

# Old Erie Commons

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Site No. C727015

Canastota, Madison County



Department of  
Environmental  
Conservation

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## Report Recommends Cleanup of Brownfield Site Contamination

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is reviewing the Remedial Investigation Report for the Old Erie Commons site ("site") located at 160 Center Street, Canastota, Madison County. Please see the map for the site location.

### Remedial Investigation Report

The Remedial Investigation Report (RIR) describes the results of the site investigation and recommends development of a cleanup plan to address the contamination that was found. The RIR was submitted by Old Erie Commons LLC ("applicant").

- Access the RIR and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C727015/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified under "Where to Find Information."

### Highlights of the Remedial Investigation Report

Semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) and metals were found in surface and subsurface soils at concentrations above use-specific soil cleanup objectives. The SVOCs and metals are mostly present within the historic fill material, which ranges from 0.5 to 5 feet in thickness below a shallow surficial topsoil layer (generally less than 1.5 feet thick). Contaminants identified above groundwater guidance values or standards included volatile organic compounds (VOCs), SVOCs, per- and polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS), and metals. VOCs and SVOCs are likely attributed to the historic fill material present across the site.

### Next Steps

NYSDEC will complete its review, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the investigation report. The approved report will be made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information"). The applicant may then develop a cleanup plan, called a "Remedial Action Work Plan." This plan describes how contamination will be addressed, with NYSDEC and NYSDOH overseeing the work. NYSDEC will present the draft 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 on 2.56 acres between Center Street and the former Erie Canal (now a portion of Pools Brook) in a developed residential, commercial, and industrial area of the Village of Canastota. The site is currently vacant and mainly covered with vegetation (grass

and wooded areas) except in the southern central portion of the site where a concrete slab and an associated pile of debris is present from the demolition of the former 5-story building completed in August 2011.

The site was historically utilized for various operations that involved varnishing, painting, and machining, including but not limited to casket manufacturing and boat building, for over 120 years. The redevelopment plan for the site includes the development of a pocket neighborhood and multi-building residential project that includes an onsite community area and commercial spaces. The proposed redevelopment would be required to meet a restricted-residential use cleanup objective.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C727015) at:

<https://appfactory.dec.ny.gov/DERExternalSearch/ERDSearch>

## 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://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/brownfield>

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## DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <https://dec.ny.gov/maps/interactive-maps/decinfo-locator>

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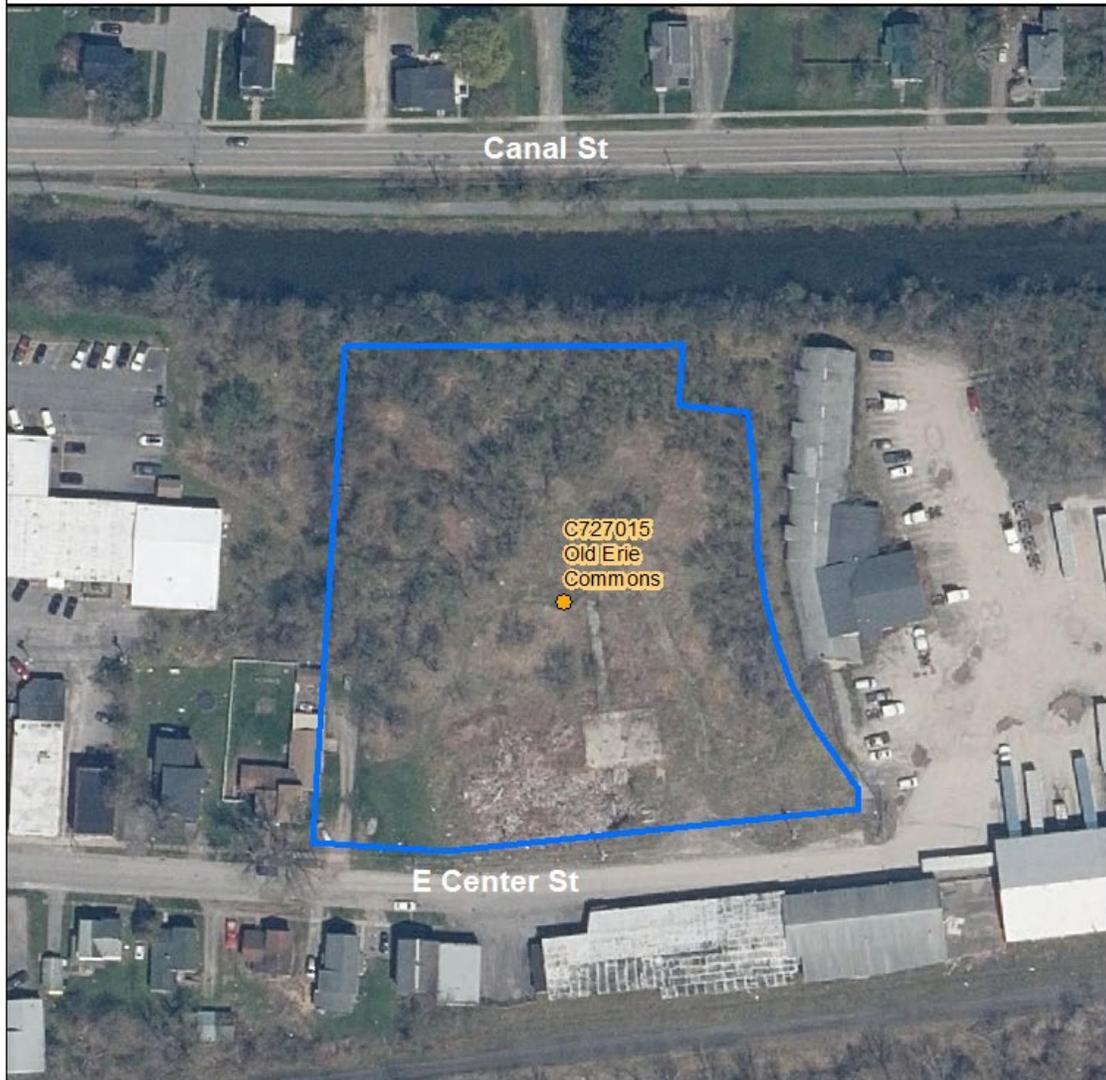
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### **Canastota Public Library**

102 West Center Street  
Canastota, NY 13032  
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## Site Location

### Old Erie Commons (Site No. C727015) Canastota, NY Site Location



#### Legend

- Remediation Site
- Site Border

0 50 100 200 Feet



1 inch = 100 feet



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