaminants identified in various media are present at levels of concern, the data from the RI were compared to media specific SCGs. The Department has developed SCGs for groundwater, surface water, sediments, and soil. The NYSDOH has developed SCGs for drinking water and soil vapor intrusion. For a full listing of all SCGs see: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/61794.html>

#### **6.1.2: RI Results**

The data have identified contaminants of concern. A "contaminant of concern" is a contaminant that is sufficiently present in frequency and concentration in the environment to require evaluation for remedial action. Not all contaminants identified on the property are contaminants of concern. The nature and extent of contamination and environmental media requiring action are summarized below. Additionally, the RI Report contains a full discussion of the data. The contaminant(s) of concern identified at this site is/are:

benzo(a)anthracene	lead
benzo(b)fluoranthene	mercury
benzene	Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)
chrysene	Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS)

The contaminant(s) of concern exceed the applicable SCGs for:

- groundwater
- soil

## **6.2: Interim Remedial Measures**

An interim remedial measure (IRM) is conducted at a site when a source of contamination or exposure pathway can be effectively addressed before issuance of the Decision Document.

There were no IRMs performed at this site during the RI.

## **6.3: Summary of Environmental Assessment**

This section summarizes the assessment of existing and potential future environmental impacts presented by the site. Environmental impacts may include existing and potential future exposure pathways to fish and wildlife receptors, wetlands, groundwater resources, and surface water. The RI report presents a detailed discussion of any existing and potential impacts from the site to fish and wildlife receptors.

### **Nature and Extent of Contamination**

Soil and groundwater were analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), metals, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), pesticides, and per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). Soil was also sampled for 1,4-dioxane. Soil vapor was analyzed for VOCs. Based upon investigations conducted to date, the primary contaminants of concern are SVOCs and metals in soil and VOCs, SVOCs, and PFOA/PFOS in groundwater.

Soil – One VOC was detected at a concentration exceeding the unrestricted use soil cleanup objectives (UUSCOs)- acetone at a maximum concentration of 0.66 parts per million, or ppm (UUSCO is 0.05 ppm). Multiple SVOCs were detected at concentrations exceeding the UUSCOs including benzo(a)anthracene at 2.7 ppm (UUSCO is 1.0 ppm), benzo(b)fluoranthene at 3.4 ppm (UUSCO is 1.0 ppm), and chrysene at 2.6 ppm (UUSCO is 1.0 ppm). Metals detected at concentrations exceeding the UUSCOs include lead at a maximum concentration of 967 ppm (UUSCO is 63 ppm) and mercury at 7.22 ppm (UUSCO is 0.18 ppm).

Total PCBs were detected at a maximum concentration of 0.106 mg/kg (UUSCOs is 0.1 ppm). Pesticides detected at concentrations exceeding the UUSCOs include dieldrin at a maximum concentration of 0.0079 ppm (UUSCO is 0.005 ppm), 4,4-DDD at 0.18 ppm (UUSCO is 0.0033 ppm), 4,4-DDE at 0.518 ppm (UUSCO is 0.0033 ppm), and 4,4-DDT at 1.32 ppm (UUSCO 0.0033 ppm).

Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) was detected at a maximum concentration of 1.09 parts per trillion (ppt) compared to the unrestricted use guidance value of 0.66 ppt, and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) was detected at a maximum concentration of 1.64 ppt

compared to the unrestricted use guidance value of 0.88 ppt. 1,4-Dioxane was not detected above the unrestricted use guidance value of 0.88 ppt in any soil sample.

Data does not indicate any off-site impacts related to the site.

Groundwater – VOCs were detected at concentrations exceeding the ambient water quality standards and guidance values (AWQSGVs), including benzene at a maximum concentration of 33 ppb (AWQSGV 1.0 ppb) and methyl tert-butyl ether at 42 ppb (AWQSGV 5 ppb).

Multiple SVOCs were detected at concentrations exceeding AWQSGVs including benzo(a)anthracene at 0.07 ppb (AWQGV 0.002 ppb), benzo(b)fluoranthene at 0.06 ppb (AWQGV 0.002 ppb), and chrysene at 0.04 ppb (AWQSGV 0.002 ppb).

