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Where to Find Information:

Project documents are available at these location(s) to help the public stay informed.

Queens Library at Kew Garden Hills

72-33 Vleigh Pl
Flushing, NY 11367
Call for hours: (718) 261-6654

Community Board 8, Queens

197-15 Hillside Avenue
Hollis, NY 11423
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Who to Contact:

Comments and questions are always 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

Main Street Kew Gardens

68-14 to 68-50 Main Street
Kew Gardens, NY 11367

SITE No. C241205

NYSDEC REGION 2

August 2018

Draft Investigation Work Plan for Brownfield Site Available for Public Comment

The public is invited to comment on a draft work plan being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) to investigate the Main Street Kew Gardens site ("site") located at 68-14 to 68-50 Main Street, Kew Gardens, Queens County. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified to the left under "Where to Find Information."

Draft Investigation Work Plan: The draft investigation work plan, called a "Remedial Investigation Work Plan," was submitted to NYSDEC under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program. The investigation will be performed by Main Properties AM, LLC & Main Properties DM, LLC ("applicant(s)") with oversight by NYSDEC and NYSDOH.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the draft investigation work plan for 30 days, from **August 23** through **September 24, 2018**. The proposed plan is available for public review at the location(s) 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.

Highlights of the Proposed Site Investigation: The investigation will define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater and any other parts of the environment that may be affected.

Previous investigations have detected volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in soil, soil gas, and indoor air on site. A mitigation system has been installed beneath the building to prevent contamination from entering the building.

Key components of the investigation work will include:

- Installation and sampling of soil borings to identify possible on-site sources of contamination;
- Collection of soil vapor, sub-slab soil vapor and indoor air samples; and
- Installation and sampling of groundwater wells to monitor impacts from on-site areas of concern.

Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the work plan. NYSDOH must concur with the plan. After the work plan is approved, the activities detailed in the work plan will be implemented.

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When the investigation is completed, a report will be prepared and submitted to the NYSDEC that summarizes the results. NYSDEC will review the report, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the report.

After the investigation, a cleanup plan, called a "Remedial Work Plan" will be developed and a Decision Document will be proposed. The cleanup plan will include an evaluation of the proposed site remedy, or recommend a no action or no further action alternative. The goal of the cleanup plan is to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. NYSDEC will present the proposed cleanup plan to the public for its review and comment during a 45-day comment period.

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

Site Description: The 0.97-acre site is located at 68-14 to 68-50 Main Street, Kew Gardens, NY in an urban area. The site is located at the northwest corner of 68th Drive and Main Street. The site contains a one-story commercial building with a full basement which houses multiple retail tenants, and asphalt-covered parking lot. The current land use of the site is commercial. Adjacent properties include residences, a gas station with auto repair, Mt. Hebron Cemetery, medical offices, and the Jewish Heritage Center of Queens.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C241204) at:

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

Brownfield Cleanup Program Overview: 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 DEC that are applicable based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property, in accordance with applicable regulations.

For more information about the BCP, visit:

<http://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.

Receive Site Fact Sheets by Email

Have site information such as this fact sheet sent right to your email inbox. NYSDEC invites you to sign up with one or more contaminated sites county email listservs at:

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

It's quick, it's free, and it will help keep you better informed. As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/ announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

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