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## FACT SHEET #11

November 2006

Atlas Park Site Parcel B The Shops at Atlas Park 8000 Cooper Avenue Glendale, Queens, New York Site No: C241088 NYSDEC Region 2

## **Homeowner's Meeting Announced**

### Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm Environmental Issues to be Discussed

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in cooperation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), invite you to attend a Homeowners Meeting and Information Session to discuss the results of recent environmental studies performed in and around the Atlas Park Mall site. Recent testing around the Mall performed under the New York State Brownfield Cleanup Program identified contaminated soil vapor migration from the site towards portions of residential areas on 77th Avenue (south of the Mall) and 88th Street (west of the Mall). The soil vapor is related to past industrial operations conducted at the Atlas Industrial Terminal which formerly occupied the site. Testing for soil vapor contamination under homes is now being offered to homeowners under the supervision of the NYSDEC and NYSDOH. All sampling will be performed free of charge. If you received this Fact Sheet, you are invited to attend a Homeowner's Meeting that will provide you with more details about this important sampling program. The meeting will be held this Thursday night, November 30, at 7 p.m. at the Atlas Park Mall Community Room, Building 8, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor (see the attached map for meeting location). Home testing is not mandatory but is strongly encouraged by the State. If you would like to sign up for home soil vapor testing, or if you cannot attend the meeting but would like more information, please call the project contact listed at the top of the box in the left hand column.

**Background**: Atlas Park LLC, the developer of the Atlas Park Mall and owner of the former Atlas Industrial Terminal site, is a Participant in the New York State Brownfield Cleanup Program and is performing environmental Remedial Investigation (RI) of Parcel B of the former Atlas Industrial Terminal site (the Mall area closest to 88th Street). After findings of soil vapor contamination on the site, NYSDEC and NYSDOH requested sampling off-site to assess if there was soil vapor contamination in the surrounding neighborhood. That testing has confirmed soil vapor contamination in the vicinity of some homes on 77th Avenue and on 88th Street.

The highlights of the Remedial Investigation and the Remedial Action Work Plan are summarized in Fact Sheet #10 (attached). Additional off-site soil vapor investigation will be performed by Atlas Park under this Remedial Action Work Plan and will include testing for vapors beneath the homes.

**Background (cont'd):** These investigations may result in additional future sampling/monitoring requirements and/or installation of mitigation systems in homes. All testing and any subsequent mitigation is optional and will be performed **free of charge** to all homeowners. Atlas Park LLC has prepared an Off-Site Vapor Sampling and Mitigation Plan, including a Citizen Participation Plan, which describes the scope of this off-site vapor investigation work. The Final Supplemental Remedial Investigation Report, which describes the nature and extent of contamination on and emanating in groundwater from the Site, and the Final Remedial Action Work Plan which describes the proposed remedy for this contamination, are available for public review in the document repositories identified in this Fact Sheet.

**Meeting Details:** The Homeowners Meeting will be held at on Thursday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7pm in the Atlas Park Community Room, Building 8, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor. If you are unable to attend for any reason but would still like to receive additional information about the residential soil vapor testing investigation we urge you to contact the NYSDEC or the NYSDOH project manager (listed in the box on the front page at left) at your earliest convenience.

#### Map Indicating Location of Meeting at Atlas Park

