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## **Act Now to Continue Receiving Information About This Site!**

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

If you would like to continue to receive information about the contaminated site featured in this fact sheet:

**You must sign up for the DER email listserv:**

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

DER cannot register your email address - only the email address owner can do so. If you already have signed up for the listserv for the county in which the site is located, you need do nothing.



### **Why You Should Go “Paperless”:**

- ☒ Get site information faster and share it easily;
- ☒ Receive information about all sites in a chosen county - read what you want, delete the rest;
- ☒ It helps the environment and stretches your tax dollars.

**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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## Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator:  
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C738045/>.

Repositories are temporarily unavailable due to COVID-19 precautions. If you cannot access the online repository, please contact the NYSDEC project manager listed below for assistance.

**Oswego Public Library**  
120 E 2nd Street  
Oswego, NY 13126  
Phone # (315) 341-5867

## Who to Contact

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

**Project-Related Questions**  
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**Project-Related Health Questions**  
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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

Midtown Plaza

18 East Cayuga Street and  
83-87 East First Street  
Oswego, NY 13126

**SITE No. C738045**

**NYSDEC REGION 7**

**September 2020**

## Report Recommends Cleanup of Brownfield Site Contamination

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is reviewing the Remedial Investigation Report for the Midtown Plaza site ("site") located at 18 East Cayuga Street and 83-87 East First Street Oswego, Oswego 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 remedy to address the contamination that was found. The RIR was submitted by LaBella Associates on behalf of East Lake Commons LLC ("applicant").

- Access the RIR and other project documents online at the locations identified at left under "Where to Find Information."

**Highlights of the Remedial Investigation Report:** Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), lead and mercury were found in subsurface soils at concentrations above restricted residential soil cleanup objectives. The PAHs and metals are present at depths up to 8.5 feet below grade and are likely the result of past site uses and historic fill, which is present throughout the site. Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) were detected in groundwater above groundwater standards and guidance values and is potentially attributed to an off-site location. Further investigation will be conducted related to the off-site location.

**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" at left). The applicant may then develop a cleanup plan, called a Remedial 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.

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**Site Description:** The site is located within the City of Oswego, and is bounded by East Cayuga Street to the north, East Bridge Street to the south, East Second Street to the east and East First Street to the west. The site is comprised of two parcels that total 2.03 acres. The site is currently utilized as a commercial property with one two-story commercial building constructed in 1966 and a concrete parking lot that was a former parking garage. The plaza previously housed numerous commercial tenants, but several spaces have been vacant for years. The upper deck of the former parking garage structure was demolished in May 2015 due to safety considerations and the lower deck remains at grade with East First Street. The area is serviced by municipal water.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C738045) at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/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 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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*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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## Stay Informed With DEC Delivers

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>

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Site Location Map

