



Department of  
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# FACT SHEET

## Brownfield Cleanup Program

644 East 14th Street Site  
644 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
New York, NY 10009

**SITE No. C231150**  
**NYSDEC REGION 2**

**May 2023**

### Where to Find Information:

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator  
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C231150/>  
and at these location(s):

#### Tompkins Square Library

331 East 10th Street  
New York, NY 10009  
212-228-4747  
tompskinsquare@nypl.org

#### Manhattan Community Board 3

59 East 4th Street  
New York, NY 10003  
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For more information about New York's  
Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:  
[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html)

## Environmental Cleanup to Begin at Brownfield Site

Action is about to begin that will address contamination related to the 644 East 14th Street Site ("site") located at 644 East 14th Street, Manhattan, NY. Please see the map for the site location. The cleanup activities will be performed by 644 East 14th Street Owner LLC ("applicant") 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/C231150/>.
- The documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."

Remedial activities are expected to begin in May 2023 and last about 4 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:

- Dewatering of the site to allow excavation below the water table and treatment of the extracted groundwater;
- Excavation and off-site disposal of approximately 5,200 cubic yards of contaminated soil to about 19 feet below sidewalk grade across the entire site;
- During excavation, any Underground Storage Tank (UST) and other possible sources of contamination will be removed;
- Collection and analysis of end-point soil samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy; and
- Importing clean soil that meets the established Soil Cleanup Objectives (SCOs) for use as backfill.

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 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. The applicant would be able to redevelop the site in conjunction with receiving a COC. In addition, the applicant 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, environmental easements) or engineering controls (for example, a site cover) necessary at the site in relation to the issuance of the COC.

**Site Description:** The site is located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Avenue C and East 14th Street and is identified as Block 396, Lot 29 on the New York City tax map. The site is 0.23-acres of unpaved vacant land, excavated to a depth of approximately three to five feet below sidewalk grade. From about 1900 through the 1970s, several multi-story commercial buildings occupied the site. It was used most recently as an auto service business from the 1970s to the 2010s. In the mid-2010s the building was demolished, and the site has been vacant since.

Planned redevelopment consists of a 24-story mixed use commercial and residential building. This will encompass the entire footprint of the property.

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

(by entering the site ID, C231150) 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>

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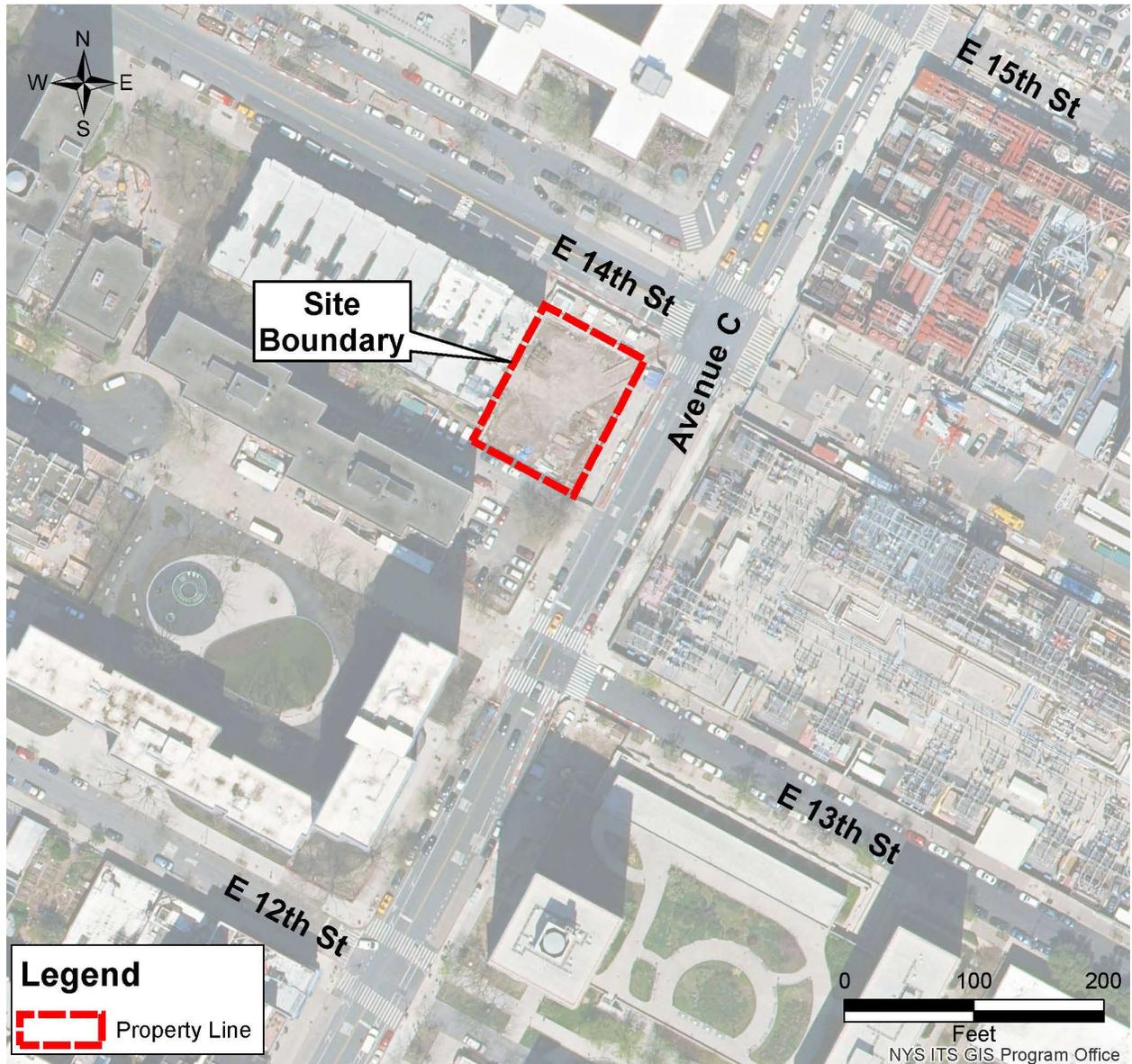
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#### DECinfo Locator

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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## Site Location





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