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

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**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

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**Site Name:** 53 Putnam Street  
**DEC Site #:** C546057  
**Address:** 53 Putnam Street  
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Have questions?  
See  
"Who to Contact"  
Below

## Draft 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 53 Putnam Street site ("site") located at 53 Putnam Street, Saratoga Springs, Saratoga County. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information."

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's website at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=C546057>

### 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 by Putnam Resources, LLC ("applicant(s)") with oversight by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

### How to Comment

NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the draft investigation work plan for 30 days, from **December 13, 2017** through **January 12, 2018**. The proposed plan is available for review at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information." Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area below.

### 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. The investigation will focus on the collection of environmental samples (soil, groundwater, soil vapor) and analyze them for a variety of possible contaminants and for other environmental data.

## **Next Steps**

NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the work plan. NYSDOH must concur with the plan. The approved work plan will be made available to the public (see “Where to Find Information” below). After the work plan is approved, the activities detailed in the work plan will be implemented.

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

After the investigation, 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. NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

## **Background**

### **Location:**

The 53 Putnam Street site is located in an urban area along the west side of Putnam Street within the Business District of the City of Saratoga Springs, New York. The site is north of the intersection of Putnam and Phila Streets and south of the intersection of Putnam and Gardner Streets.

### **Site Features:**

The approximate 0.3-acre property consists of a single-story masonry building which occupies most of the rectangular shaped property. The interior of the building is primarily a large open bay area with a smaller room on the west end of the building for the former boiler room. The former boiler room floor consists of a thin (1 to 2-inches), crumbling concrete pad. The floor of the large bay area is a combination of gravel and crushed concrete. Access to the bay area is via a large overhead door located along Putnam Street. The building currently is empty.

### **Current Zoning and Land Use:**

The site is zoned for commercial use and residential accessory use (with City approval), and is currently inactive and vacant. The surrounding parcels are currently used for commercial use and may potentially provide residential accessory use according to zoning. The nearest residential neighborhood is approximately 400 feet to the east of the site.

### **Past Use of the Site:**

The current one-story, concrete block, slab-on-grade building was constructed in 1905. The property was initially used as an ice skating rink during the winter months and a garage during the summer. The property is listed in the 1925 City Directory as doing business as a “Steam Laundry”. The 1932 City Directory and the Sanborn Map list the site again as Laundry. The 1954 Sanborn Map of the area lists the site as a Laundry/Dry Cleaners. The City Directory listings indicate that the site was vacant or not listed between the late 1960’s to 1986. In 1986 C&B Sanitation used the site as a parking garage for waste hauling vehicles, however, it is assumed that the site has been vacant since truck storage operations ceased on or about the early 2000’s.

According to the Sanborn Maps for the location, several underground petroleum storage tanks were shown to be present on the property. In January 2002, a former 10,000-gallon No. 6 fuel oil Underground Storage Tank (UST) was removed from the area immediately west of the building. In March 2002, approximately 173 tons of petroleum impacted soil was removed from the vicinity of the former No. 6 fuel oil UST. NYSDEC spill #0109572 was issued in association with the aforementioned tank removal and documented soil impacts.

#### Site Geology and Hydrogeology:

The site is covered by a layer of fill material ranging from approximately eight (8) to twelve (12) feet thick. The fill generally consists of coarse-medium-fine sand with varying amounts of silt and gravel. The fill also contains brick, cinders and slag. Beneath the fill is soil consisting primarily of coarse-medium-fine sand with varying amounts of gravel, silt and clay. Layers of organic peat ranging in thickness from less than one (1) inch to as much as two (2) feet are present in the sand.

The depth to groundwater ranges from approximately six (6) to nine (9) feet below the current floor and approximately eight (8) to ten (10) feet below grade surface to the west of the building footprint. Groundwater flow in the vicinity of the building is to the south, east and southeast; however the variability of the groundwater measurements suggests that flow directions on a localized scale may vary depending on seasonal fluctuations and control exerted by subsurface structures and conditions.

