#### NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

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November 3, 2020

QPS 23-10 Development LLC Attn: Mr. Ned White c/o Property Markets Group 220 Fifth Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor New York. NY 10001

AAGS Holdings LLC Attn: Mr. Gary Segal c/o Russ & Russ P.C. 543 Broadway Massapequa, NY 11758

> Re: Certificate of Completion 23-10 Queens Plaza South Long Island City, Queens County Site No. C241160

Dear Messrs. White and Segal:

Congratulations on having satisfactorily completed the remedial program at the 23-10 Queens Plaza South site. Enclosed please find an original, signed Certificate of Completion (COC). The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) is pleased to inform you that the Final Engineering Report is hereby approved, allowing the COC to be issued for the above-referenced site.

Please note that you are required to perform the following tasks:

• If you are the site owner, you must record the Notice of Certificate of Completion in the recording office for the county (or counties) where any portion of the site is located within 30 days of issuance of the COC; or if you are a prospective purchaser of the site, you must record the Notice within 30 days of the date that you acquire the site. If you are a non-owner, you must work with the owner to assure the Notice is recorded within the time frame specified. A standard Notice of Certificate of Completion form is attached to this letter.



 Provide electronic copies of the recorded Notice and proof of recording to the Department's project manager. Please return the hard copy of the proof of recording to:

> Ronnie Lee, Remedial Bureau B New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Environmental Remediation 625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233

- Provide the Notice of Certificate of Completion to the Document Repositories within 10 days of issuance of the COC. The Department will develop a fact sheet announcing the issuance of the COC and describing the institutional and engineering controls (IC/ECs), if any, that are required at the site and distribute it to the County Listserv within 10 days;
- Implement the Department-approved Site Management Plan (SMP) which details the activities necessary to assure the performance, effectiveness, and protectiveness of the remedial program; and you must report the results of these activities to the Department in a Periodic Review Report (PRR) which also includes any required IC/EC Certifications. The site IC/ECs are identified on the attached Site Management Form. The first PRR including the certification of the IC/ECs is due to the Department in February 2022.

If you have any questions regarding any of these items, please contact Ronnie Lee at (518) 708-3418.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Ryan, P.E.

Director

Division of Environmental Remediation

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# NYSDEC BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM (BCP) CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

#### **CERTIFICATE HOLDER(S):**

Name Address

QPS 23-10 Development LLC 220 Fifth Avenue, 9th Floor, New York, NY 10001

**BROWNFIELD CLEANUP AGREEMENT:** 

**Application Approval:** 5/9/14 **Agreement Execution:** 8/8/14

Agreement Index No.:C241160-05-14

**Application Approval Amendment:** none **Agreement Execution Amendment:** none

SITE INFORMATION:

Site No.: C241160 Site Name: 23-10 Queens Plaza South

**Site Owner:** AAGS Holdings LLC

Street Address: 23-10 Queens Plaza South

Municipality: Long Island City County: Queens DEC Region: 2

Site Size: 0.626 Acres

Tax Map Identification Number(s): 425-5 Percentage of site located in an EnZone: 0 - 49 %

A description of the property subject to this Certificate is attached as Exhibit A and a site survey is attached as Exhibit B.

#### CERTIFICATE ISSUANCE

This Certificate of Completion, hereinafter referred to as the "Certificate," is issued pursuant to Article 27, Title 14 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law ("ECL").

This Certificate has been issued upon satisfaction of the Commissioner, following review by the Department of the final engineering report and data submitted pursuant to the Brownfield Site Cleanup Agreement, as well as any other relevant information regarding the Site, that the applicable remediation requirements set forth in the ECL have been or will be achieved in accordance with the time frames, if any, established in the remedial work plan.

The remedial program for the Site has achieved a cleanup level that would be consistent with the following categories of uses (actual site use is subject to local zoning requirements):

Allowable Uses under the BCP: Commercial and Industrial

Cleanup Track: Track 4: Restricted use with site-specific soil cleanup objectives

**Tax Credit Provisions:** 

Site Preparation and On-Site Groundwater Remediation Credit Component Rate is 25 %.

Tangible Property Credit at the time of this COC issuance is 0%.

The Remedial Program includes use restrictions or reliance on the long term employment of institutional or engineering controls which are contained in the approved Site Management Plan and an Environmental Easement granted pursuant to ECL Article 71, Title 36 which has been duly recorded in the Recording Office for Queens County as 2020000243221.

