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United China & Decorating Company Site

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Site No. C224436

Brooklyn, Kings County



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

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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 (DEC) to investigate the United China & Decorating Company site ("site") located at 58-64 North 1st Street, Brooklyn, Kings 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 DEC under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program. The investigation will be performed by 60 North 1st LLC ("applicant") with oversight by DEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

How to Comment

DEC is accepting written comments about the Draft RIWP for 30 days, from **July 15 through August 14, 2026**.

- Access the RIWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224436/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified under "Where to Find Information."
- Please submit comments to the DEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Contact Information" area.

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 and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and SVOCs in groundwater on site.

Key components of the investigation work include:

- Drilling and sampling soil borings to identify possible on-site sources of contamination;
- Collecting sub-slab soil vapor and ambient air samples; and
- Installing and sampling ground water wells to monitor impacts from areas of concern on-site.

Next Steps

DEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the work plan. NYSDOH must concur with the plan. After the work plan is approved, the activities detailed in the work plan will be implemented.

When the investigation is completed, a report will be prepared and submitted to DEC that summarizes the results. DEC 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," which includes a cleanup alternatives analysis, will be developed. This plan analyzes cleanup alternatives and recommends a final approach: either active cleanup, no action or no further action. . The goal of the cleanup plan is to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. DEC will present the proposed cleanup plan to the public for its review and comment during a 45-day comment period.

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

Site Description

The site is 0.23-acres and is bordered on the north by North 1st Street, on the west by multi-story mixed-use buildings followed by Kent Avenue, on the south by multi-story mixed-use buildings followed by Grand Street, and on the east by multi-story mixed-use buildings followed by Wythe Ave. It is currently undeveloped and covered with a former building slab. The former building was demolished in August 2025. The site is currently secured by a construction fence with locked and gated entrances along North 1st Street. Previously, the site had been used for various commercial and industrial purposes beginning in the 1880s, including a paint manufacturer, a fur dresser, a China decorating facility, and a lumber storage yard.

The planned redevelopment includes construction of a new 9-story mixed-use commercial and residential building.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C224436) 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 DEC that are applicable based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property, in accordance with applicable regulations.

For more information about the BCP, visit:

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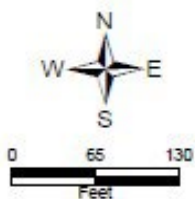
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Site Location



NYS ITS Geospatial Services / Westchester County GIS



Site Map

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Brooklyn, NY
Block 2738, Lot 14



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