**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: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

### Where to Find Information

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

Saratoga Springs Public Library  
49 Henry Street  
Saratoga Springs, NY 12866  
(518) 584-7860

Project documents are also available on the NYSDEC website at:  
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/37562.html>

## Who to Contact

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

### Project Related Questions

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Ray Brook, NY 12977-0296  
(518) 897-1366  
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### Site-Related Health Questions

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New York State Department of Health  
Empire State Plaza - Corning Tower Room 1787  
Albany, NY 12237  
(518) 402-7860  
BEEI@health.ny.gov

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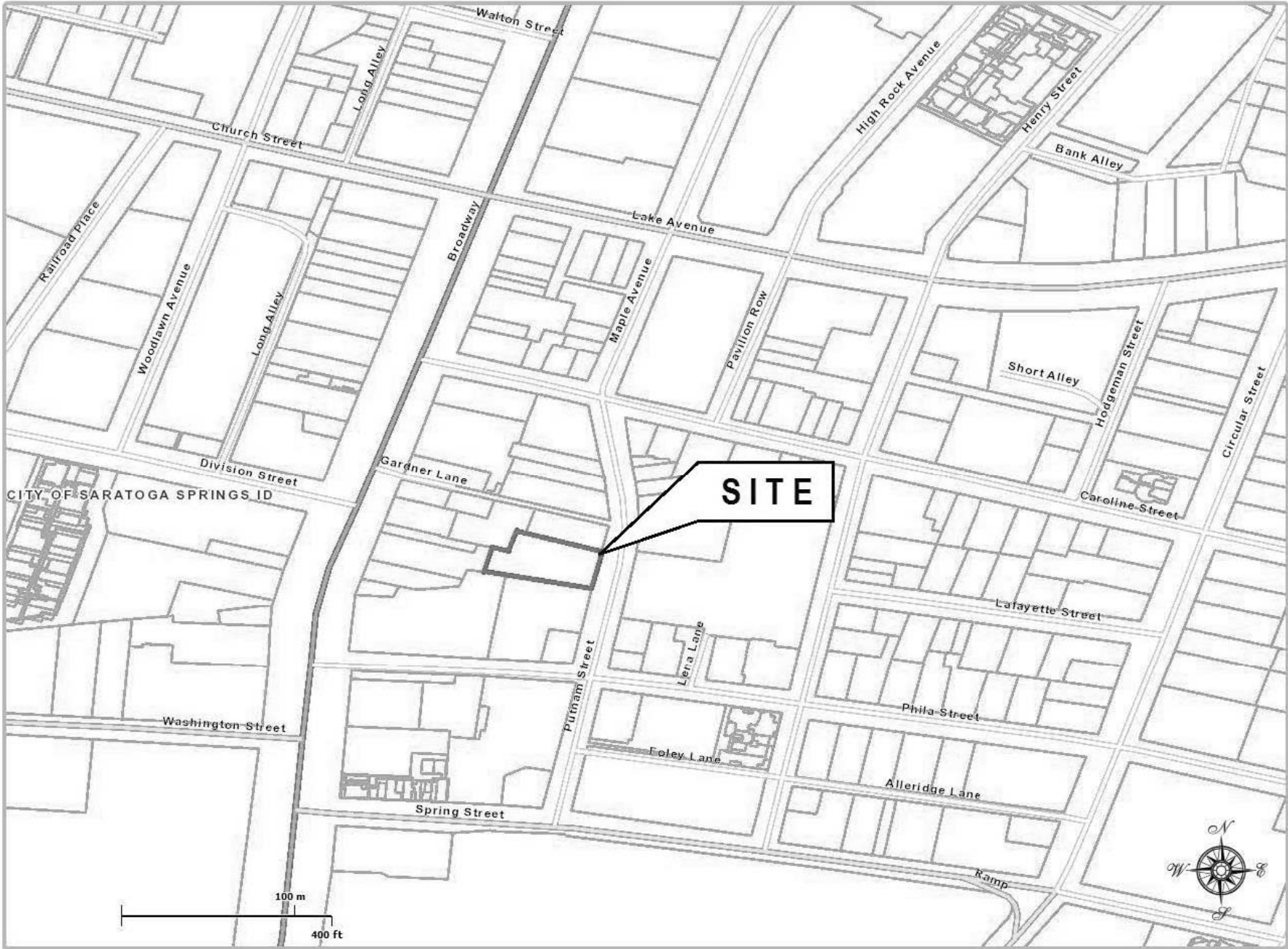
### **Receive Site Fact Sheets by Email**

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 available at the following web page: <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.

# SITE LOCATION MAP



Disclaimer: This map was prepared by the Saratoga County Internet Geographic Information System (GIS). The map was compiled using the most current GIS data available. The aerial photography (orthoimagery) was prepared by the N.Y.S. Office of Cyber Security and Critical Infrastructure Coordination during the year 2004-2011. Parcel and municipal boundaries are derived from tax maps and do not represent a land survey.

**53 PUTNAM STREET**  
**City of Saratoga Springs**  
**Saratoga County, New York**