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**Site Name:** Former Camillus Cutlery Company Site

**DEC Site #:** C734142

**Address:** 52 & 54 Genesee Street  
Camillus, New York 13031

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## Cleanup Action to Begin at Former Camillus Cutlery Brownfield Site

Action is about to begin that will address the contamination related to the Former Camillus Cutlery Company Site ("Site") located at 52 & 54 Genesee Street, Camillus, Onondaga County under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program. Please see the map for the site location.

Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the locations identified below under "Where to Find Information."

The cleanup activities will be performed by Camillus Mills, LLC (applicant) with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC).

### 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 cleanup actions for the site include:

1. **Site Cover-** A site cover will be required to allow for restricted-residential and/or commercial use of the site, though use is governed by local zoning. The cover will consist of either the structures such as buildings, pavement and sidewalks comprising the site development, or a soil cover in areas where the upper two feet of exposed surface soil exceed the applicable soil cleanup objectives (SCOs). Where a soil cover is required, it will be a minimum of two feet of soil, meeting the SCOs for cover material. The soil cover will be placed over a demarcation layer, with the upper six inches of the soil of sufficient quality to maintain a vegetation layer. Any fill material brought to the site will meet the requirements for the identified site use.
2. **Vapor Mitigation-** Existing and any future on-site buildings will be required to have a sub-slab depressurization system, or a similar engineered system to prevent the migration of vapors into the buildings from soil and groundwater. The vapor mitigation system, also known as a soil vapor extraction (SVE) which is similar in concept and operation of a radon mitigation system, will be installed within the West building.

3. Institutional Control- Imposition of an institutional control in the form of an environmental easement for the controlled property which will:

- require the remedial party or site owner to complete and submit to the NYSDEC a periodic certification that institutional and engineering controls are in place;
- allow the use and development of the controlled property for restricted-residential and commercial use, although land use is subject to local zoning laws;
- restrict the use of groundwater as a source of potable or process water without necessary water quality treatment as determined by the NYS Department of Health or County Department of Health; and
- require compliance with the NYSDEC-approved Site Management Plan.

### **Next Steps**

After the applicant completes the cleanup activities, they will prepare a Final Engineering Report and submit it to NYSDEC. The Final Engineering Report 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 after receiving a Certificate of Completion. In addition, the applicant:

- would have no liability to the State for contamination at or coming from the site, subject to certain conditions; and
- would be eligible for tax credits to offset the costs of performing cleanup activities and for redevelopment of the site.

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

### **Background**

#### **Location:**

The Former Camillus Cutlery Company site is located at 52 & 54 Genesee Street, in the Village of Camillus, Onondaga County. The site is in an urban setting among a mix of retail, light commercial and residential properties. Residential homes border the site to the west and north, Nine-mile Creek borders the site to the east, and Genesee Street (Main Street- RT 5) borders the site to the south.

#### **Site Features:**

The approximate 4.28 acre property is occupied by a two story former cutlery building referred to as the West Building which has a footprint area of 45,600 square feet. The concrete floor slab of another former cutlery building (the 88,957 square foot East Building) which was destroyed in a fire in 2013 is also found on the site. The majority of the remaining property consists of paved parking areas and drive lanes. An important natural feature is Nine Mile Creek that borders the site to the east.

#### Current Zoning and Land Use:

The property is currently vacant and zoned commercial. The nearest residential area is adjacent to the western and northern site boundaries.

#### Past Use of Site:

Manufacturing operations at the Cutlery began during the 1890s and continued until the early 2000s. Throughout its history, the facility produced primarily knives, with secondary products including but not limited to machetes, marlin spikes and surgical scalpels. During operations, the facility generated wastes from tempering, grinding, plating and etching processes. The cutlery ceased operation in 2007. The Remedial party, Camillus Mills LLC, purchased the site in October 2011 and applied for the Brownfield Cleanup Program in 2012.

**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 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: [www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html)

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

### Where to Find Information

Project documents are available at the following locations to help the public stay informed.

Maxwell Memorial Library  
Attn: Katy Benson  
14 Genesee Street  
Camillus, New York 13031  
Phone: (315) 672-3661

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation  
Region 7 Office, Division of Remediation  
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### Who to Contact

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

#### Project Related Questions

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