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## Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these locations:  
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C241230/>

### Queens Library at Ridgewood

20-12 Madison Avenue  
Ridgewood, NY 11385  
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### Queens Community Board District 5

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

# FACT SHEET

## Brownfield Cleanup Program

**Queens Animal Shelter and  
Care Center**  
151 Woodward Avenue  
Ridgewood, NY 11385

**January 2024**

**Site No. C241230**

**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 Queens Animal Shelter and Care Center site ("site") located at 151 Woodward Avenue, Ridgewood, Queens County, 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 1906 Flushing LLC. ("applicant") 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://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C241230/>.
- 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:

- Approximately 1,000 cubic yards of former petroleum sludge covered pavement was removed and 10,800 cubic yards of non-hazardous soil and fill was excavated and disposed of off-site.
- Clean fill was brought in to replace the excavated soil and to establish the design grades at the site.
- Treatment of contaminated groundwater through injection of chemical oxidants into the groundwater. A soil vapor extraction system will remove vapors that may off gas from groundwater treatment or contaminated soil;
- Construction of a site cover system in the form of the new building foundation, pavement and sidewalks;
- A site management plan (SMP) will be implemented for long-term management of residual contamination as required by the environmental easement that will including plans for institutional and engineering controls, long-term monitoring, operation and maintenance, and reporting.
- An environmental easement was recorded to prevent future exposure to any contamination remaining at the site and to ensure implementation of the SMP.

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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 or will be 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:

- Biosparge System
- Cover System

**Next Steps:** With its receipt of a COC, the applicant is eligible to redevelop the site. In addition, the applicant is 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 1.005-acre site is located in the Ridgewood neighborhood of Queens and is bounded to the north by a shelving warehouse and distribution facility; to the east by Troutman Street, followed by a parking lot, unspecified storage, and multi-family residential buildings; to the south by Woodward Avenue, followed by residential and commercial buildings and a gasoline station; and to the west by Flushing Avenue, followed by mixed-use buildings with street-level commercial uses and an auto storage/junk yard.

Circa 1962 the site was listed as an automobile wrecking corporation and operated as such until approximately 2005. The site was used for automobile maintenance and wrecking, a salvage yard, and tire and windshield repairs until 2019. The site has been redeveloped to an animal shelter with an asphalt parking lot.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C241230) at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=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://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

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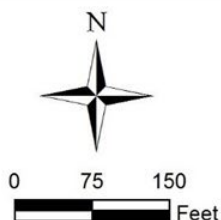
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## DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>

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## Site Location



**Figure 1**  
**Site Map**

Queens Animal Shelter and Care Center  
Queens, NY  
Site No. C241230



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