



Department of
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FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Harbor View Square
68 West First Street
Oswego, NY 13126
SITE No. C738040
DEC REGION 7

November 2018

Environmental Cleanup to Begin at Brownfield Site

Where to Find Information:

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

Oswego Public Library

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For more information about New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

Action is about to begin that will address soil contamination related to the Harbor View Square site ("site") located at 68 West First Street, City of Oswego, Oswego County. Please see the map below for the site location. Cleanup activities will be performed by Harbor View Square, LLC ("applicant") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). DEC approved the Soil Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) after determining the plan is adequate to ensure proper implementation of the portions of the site remedy that target soil contamination.

The remedy for the site was previously selected by DEC under the Environmental Restoration Program (site ID E738040), Operable Unit 01 (On-site Area). The approved Soil RAWP and other site documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the locations identified to the left under "Where to Find Information." Soil remediation activities are expected to begin in November 2018 and will be conducted during the course of site redevelopment, which is expected to be on-going from November 2018 through spring 2020. The site redevelopment includes residential and commercial uses.

Highlights of the Upcoming Cleanup Activities: The goal of the soil cleanup action for the site is to achieve cleanup levels that protect public health and the environment. The key components of the remedy addressed by the Soil RAWP are listed below.

- Excavation and off-site disposal of soil impacted by the volatile organic compound (VOC) trichloroethene (TCE) and its degradation products. It is anticipated that the excavations will cover an area of approximately 7,600 square feet and extend to the top of bedrock, which varies in depth from approximately 2 or 3 feet below grade to approximately 10 feet below grade. Soil samples will be collected following excavation to ensure compliance with the cleanup requirements. Clean soil will be imported to backfill excavations and establish the designed site grading.
- Construction and/or maintenance of an acceptable cover across the site to prevent exposure to remaining contamination. The cover will consist of asphalt, concrete or at least two feet of clean soil. Some areas of the site are already covered with asphalt or concrete. If those areas are not disturbed during remediation or redevelopment, then the existing paving will constitute the site cover for those areas.

The Soil RAWP also includes procedures for managing excavations at the site conducted as part of the site redevelopment outside of the VOC excavation area described above.

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A site-specific health and safety plan (HASP) and a Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) will be implemented during all site excavations. The HASP and CAMP establish procedures to protect on-Site workers and the surrounding community and includes required air monitoring as well as dust suppression measures.

Next Steps: After the applicant completes cleanup activities, they will prepare a Construction Completion Report (CCR) and submit it to DEC. The CCR will describe the soil cleanup activities completed and certify that soil cleanup requirements have been achieved.

The applicant is also developing plans for implementing the groundwater remediation required by the site remedy.

After the applicant completes all cleanup activities, they will prepare a Final Engineering Report (FER) and submit it to DEC. When DEC is satisfied that all cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved for the site, it will approve the Final Engineering Report. DEC 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 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.

DEC will issue fact sheets to keep the public informed of the remedial process.

Site Description: The Harbor View Square site is located at 68 West First Street in the City of Oswego, Oswego County. It covers approximately 2.4 acres and consists of the block bounded by West First Street to the east, West Second Street to the west, West Schuyler Street to the south, and Lake Street to the north. The northern end of the site is covered by a grassy lawn area. The Oswego River is located approximately 390 feet to the east of the site, and flows north into Lake Ontario, which, at its nearest point, is located approximately 100 feet north of the site. There is an approximately 21,000 square-foot building located along the western boundary of the site. Most of the rest of the site is paved.

The site has been used for industrial purposes since at least 1880. Past industrial operations at the site include a tin ware

manufacturing facility, lumberyards, a planing mill, Oswego Casket Company, Global Match Company, machine shops and a wire manufacturing facility. Recently it has been used by the City of Oswego Department of Public Works which operates a metal fabricating workshop, a woodworking shop and an automobile maintenance shop at the site. The DPW also utilizes the site for seasonal storage of equipment, trucks and supplies.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C738040) at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

Brownfield Cleanup Program Overview: 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:

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

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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 have already signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

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Figure 1 – Site Location

