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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

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.



Department of
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FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Midtown Plaza

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

April 2021

SITE No. C738045

NYSDEC REGION 7

Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the
DECinfo Locator:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C738045/> and at this location:

Oswego Public Library

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

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

Who to Contact

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

Project-Related Questions

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

Remedy Proposed for Brownfield Site Contamination; Public Comment Period Announced

The public is invited to comment on a proposed remedy being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), to address contamination related to the Midtown Plaza site ("site") located at 18 East Cayuga Street and 83-87 East First Street, Oswego, Oswego County. Please see the map below for the site location.

Based on the findings of the remedial investigation, NYSDEC, in consultation with NYSDOH, determined that the site does not pose a significant threat to public health or the environment. This decision is based on the nature of the existing contaminants identified at the site.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a "Draft Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP)" for 45 days, from **April 07 through May 22, 2021.**

- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."
- Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area at left.

Draft Remedial Work Plan: The proposed Restricted Residential Use remedy consists of:

- Placement of a cover system, including a demarcation layer over areas without hardscape (buildings, asphalt or concrete) to address contamination remaining above restricted residential use soil cleanup objectives;
- Importing of clean backfill material that meets the established soil cleanup objectives;
- Implementation of long-term monitoring of volatile organic compounds (VOC) and semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOC) in groundwater;
- Installation of an active sub-slab depressurization system, or other acceptable measures will be required for any on-site building;
- Implementation of a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities;
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) would also be required for long term maintenance of the remedial systems; and
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of the site.

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The proposed remedy was developed by East Lake Commons LLC (“applicant”) after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). A Remedial Investigation Report, that describes the results of the site investigation was submitted and is available for review at the locations identified on Page 1.

Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the cleanup plan as necessary, and issue a final Decision Document. NYSDOH must concur with the proposed remedy. After approval, the proposed remedy becomes the selected remedy. The applicant may then design and perform the cleanup action to address the site contamination, with oversight by NYSDEC and NYSDOH.

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

Site Description: The 2.03-acre site is comprised of two parcels located in the City of Oswego and 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 was formerly used 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. Prior to the former building, the site housed multiple automotive repair facilities and machine shops that contributed to site contamination. 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:

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

Summary of the Investigation: 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 are likely the result of past site uses and historic fill and are present throughout the site. Volatile organic compounds were detected in groundwater above groundwater standards and guidance values and are potentially attributed to an off-site location. Further investigation will be conducted related to the off-site location.

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

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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DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>

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Site Location

