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## Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):  
<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C241146G/>

### Queens Public Library – Central Library

89-11 Merrick Boulevard  
Jamaica, NY 11432  
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For more information about New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:  
<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/brownfield>

# FACT SHEET

## Brownfield Cleanup Program

Willets Point Development  
Northern Parcel  
126-30 Northern Boulevard  
Queens, New York 11368

November 2024

SITE No. C241146G  
NYSDEC REGION 2

## NYSDEC Certifies Cleanup Requirements Achieved at Brownfield Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has determined that the cleanup requirements to address contamination related to the Willets Point Development Northern Parcel site ("site") located at 126-30 Northern Boulevard, Queens, NY, under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program have been met. Please see the map for the site location.

The cleanup activities were performed by Queens Development Group, LLC, QDG Hotel Partners, LLC, QDG 126th Street Partners, LLC, QDG Parking Partners, LLC, and QDG Retail Partners, LLC (collectively, the "applicants") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). NYSDEC has approved a Final Engineering Report (FER) and issued a Certificate of Completion (COC) for the site.

- Access the FER, Notice of COC and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:  
<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C241146G/>.
- The documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."

**Completion of the Project:** The following activities have been completed to achieve the remedial action objectives:

- Remedial excavation and off-site disposal of about 4,700 tons of fill and soil exceeding the Protection of Groundwater Soil Cleanup Objectives (SCOs) and Restricted Residential SCOs, the site-specific cleanup criteria.
- Capping of excavated areas with a site cover system consisting of at least two feet of certified-clean fill.
- Any new on-site buildings will be required to have a sub-slab depressurization system, or other acceptable measures, to mitigate the migration of any vapors into the building from groundwater.
- Establishment of an NYSDEC-approved Site Management Plan (SMP) to provide for long-term management of Engineering Controls (ECs) and Institutional Controls (ICs), including the performance of periodic inspections and certification that the controls are performing as intended as well as a requirement to evaluate future proposed structures for soil vapor intrusion.
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure implementation of the SMP and mandate that future owners continue to maintain ECs and ICs.

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**Final Engineering Report Approved:** NYSDEC has approved the FER, which:

- 1) Describes the cleanup activities completed.
- 2) Certifies that cleanup requirements have been achieved for the site.
- 3) Describes any institutional/engineering controls to be used. An *institutional control* is a non-physical restriction on use of the site, such as a deed restriction, when contamination left over after the cleanup action makes the site suitable for some, but not all uses. An *engineering control* is a physical barrier or method to manage contamination such as a cap or vapor barrier.
- 4) Certifies that a site management plan for any engineering controls used at the site has been approved by NYSDEC.

The following institutional controls have been put in place on the site:

- Site Management Plan
- Groundwater Use Restriction
- Land Use Restriction
- Environmental Easement

The following engineering controls have been put in place on the site:

- Cover System

**Next Steps:** With its receipt of a COC, the applicants are eligible to redevelop the site. In addition, the applicants are eligible for tax credits to offset the costs of performing cleanup activities and for redevelopment of the site. A COC may be modified or revoked if, for example, there is a failure to comply with the terms of the order or agreement with NYSDEC.

**Site Description:** The site is located in the Willets Point neighborhood of Queens, NY and identified as Block 1820 Lots 9 and 18. The 1.426-acre site was accepted into the BCP as a part of the former Willets Point Development Site (see attached site location map). The Site is bound by Northern Boulevard to the north; 126<sup>th</sup> Place followed by automotive and wrecking facilities to the east; 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue followed by an automotive repair facility and the Willets Point Development T-Parcel BCP Site (C241146F) to the south; and automotive and wrecking facilities to the west.

Prior to the 1900s, the Willets Point area was a tidally influenced salt marsh. From the early 1900s to the early 1930s, the area was used as a landfill for coal ash from residential and municipal heating operations in New York City. In the late 1930s Willets Point was graded and developed primarily with automotive repair shops, filling stations, and scrapyards.