#### LIABILITY LIMITATION

Upon issuance of this Certificate of Completion, and subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Certificate holder(s) shall be entitled to the liability limitation provided in ECL Section 27-1421. The liability limitation shall run with the land, extending to the Certificate holder's successors or assigns through acquisition of title to the Site and to a person who develops or otherwise occupies the Site, subject to certain limitations as set forth in ECL Section 27-1421. The liability limitation shall be subject to all rights reserved to the State by ECL Section 27-1421.2 and any other applicable provision of law.

#### **CERTIFICATE TRANSFERABILITY**

This Certificate may be transferred to the Certificate holder's successors or assigns upon transfer or sale of the Site as provided by ECL Section 27-1419.5 and 6NYCRR Part 375-1.9.

#### CERTIFICATE MODIFICATION/REVOCATION

This Certificate of Completion may be modified or revoked by the Commissioner following notice and an opportunity for a hearing in accordance with ECL Section 27-1419 and 6NYCRR Part 375-1.9(e) upon a finding that:

- (1) either the Applicant or the Applicant's successors or assigns have failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the Brownfield Site Cleanup Agreement;
- (2) the Applicant made a misrepresentation of a material fact tending to demonstrate that it was qualified as a Volunteer;
- (3) either the Applicant or the Applicant's successors or assigns made a misrepresentation of a material fact tending to demonstrate that the cleanup levels identified in the Brownfield Site Cleanup Agreement were reached;
  - (4) there is good cause for such modification or revocation;
- (5) either the Applicant or the Applicant's successors or assigns failed to manage the controls or monitoring in full compliance with the terms of the remedial program;
- (6) the terms and conditions of the environmental easement have been intentionally violated or found to be not protective or enforceable.

The Certificate holder(s) (including its successors or assigns) shall have thirty (30) days within which to cure any deficiency or to seek a hearing. If the deficiency is not cured or a request for a hearing is not received within such 30-day period, the Certificate shall be deemed modified or vacated on the 31st day after the Department's notice.

Basil Seggos Commissioner

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

\_\_\_\_ Date: <u>\_11/03/2020</u>

Michael J. Ryan, P.E., Director

Division of Environmental Remediation

#### NOTICE OF CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION Brownfield Cleanup Program 6 NYCRR Part 375-1.9(d)

23-10 Queens Plaza South, Site ID No. C241160 23-10 Queens Plaza South, Long Island City, New York, 11101 Long Island City, Queens County, Tax Map Identification Number 425-5

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (Department) has issued a Certificate of Completion (Certificate) pursuant to Article 27, Title 14 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) to QPS 23-10 Development LLC for a parcel approximately 0.626 acres located at 23-10 Queens Plaza South in Long Island City, Queens County.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, the Certificate was issued upon satisfaction of the Commissioner, following review by the Department of the final engineering report and data submitted pursuant to the Brownfield Site Cleanup Agreement, as well as any other relevant information regarding the Site, that the remediation requirements set forth in ECL Article 27, Title 14 have been or will be achieved in accordance with the time frames, if any, established in the remedial work plan.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, the remedial program for the Site has achieved a cleanup level that would be consistent with the following categories of uses (actual site use is subject to local zoning requirements):

	Unrestricted Use, as set forth in 6 NYCRR 375-1.8(g)(1)i
	Residential Use, as set forth in 6 NYCRR 375-1.8(g)(2)i.
	Restricted Residential Use, as set forth in 6 NYCRR 375-1.8(g)(2)ii.
$\boxtimes$	Commercial Use, as set forth in 6 NYCRR 375-1.8(g)(2)iii.
$\boxtimes$	Industrial Use, as set forth in 6 NYCRR 375-1.8(g)(2)iv.

Further, the use of groundwater is restricted and may not be used, unless treated in accordance with the requirements provided by the New York State Department of Health, or a local County Health Department with jurisdiction in such matters and such is approved by the Department as not inconsistent with the remedy.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, since the remedial program relies upon use restrictions or the long term employment of institutional or engineering controls; such institutional or engineering controls are contained in an Environmental Easement granted pursuant to ECL Article 71, Title 36 which has been duly recorded in the Recording Office for Queens County as 2020000243221.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, the Environmental Easement requires that the approved site management plan (SMP) for this property be adhered to. The SMP, which may be amended from time to time, may include sampling, monitoring, and/or operating a treatment system on the property, providing certified reports to the NYSDEC, and generally provides for the management of any and all plans and limitations on the property. A copy of the SMP is available upon request by writing to the Department's Division of Environmental Remediation, Site Control Section, 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, provided that the Environmental Easement, SMP and Certificate are complied with, the Certificate holder(s) shall be entitled to the liability limitation provided in ECL Section 27-1421. The liability limitation shall run with the land, extending to the Certificate holder's successors or assigns through acquisition of title to the Site and to a person who develops or otherwise occupies the Site, subject to certain limitations as set forth in ECL Section 27-1421. The liability limitation shall be subject to all rights reserved to the State by ECL Section 27-1421.2 and any other applicable provision of law.

