



Department of  
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# FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

HPS Parcel F

Center Blvd. between 56<sup>th</sup>  
Avenue and 57<sup>th</sup> Street  
Long Island City, NY 11101

SITE No. C241225

NYSDEC REGION 2

August 2019

**Where to Find Information:**  
*Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.*

**Queens Public Library**  
Court Square  
25-01 Jackson Avenue  
Long Island City, NY 11101  
(718) 937-2790

**Queens Community Board 2**  
43-22 50<sup>th</sup> Street  
Woodside, NY 11377  
(718) 533-8773

**Who to Contact:**  
*Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:*

**Project-Related Questions**  
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**Project-Related Health Questions**  
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For more information about New York's  
Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:  
[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html)

## 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 HPS Parcel F site ("site") located on Center Blvd. between 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Long Island City, NY. Please see the map on page 3 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."

The NYSDEC and NYSDOH have determined that the site does not pose a significant threat to human health and the environment.

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan for 45 days, from **August 29** through **October 12, 2019**. 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.

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

- Excavation of soil/fill exceeding Restricted Residential Soil Cleanup Objectives (SCOs) to a depth of 15 feet across the site;
- Screening for indications of contamination (by visual means, odor, and monitoring with a Photoionization Detector (PID)) of all excavated soil during any intrusive site work;
- Collection and analysis of end-point samples to document the soil contamination to remain;
- Appropriate off-site disposal of all material removed from the site in accordance with all Federal, State and local rules and regulations for handling, transport, and disposal;
- Import of clean materials to be used for backfilling and cover;
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to prevent future exposure to any contamination remaining at the site; and
- Development and implementation of a Site Management Plan for long term management of remaining contamination.

The proposed remedy was developed by GO HPS LLC ("applicant(s)") after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). A "RIR", which describes the results of the site

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investigation was submitted with the RAWP in a combined document 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(s) 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 site is 0.74-acres and is bordered on the west by Center Boulevard (with the East River further to the west), on the south by a NYC public school still under construction, on the east by 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and on the north by 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue. It is currently a vacant, undeveloped lot that is unpaved and secured with a fence. The site has had industrial uses since at least the late 19<sup>th</sup> century including a sugar refinery in the early 1900s and a news publishing plant in operation from the mid-1970s until demolition in 2003. The site has remained vacant since.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C241226) at:

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

**Summary of the Investigation:** The primary contaminants of concern at the site are semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) and metals, which are present site-wide in soil and groundwater.

**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:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

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### 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 available at the following web page:

[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](http://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.

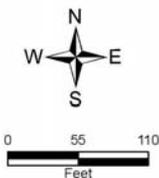
Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

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## Site Location Map



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