No metals or pesticides were detected at concentrations exceeding AWQSGVs.

PCBs were detected at a maximum concentration of 0.107 ppb (AWQGV 0.09 ppb).

PFOA was detected at a maximum concentration of 475 parts per trillion (ppt) compared to the AWQSGV of 6.7 ppt, and PFOS was detected at a maximum concentration of 11.2 ppt compared to the AWQSGV of 2.7 ppt. 1,4-Dioxane was not detected above the reporting limit in any of the groundwater samples.

Data does not indicate any off-site impacts in groundwater related to the site.

Soil Vapor - Several VOCs were detected in soil vapor samples including tetrachloroethene at a maximum concentration of 1.55 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, and trichloromethane (or chloroform) at a maximum concentration of 12,600 µg/m<sup>3</sup>.

Data does not indicate any off-site impacts in soil vapor related to the site.

#### **6.4: Summary of Human Exposure Pathways**

This human exposure assessment identifies ways in which people may be exposed to site-related contaminants. Chemicals can enter the body through three major pathways (breathing, touching or swallowing). This is referred to as *exposure*.

Access is restricted by a fence. However, people who enter may come into contact with contaminants in soil by walking on the site, digging, otherwise disturbing the soil. People are not drinking the contaminated groundwater because the area is served by a public water supply that is not affected by this contamination. Volatile organic compounds in soil vapor (air spaces within the soil) may move into structures and affect the indoor air quality. This process, which is similar to the movement of radon gas from the subsurface into the indoor air of structures, is referred to as soil vapor intrusion. Because the site is vacant, the inhalation of site-related contaminants due to soil vapor intrusion does not represent a current concern, however it may represent a potential concern for future buildings on-site. Environmental sampling indicates that soil vapor intrusion is not a concern for off-site buildings.

## **6.5: Summary of the Remediation Objectives**

The objectives for the remedial program have been established through the remedy selection process stated in 6 NYCRR Part 375. The goal for the remedial program is to restore the site to pre-disposal conditions to the extent feasible. At a minimum, the remedy shall eliminate or mitigate all significant threats to public health and the environment presented by the contamination identified at the site through the proper application of scientific and engineering principles.

The remedial action objectives for this site are:

### **Groundwater**

#### **RAOs for Public Health Protection**

- Prevent ingestion of groundwater with contaminant levels exceeding drinking water standards.
- Prevent contact with, or inhalation of volatiles, from contaminated groundwater.

### **Soil**

#### **RAOs for Public Health Protection**

- Prevent ingestion/direct contact with contaminated soil.

### **Soil Vapor**

#### **RAOs for Public Health Protection**

- Mitigate impacts to public health resulting from existing, or the potential for, soil vapor intrusion into buildings at a site.

## **SECTION 7: ELEMENTS OF THE SELECTED REMEDY**

The alternatives developed for the site and the evaluation of the remedial criteria are presented in the Alternative Analysis. The remedy is selected pursuant to the remedy selection criteria set forth in DER-10, Technical Guidance for Site Investigation and Remediation and 6 NYCRR Part 375.

