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Act Now to Continue Receiving Information About This Site!

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

If you would like to continue to receive information about the contaminated site featured in this fact sheet:

You must sign up for the DER email listserv:

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

DER cannot register your email address - only the email address owner can do so. If you already have signed up for the listserv for the county in which the site is located, you need do nothing.



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

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C231138/>
and at these location(s):

Document Repository Name

(*Repositories may be temporarily unavailable due to COVID-19 precautions. If you cannot access the online repository, please contact the NYSDEC project manager listed below for assistance)

NYPL Washington Heights Library

1000 St. Nicholas Avenue
New York, New York 10032
(212) 923-6054

Manhattan Community Board 10

215 West 125th Street, 4th Floor
New York, NY 10027
(212) 749-3105
Email: mn10@cb.nyc.gov

Who to Contact

Comments and questions are welcome and should be directed as follows:

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

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html welcome and should be directed as follows:

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

280 W 155th St

280 West 155th Street
New York, NY 10039

SITE No. C231138

NYSDEC REGION 2

November 2021

Environmental Cleanup to Begin at Brownfield Site

Action is about to begin that will address contamination related to the 280 West 155th Street site ("site") located at 280 West 155th Street, New York, NY. Please see the map for the site location. The cleanup activities will be performed by 280 W 155TH STREET OWNER, L.L.C. ("applicant(s)") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). NYSDEC has determined that the Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) protects public health and the environment and has approved the plan.

- Access the approved RWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C231138/>.
- The documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."

Remedial activities are expected to begin in November 2021 and last about 7 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:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of approximately 10,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil from 5 to 10 feet below surface grade;
- Dewatering to facilitate excavation with treatment of contaminated groundwater;
- Collecting and analyzing end-point soil samples and post-remedial groundwater samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy; Importing clean material that meets the established Soil Cleanup Objectives (SCOs) for use as backfill
- Placement of a cover system, including a demarcation layer over areas without hardscape (buildings, asphalt, or concrete) to address contamination remaining above commercial use SCOs;
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) would also be required for long-term maintenance of the remedial systems; and
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of the site.

A site-specific Health and Safety Plan (HASP) and a Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) will be implemented during remediation activities. The HASP and CAMP establish procedures to protect on-site workers and residents and includes required air monitoring as well as dust and odor suppression measures.

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Next Steps: After the applicant(s) 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(s). The applicant(s) would be able to redevelop the site in conjunction with receiving a COC. In addition, the applicant(s) 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, deed restrictions) or engineering controls (for example, a site cap) necessary at the site in relation to the issuance of the COC.

Site Description: The site is located in Harlem, Manhattan. The site is a 0.86-acre, vacant, asphalt paved lot. It is bounded to the north by 155th Street and the 155th Street Viaduct followed by Holcombe Rucker Park; to the east by an asphalt paved parking lot; to the south by mixed use and residential buildings; and to the west by Fredrick Douglass Boulevard followed by a mixed-use building. The site was historically used for commercial and industrial use; the site is currently zoned for commercial use. The site will be redeveloped into rental storage units. The neighborhood has been historically used for commercial, residential, and industrial purposes; recent development has primarily been commercial.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database

(by entering the site ID, C231138) at:

<https://www.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 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://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

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.

Stay Informed With DEC Delivers

Sign up to receive site updates by email:

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

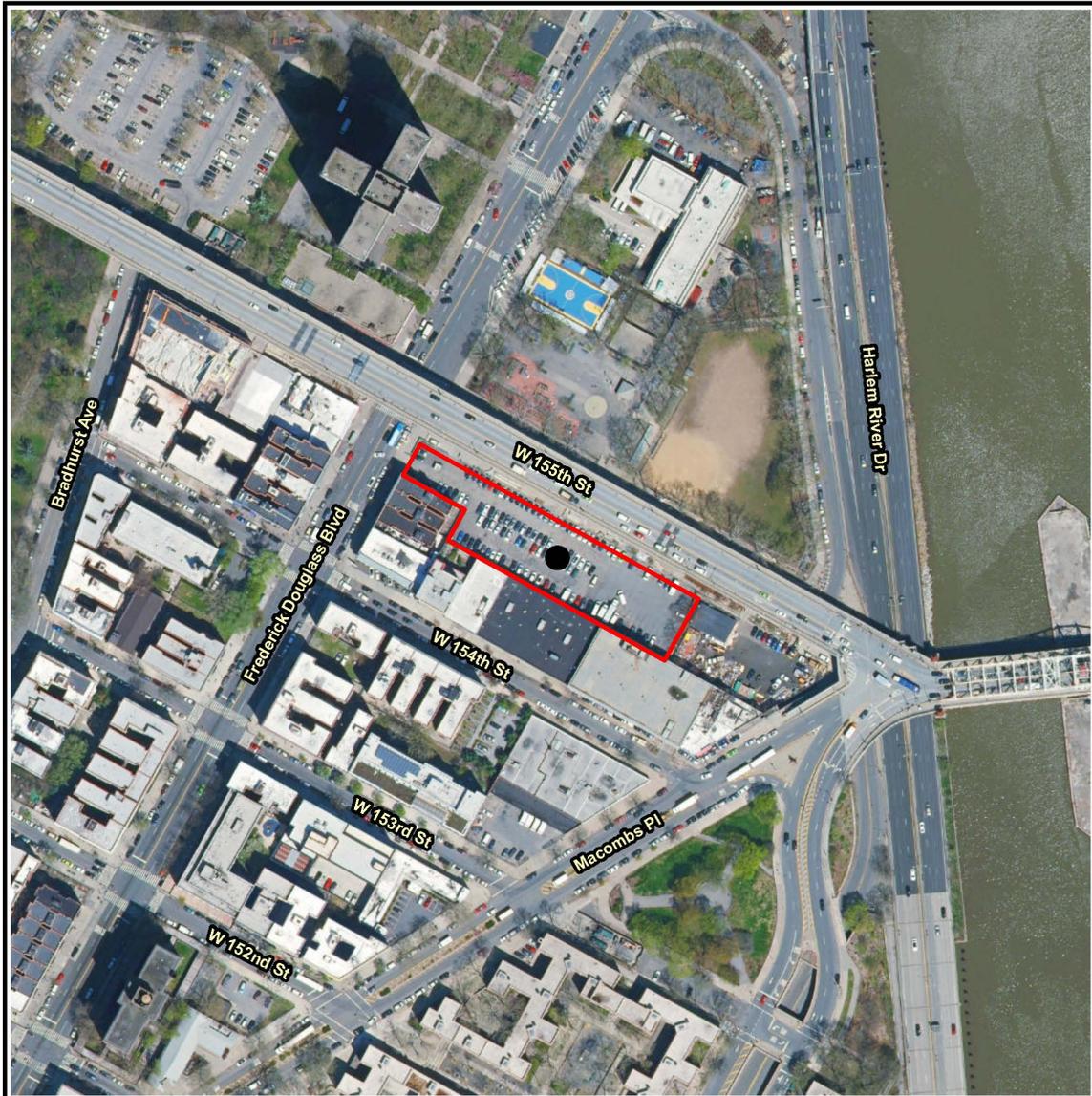
DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>

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280 West 155th Street Site Map

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-  Remediation Site Borders
-  Remediation Site

