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## 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.



#### Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator <a href="https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C231152/">https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C231152/</a> and at these locations:

New York Public Library Webster Library

1465 York Avenue New York, NY 10075 212-288-5049

webster@nypl.org

**Manhattan Community Board 8** 

505 Park Avenue, Suite 620 New York, NY 10022 212-758-4340 info@cb8m.com

#### Who to Contact

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

### **Project-Related Questions**

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For more information about New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit: www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

# **FACT SHEET**

**Brownfield Cleanup Program** 

1487 1st Avenue Redevelopment Site 1487 1st Avenue New York, NY 10075

Site No. C231152 NYSDEC Region 2

February 2023

## Remedy Proposed for Brownfield Site Contamination; Public Comment Period Announced

The public is invited to comment on a proposed remedy being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), to address contamination related to the 1487 1st Avenue Redevelopment Site ("site") located at 1487 1st Avenue in Manhattan. Please see the map for the site location.

Based on the findings of the investigation and the implementation of the ongoing IRM discussed in detail below, NYSDEC in consultation with the NYSDOH has determined that the site does not pose a significant threat to public health or the environment.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a "Draft Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP)" for 45 days, from February 8 through March 27, 2023.

- Access the RAWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator; https://www.dec.nv.gov/data/DecDocs/C231152/.
- Documents also are available at the locations identified at left under "Where to Find Information."
- Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area at left.

**Draft Remedial Work Plan:** The proposed Unrestricted Use remedy consists of:

- Removing underground storage tanks;
- Excavating and off-site disposal of contaminated soil up to approximately 19 feet below surface grade across the majority of the site;
- Treating contaminated groundwater through injection of chemical oxidants into the groundwater;
- Collecting and analyzing end-point soil samples and post-remedial groundwater samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy;
- Importing clean material as needed that meets the established soil cleanup objectives for use as backfill;
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities;
- If an Unrestricted Use cleanup is not achieved, implementation of a Site Management Plan would also be required for long-term maintenance of the remedial systems.

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• If an Unrestricted Use cleanup is not achieved, recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of the site.

The proposed remedy was developed by CP VII 78<sup>th</sup> Street Owner, LLC ("applicant") after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). A "Remedial Investigation Report", which describes the results of the site investigation was submitted concurrently with the RAWP and is also available for review at the locations identified on Page 1.

**Next Steps:** NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the cleanup plan as necessary, and issue a final Decision Document. NYSDOH must concur with the proposed remedy. After approval, the proposed remedy becomes the selected remedy. The applicant may then design and perform the cleanup action to address the site contamination, with oversight by NYSDEC and NYSDOH.

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

**Site Description:** The approximately 0.23-acre site is bound to the north by East 78th Street followed by a five-story residential building, to the east by a four-story residential building, to the south by a nine-story residential building, and to the west by 1st Avenue followed by three four-story mixed residential and commercial buildings and one five-story residential building. The site has been occupied by one- to five-story mixed-use commercial and residential buildings since 1896 and is currently vacant with the recent demolition of two site structures. Portions of the site have been occupied by dyeing facilities, laundries, and dry-cleaning operations. Two fuel oil aboveground storage tanks and an underground solvent tank were removed from the site; two petroleum underground storage tanks remain on site. The proposed redevelopment consists of a new 35-story mixed-use residential and commercial building that will occupy the entirety of the site footprint.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C231152) at:

https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3

**Interim Remedial Measure (IRM):** An expedited cleanup, called an "Interim Remedial Measure" (IRM), is conducted at

a site when a source of contamination or exposure pathway (the way in which a person may contact contamination) can be effectively addressed without extensive investigation and evaluation. The following IRM is ongoing at the site:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of source material in the location of the former solvent tank to a depth of approximately 20 feet below street grade;
- Treatment of contaminated groundwater through injection of chemical oxidants; and
- Collection and analysis of confirmation soil samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy.

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern at the site are chlorinated volatile organic compounds in soil, groundwater and soil vapor with the highest concentrations located in the area of the former solvent tank, near the north-central area of the site.

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 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.

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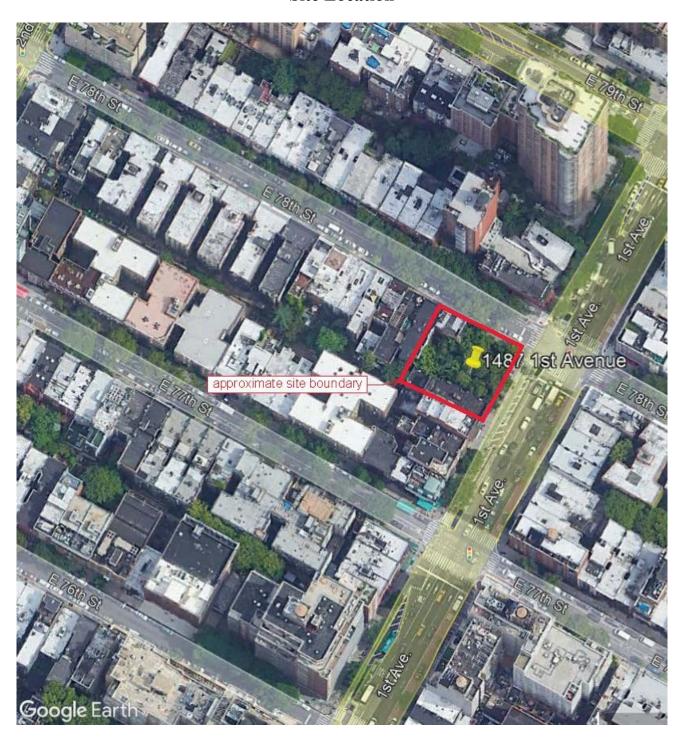
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### **DECinfo Locator**

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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