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## Act Now to Continue Receiving Information About This Site!

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](http://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.



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# FACT SHEET

## Brownfield Cleanup Program

Hamilton Hill II – Target Area 1  
830 and 834 Albany Street  
Schenectady, NY 12307

January 2019

**SITE No. C447052**  
NYSDEC REGION 4

### Where to Find Information:

*Project documents are available at these locations to help the public stay informed:*

**Schenectady County Public Library**  
99 Clinton Street  
Schenectady, NY 12305  
Call for hours: 518-388-4500

**DEC Region 4 Office**  
1130 North Westcott Road  
Schenectady, NY 12306-2104  
Hours: 8:30 AM - 4:45 PM, M-F  
Call for appointment: 518-357-2045

### Who to Contact:

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

**Project-Related Questions**  
Joshua Haugh, Project Manager  
DEC Region 4 Office  
1130 North Westcott Road  
Schenectady, NY 12306-2014  
518-357-2008  
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**Site-Related Health Questions**  
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Albany, NY 12237  
518-402-7860  
[BEEI@health.ny.gov](mailto:BEEI@health.ny.gov)

*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)*

## Draft Remedial 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) to investigate the Hamilton Hill II – Target Area 1 site ("site") located at 830 and 834 Albany Street, Schenectady, Schenectady County (see the site location map on page 3). Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the locations 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 and paid for by Hamilton Hill II Limited Partnership ("applicant") with oversight by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting comments about the draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan for 30 days, from January 9 through February 9, 2019. The proposed plan is available for public review 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.

**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 and/or semi-volatile organic compounds and metals in groundwater and soil at the site.

Key components of the investigation work include:

- Installing soil borings and collecting surface and subsurface soil samples for laboratory analysis;
- Installing monitoring wells and collecting groundwater samples for laboratory analysis;
- Collecting soil vapor samples for laboratory analysis; and
- Evaluating the sampling results to identify possible on-site sources of contamination and to delineate the extent of contamination at the site.

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**Next Steps:** NYSDEC will review the draft Remedial Investigation Work Plan and consider all public comments received during the 30-day comment period. The applicant will revise the document as needed in order for it to be approved by NYSDEC (NYSDOH must also concur with the plan). Once approved, the activities described in the Remedial Investigation Work Plan will be implemented.

When the investigation is completed, the applicant will prepare a report summarizing the results. NYSDEC will review the report, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the report. Next, 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.

**Site Description:** The 0.81-acre site is in the Hamilton Hill neighborhood in the City of Schenectady, Schenectady County. The site consists of two non-contiguous parcels that were recently formed by merging 10 properties. The site parcels, referred to as 830 Albany Street and 834 Albany Street, are located to the southwest and southeast (respectively) of the intersection of Albany Street and Craig Street. The parcels contain residential and commercial structures which will be demolished and fenced off. The rest of the site contains vacant lots that are used for parking and storage or are overgrown. The surrounding area is mixed use residential and commercial. The proposed use after redevelopment is low to moderate income multi-family housing.

Historical fill material and/or lead based paint in past site development may have resulted in metals contamination detected in on-site soil. Past commercial site uses, which include two dry cleaning operations, and the presence of abandoned storage tanks are potential sources of volatile and/or semi-volatile organic compound contamination detected in on-site soil and groundwater.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, can be found on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database by entering the site code (C447052) at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/externalapps/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:

<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:

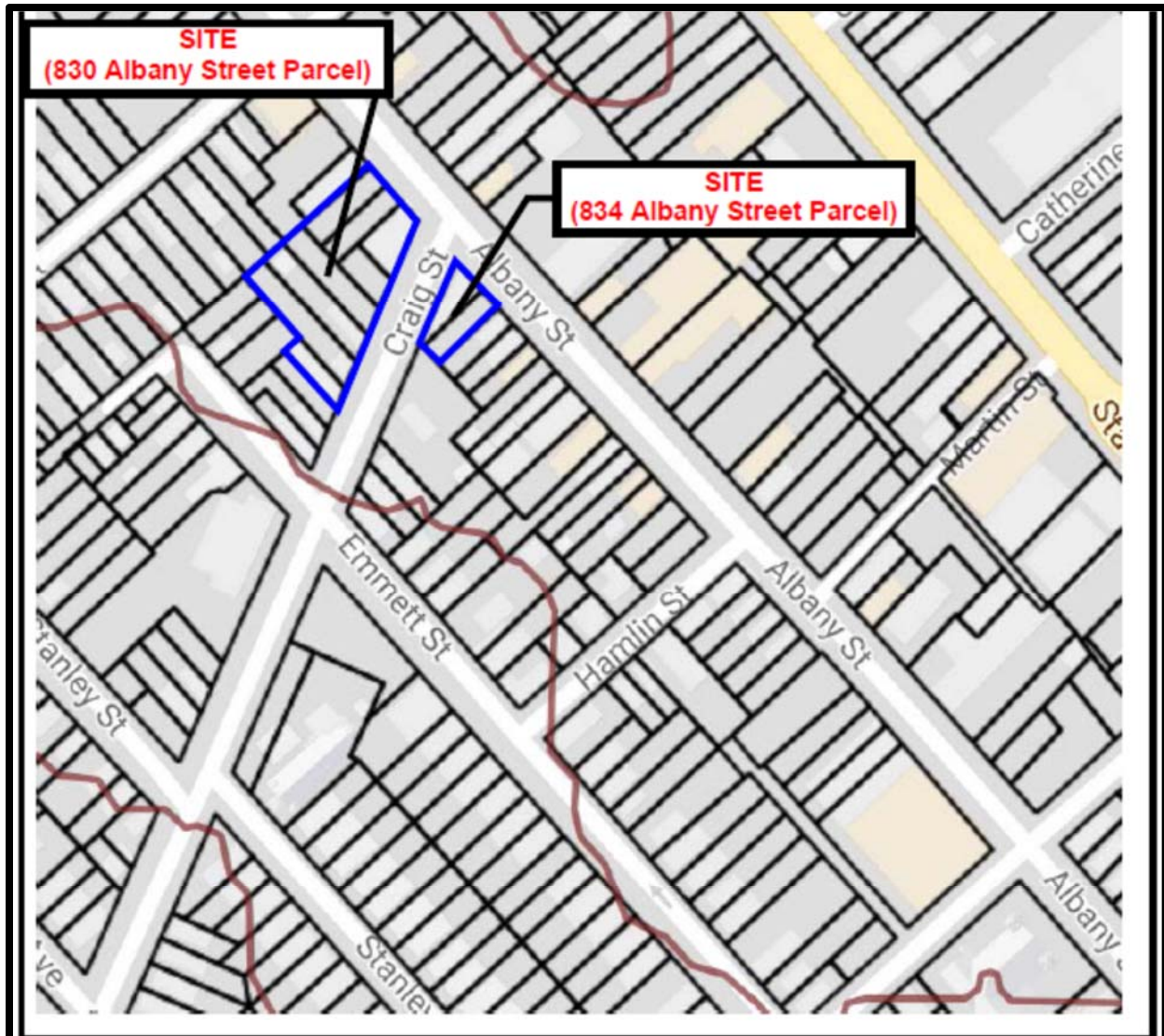
[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html)

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



**MAP REFERENCE**

USGS 7.5 Minute Topographical Map  
 Schenectady, New York Quadrangle  
 Year 2013



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**FIGURE 1: SITE LOCATION MAP  
 HAMILTON HILL II - TARGET AREA 1 SITE**

CITY OF SCHENECTADY

SCHENECTADY COUNTY, NY

SCALE: NOT TO SCALE

DRAFTER: SB

PROJECT No: 16.6334

The locations and features depicted on this map are approximate and do not represent an actual survey.