#### 23-10 Queens Plaza South, C241160 23-10 Queens Plaza South, Long Island City, NY 11101

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, any change of use of the site, as defined in 6 NYCRR 375, must be preceded by notice to the Department in accordance with 6 NYCRR 375-1.11(d). A transfer of any or all of the property constitutes a change of use.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, the Certificate may be revoked if the Environmental Easement as implemented, if applicable, is not protective or enforceable.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, the Certificate may entitle the Certificate holder(s) to tax credits in accordance with Tax Law Sections 21, 22 and 23.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, the Certificate may only be transferred to the Certificate holder's successors or assigns upon transfer or sale of the Site as provided by ECL Section 27-1419.5 and 6 NYCRR Part 375-1.9. Failure to comply with the regulatory requirements for transfer **WILL** bar the successors and assigns from the benefits of the Certificate.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, the Certificate may be modified or revoked by the Commissioner as set forth in the applicable regulations.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE**, a copy of the Certificate can be reviewed at the NYSDEC's Region 2 office located at 47-40 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Long Island City, NY 11101, by contacting the Regional Environmental Remediation Engineer, or at <a href="https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C241160/">https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C241160/</a>.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned has signed this Notice of Certificate

		AAGS Holdings LLC	
		By:	
		Title:	
		Date:	
STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF	) SS: )		
, personal the individual(s) whose name he/she/they executed the same	ly known to me or e is (are) subscribe he in his/her/their	year 20, before me, the undersigned, personally appear or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to ed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me the capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the boom behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the same actions are supported by the same actions are suppor	be nat he
		Please record and return to:	
Signature and Office of indivi	dual	QPS 23-10 Development LLC	
taking acknowledgment		Attn: Mr. Ned White c/o Property Markets Group	
		220 Fifth Avenue 9th Floor	

New York, NY 10001

# **Exhibit A Site Description**

County: Queens Site No: C241160 Brownfield Cleanup Agreement Index: C241160-05-14

# 23-10 Queens Plaza South Legal Description - Environmental Easement

All that certain plot, piece, or parcel of land, situate. lying, and being in the borough of Queens, Queens County, City and State of New York, bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at the intersection of the southerly side of Queens Plaza South (a.k.a. South Jane Street) (50 feet wide) with the easterly side of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street (a.k.a. Ely Avenue) (75 feet wide); and

RUNNING THENCE easterly, along said southerly side of Queens Plaza South, a distance of 187.29 feet to a point, said point being the intersection of said southerly side of Queens Plaza South with the westerly side of 24<sup>th</sup> Street (a.k.a. William Street) (60 feet wide);

THENCE southerly, along said westerly side of 24th Street, forming an interior angle of 84°44'50" with the previous course, a distance of 154.78 feet to a point;

