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DEC's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) now distributes information about contaminated sites *electronically by email*.

If you would like to continue to receive information about the contaminated site featured in this fact sheet:

You must sign up for the DER email listserv:

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

DER cannot register your email address - only the email address owner can do so. If you already have signed up for the listserv for the county in which the site is located, you need do nothing.



Why You Should Go “Paperless”:

- Get site information faster and share it easily;
- Receive information about all sites in a chosen county - read what you want, delete the rest;
- It helps the environment and stretches your tax dollars.

If “paperless” is not an option for you, call or write to the DER project manager identified in this fact sheet. Indicate that you need to receive paper copies of fact sheets through the Postal Service. Include the site name in your correspondence. The option to receive paper is available to individuals only. Groups, organizations, businesses, and government entities are assumed to have email access.



**Department of
Environmental
Conservation**

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

First Prize Center Site

**68 Exchange Street
Colonie, NY 12205**

SITE No. C401076

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Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the
DECinfo Locator

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C401076/>

and at these location(s):

Pine Hills Public Library

517 Western Avenue
Albany, NY 12203
(518) 482-7911

William K. Sanford

Town of Colonie Public Library

629 Albany-Shaker Road
Loudonville, NY 12211
(518) 458-9274

Who to Contact

Comments and questions are welcome and
should be directed as follows:

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**For more information about New York's
Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:**

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

Investigation Work Continuing for Brownfield Site

After delays associated with the COVID pandemic, the Remedial Investigation (RI) will soon resume at the First Prize Center Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) site, under the supervision of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH). Upcoming RI activities will include asbestos abatement and building demolition.

The First Prize Center Site ("site") is located at 68 Exchange Street, in Colonie, Albany County. Please see the map for the site location.

Site Information and Questions:

- Access project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C401076/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."
- Please submit questions or comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area at left.

Remedial Investigation Work Plan: The Remedial Investigation Work Plan (RIWP) was submitted to NYSDEC in 2018 and, after review and public comment, was approved in November 2018. The investigation is being performed by First Prize Development Partners, LLC ("applicant(s)") with oversight by NYSDEC and the NYSDOH.

Highlights of the Remedial 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 and semi-volatile organic compounds (VOCs and SVOCs) and metals in soil and groundwater on-site.

Key components of the investigation work include:

- Removing and properly disposing of asbestos materials and building materials;
- Demolishing existing buildings to enable a comprehensive site sampling program;
- Installing and sampling soil borings to identify possible on-site sources of contamination;
- Installing and sampling groundwater wells to characterize the nature and extent of groundwater contamination and to monitor impacts from areas of environmental concern;

- Sampling floor drains and wetlands sediments to | assess the environmental quality of these materials;

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- Sampling of surface waters from low lying wet areas to assess potential contamination.

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

After the investigation, a proposed cleanup plan, called a “Draft Remedial Work Plan” will be developed. 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 site is located in an urban setting characterized by industrial, commercial, and residential development. The site area totals approximately 32 acres. The site is located on the southwest side of the intersection of Exchange Street and Everett Road in the city of Albany and town of Colonie. The Patroon Creek is located approximately 400 feet southwest of the site, between the adjoining railroad tracks to the southwest of the Site and Interstate Route 90.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C401076) at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/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 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:

<https://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.

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<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html>

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

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>

Site Location



Google Earth

feet 1000
meters 300

