



Department of  
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## Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these locations:

### Schenectady County Public Library

99 Clinton Street  
Schenectady, NY 12305  
Call for hours: 518-388-4500

### NYSDEC 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

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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)

# FACT SHEET

## Brownfield Cleanup Program

Hamilton Hill II – Target Area 1

830 and 834 Albany Street  
Schenectady, NY 12307

**SITE No. C447052**

**NYSDEC REGION 4**

**November 2019**

## Environmental Cleanup to Begin at Brownfield Site

Action is about to begin that will address contamination related to the Hamilton Hill II – Target Area 1 Site (“site”) located at 830 and 834 Albany Street, Schenectady, Schenectady County (see the site location map below). The cleanup activities will be performed and paid for by Hamilton Hill II Limited Partnership (“applicant”) with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). NYSDEC has determined that the Remedial Work Plan (RWP) protects public health and the environment and has approved the plan.

- The approved RWP and other project documents can be accessed online using DECinfo Locator at: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C447052/>.
- The documents also are available at the locations identified to the left under “Where to Find Information.”

Remedial activities are expected to begin in November 2019 and last about three months.

**Highlights of the Upcoming Cleanup Activities:** The goal of the cleanup action for the site is to achieve cleanup levels that protect public health and the environment. The key components of the remedy are:

- Closing and removing underground storage tanks.
- Excavation and proper off-site disposal of contaminated fill material and soil across the entire site. Approximately half of the site will be excavated to depths of four feet below grade or less. The remainder of the site will be excavated to depths of 12 feet below grade or less. An estimated 5,000 cubic yards of material will be excavated. Excavation shoring may be required.
- Pumping of groundwater, if encountered in the excavation, to a temporary holding tank for treatment on-site as necessary, or disposal off-site.
- Collecting and analyzing end-point soil samples to confirm soil cleanup objectives (SCOs) are achieved.
- Importing clean material that meets the established SCOs for use as backfill.
- Decommissioning the monitoring wells installed across the site.
- Managing construction traffic and site security; and implementing stormwater and dust controls during cleanup activities.

A site-specific health and safety plan (HASP) and a Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) will be implemented during remediation activities. The HASP and CAMP establish procedures to protect on-site workers and residents and include required air monitoring as well as dust and odor suppression measures.

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**Next Steps:** After the applicant completes the cleanup activities, they will prepare a Final Engineering Report (FER) and submit it to NYSDEC. The FER will describe the cleanup activities completed and certify that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved.

When NYSDEC is satisfied that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved for the site, it will approve the Final Engineering Report. NYSDEC will then issue a Certificate of Completion to the applicant. The applicant would be able to redevelop the site in conjunction with receiving a Certificate of Completion. In addition, the applicant would be eligible for tax credits to offset the costs of performing cleanup activities and for redevelopment of the site.

NYSDEC will issue a fact sheet that describes the content of the Final Engineering Report. The fact sheet will identify any institutional controls (for example, deed restrictions) or engineering controls (for example, a site cover) necessary at the site in relation to the issuance of the Certificate of Completion.

**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 tax lots. 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 previously contained residential and commercial structures, including a dry cleaner, which were recently demolished. The site is currently vacant and fenced off. The surrounding area is mixed use residential and commercial. The proposed use after redevelopment is restricted residential, including low to moderate income multi-family housing.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C447052) at:

<http://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 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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***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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Sign up to receive site updates by email:

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

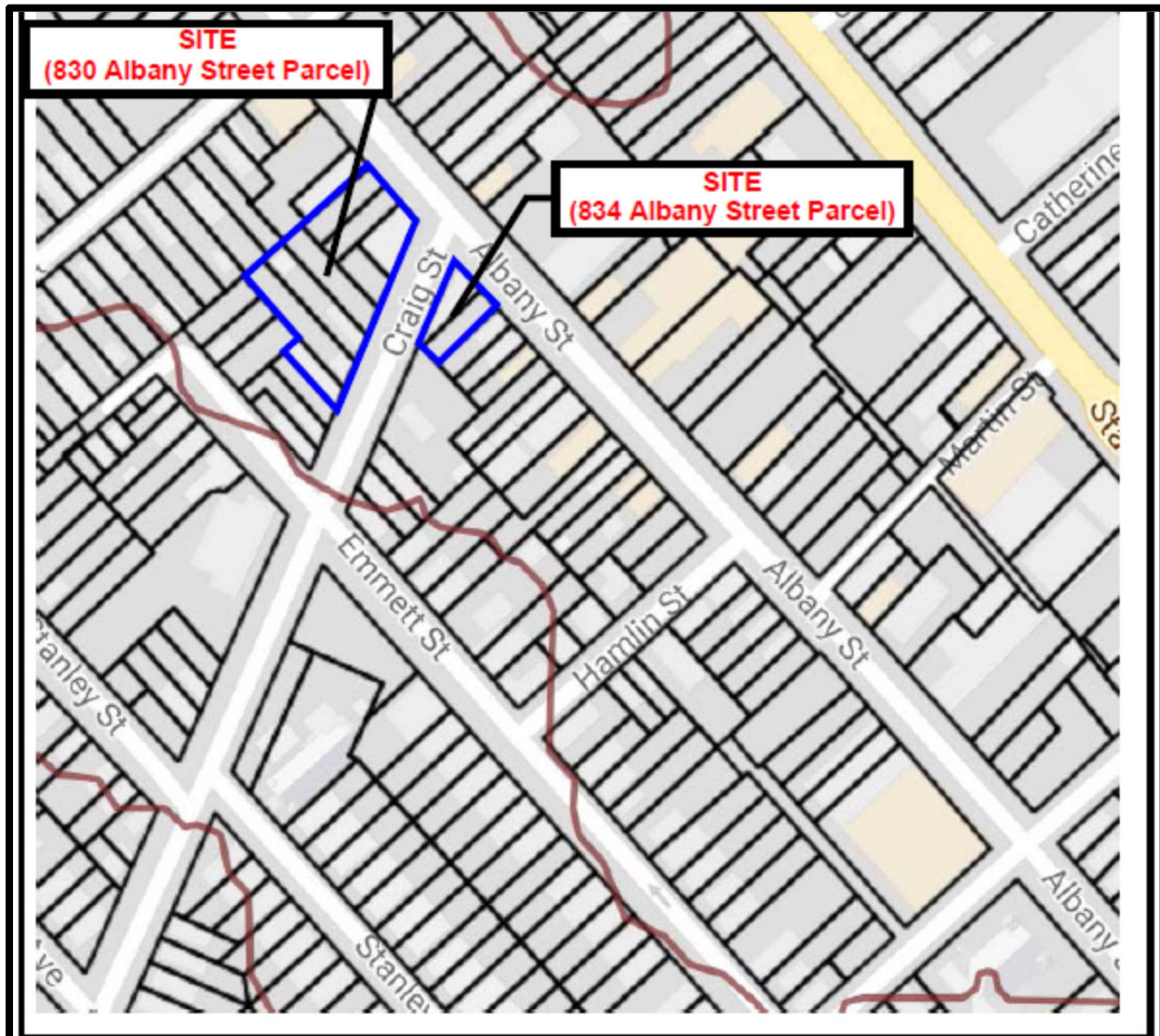
Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

## DECinfo Locator

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

# BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM

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.