



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Poestenkill Place Site
244-246 First Street
Troy, NY 12180

SITE No. C442058
NYSDEC REGION 4

March 2021

Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):
www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C442058/

Troy Public Library
100 Second Street
Troy, NY 12180
(518) 274-7071

NYSDEC Region 4
1130 North Westcott Road
Schenectady, NY 12306-2014
(518) 357-2393

(Physical repositories may be temporarily unavailable due to COVID-19 precautions. If you cannot access the online repository, please contact the NYSDEC project manager listed below for assistance)

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

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 Poestenkill Place Site ("site") located at 244-246 First Street, Troy, Rensselaer County. Please see the map below for the site location.

Based on the findings of the investigation, NYSDEC, in consultation with NYSDOH, has determined that the site does not pose a significant threat to public health or the environment. This decision is based on the nature of the existing contaminants identified at the site and the potential for human exposure to site-related contaminants.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a "Draft Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP)" for 45 days, from **March 10 through April 24, 2021.**

- Access the RAWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C442058/
- Documents also are available at the locations 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:

- Demolition of the three on-site buildings.
- Investigation beneath the two larger buildings and parking area in the central portion of the site to further define the contaminated areas.
- Excavation and proper off-site disposal of contaminated fill material and soil across the northern and southern portions of the site to a depth of six feet or less, except in the northwest area, which will be excavated to a depth of 15 feet. An estimated 17,500 cubic yards of material will be excavated from these areas. Based on the results of the remedial design investigation, additional excavation may be required in the central portion of the site.
- Pumping of groundwater, if encountered in the excavation, prior to treatment on-site or disposal off-site, as appropriate.
- Collecting and analyzing end point samples to confirm soil cleanup objectives (SCOs) are achieved.

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- Importing clean material that meets the established SCOs for use as backfill. A physical demarcation layer will be installed to separate the clean fill from underlying soil.
- Collecting and analyzing post-remedial groundwater samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy.
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities.
- Managing construction traffic and site security and implementing stormwater and dust controls during cleanup activities.
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long term maintenance of the site remedy.
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of the site.

The proposed remedy was developed by Poestenkill Place Limited Partnership (“applicant”) after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York’s Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP).

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 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 located at 244-246 First Street in the City of Troy, Rensselaer County. The 1.88-acre site is an irregularly shaped parcel comprising most of the city block bounded by Jefferson Street to the north, Second Street to the east, Ida Street to the south and First Street to the west. The site currently contains three recently vacated buildings. The remainder of the site is paved with asphalt or concrete except for the perimeter, which is mostly vegetated. The site has been used for various industrial and commercial purposes since the late 1800s, including but not limited to a foundry, stove works, junkyard, feed and fertilizer business, warehousing, steel fabrication, electronics recycling and equipment rentals and sales. The applicant intends to redevelop site into an apartment complex.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC’s Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C442058) at:

www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern are polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and metals in soil and historic fill material at depths down to 18 feet below grade, and volatile organic compounds, PAHs, metals and one pesticide in groundwater. The soil and groundwater contamination are likely the result of past site uses and historic fill, which is present throughout the site.

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:

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

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Sign up to receive site updates by email:

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 NYSDEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites:

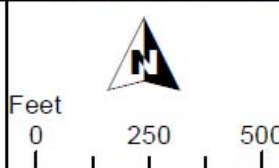
www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html

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Site Location



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Poestenkill Place Site
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City of Troy
Rensselaer County, NY



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