The site was remediated as a part of Operable Unit 2 of the former Willets Point Development BCP Site. The site will be redeveloped with an affordable housing building. The former Willets Point Development BCP Site, inclusive of Operable Unit 1 and Operable Unit 2, was subdivided into eight sites to correlate with future development. Remediation is complete or nearing completion within the area comprising the entire former Willets Point Development BCP Site. BCP Site No. C241146 received a COC on December 28, 2023, BCP Site No. C241146C received a COC on May 1, 2024, BCP Site No. C241146B received a COC on July 18, 2024, and FER submissions documenting remediation of the other newly subdivided BCP Sites are pending.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C241146G) at:

<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/cfm/extapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pag eid=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 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://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/brownfield>

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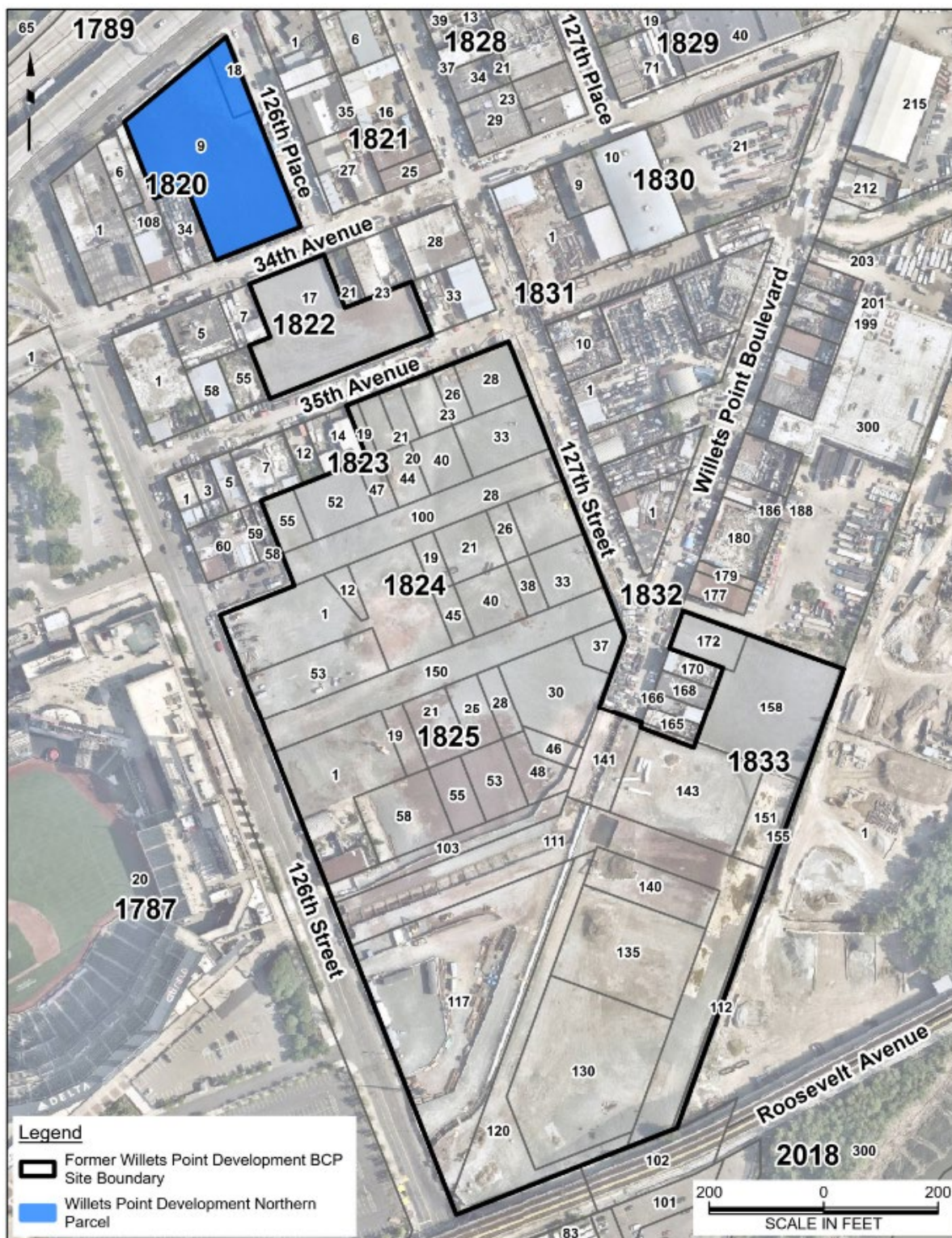
## DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <https://dec.ny.gov/maps/interactive-maps/decinfo-locator>



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## Site Location





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