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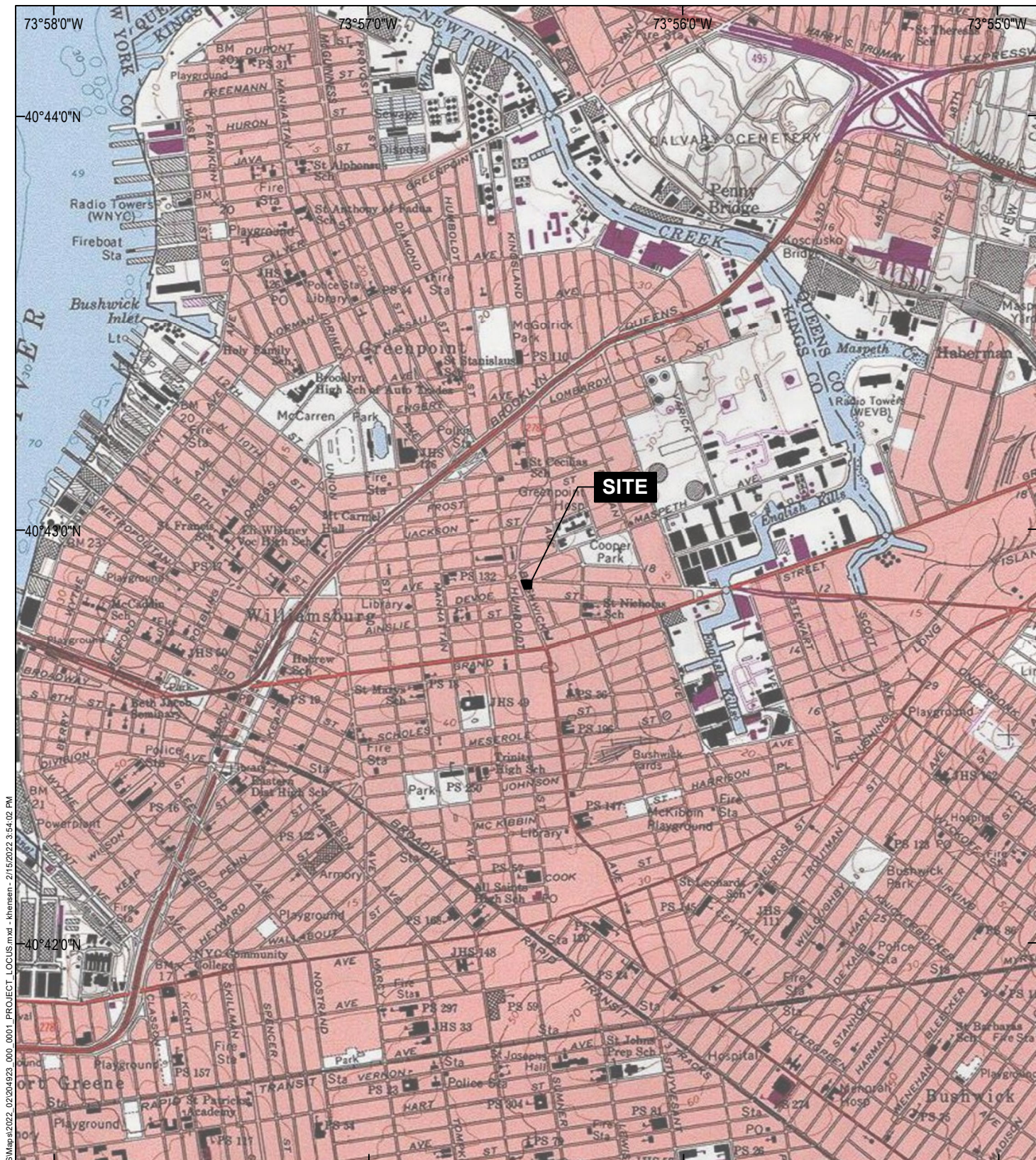
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    - a schedule of monitoring and frequency of submittals to the Department;
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SITE COORDINATES: 40°42'52"N, 73°56'29"W

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

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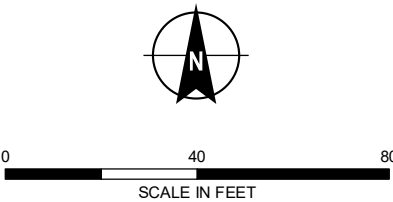


LEGEND

-  SITE BOUNDARY
-  PARCEL BOUNDARY

NOTES

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FIGURE 2



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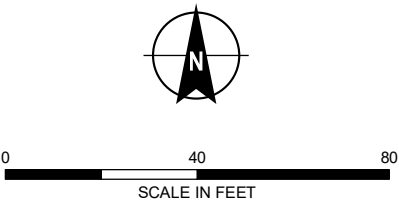


LEGEND

-  UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK (UST), REMOVAL AND EXCAVATION AREA
-  PROPOSED REMEDIATION EXCAVATION AREA OF SOILS THAT EXCEED THE UNRESTRICTED USE SOIL CLEANUP OBJECTIVES (UUSCOs)
-  SITE BOUNDARY

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FIGURE 3