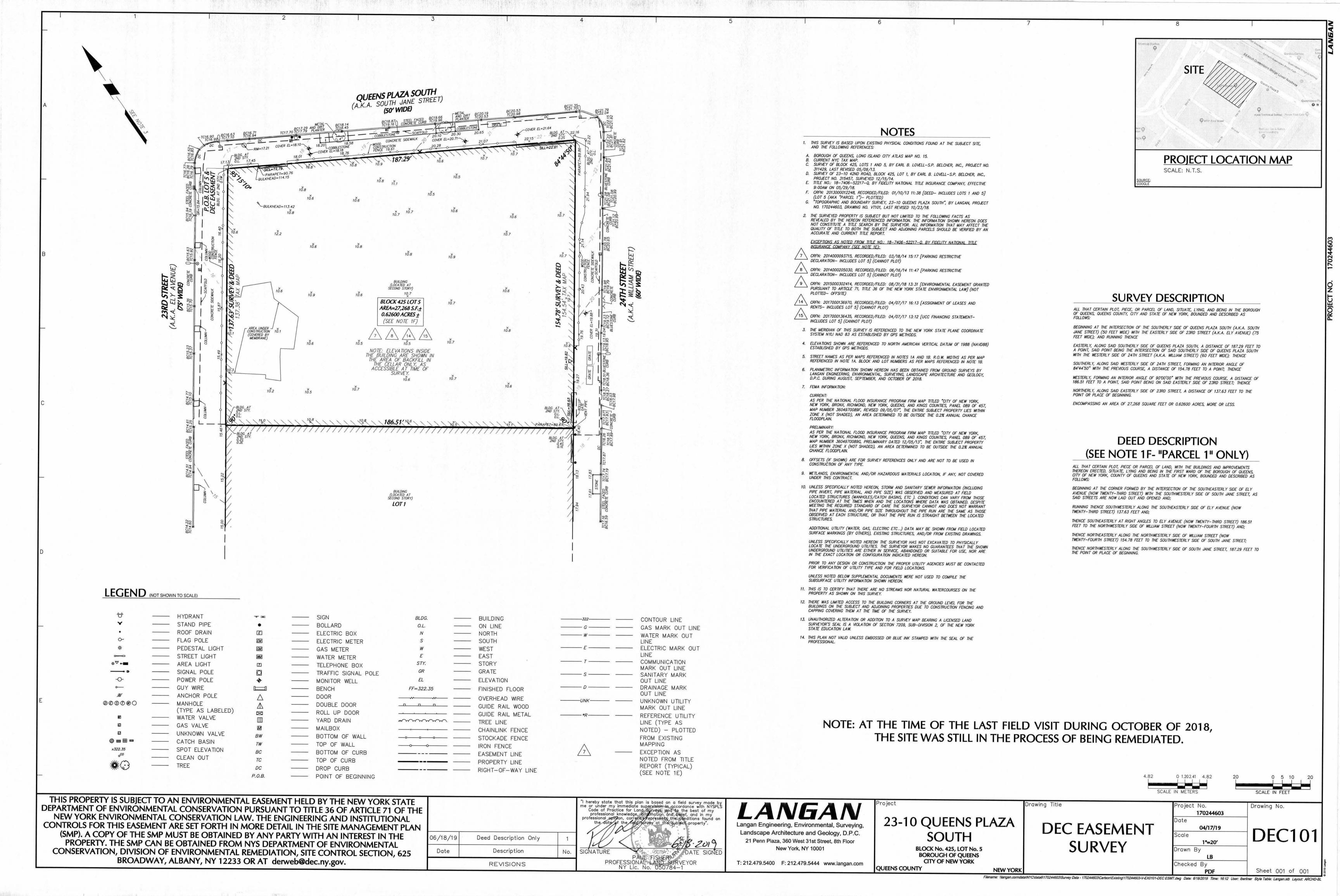
THENCE westerly, forming an interior angle of 90°00'00" with the previous course, a distance of 186.51 feet to a point, said point being on said easterly side of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street;

THENCE northerly, along said easterly side of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, a distance of 137.63 feet to the POINT OR PLACE OF BEGINNING.

Encompassing an area of 27,268 square feet or 0.626 acres, more or less.

### Exhibit B

Site Survey





## NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION Site Management Form

10/7/2020



#### SITE DESCRIPTION

SITE NO. C241160

SITE NAME 23-10 Queens Plaza South

SITE ADDRESS: 23-10 Queens Plaza South ZIP CODE: 11101

CITY/TOWN: Long Island City

COUNTY: Queens

ALLOWABLE USE: Commercial and Industrial

#### SITE MANAGEMENT DESCRIPTION

SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN INCLUDES: YES NO

IC/EC Certification Plan □

Monitoring Plan □ ■ Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Plan □ □

Periodic Review Frequency:

Periodic Review Report Submitted Date: 02/15/2022

#### **Description of Institutional Control**

#### **AAGS Holdings LLC**

c/o Russ & Russ, P.C., 543 Broadway
23-10 Queens Plaza South
Environmental Easement
Block: 425
Lot: 5
Sublot:
Section:
Subsection:

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**Ground Water Use Restriction** 

IC/EC Plan

Landuse Restriction

O&M Plan

Site Management Plan Soil Management Plan

#### **Description of Engineering Control**

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AAGS Holdings LLC
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c/o Russ & Russ, P.C., 543 Broadway

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Cover System
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Vapor Mitigation