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## Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at the location listed below:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C738046/>

### Oswego Public Library

120 East Second Street  
Oswego, NY 13126  
315-341-5867  
Attn: Edward Elsner

*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

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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

### Former Breneman Site

8 East Utica St (220 E First St)  
Oswego, NY 13126

**SITE No. C738046**

**NYSDEC REGION 7**

**August 2020**

## NYSDEC Certifies Cleanup Requirements Achieved at Brownfield Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has determined that the cleanup requirements to address contamination related to the Former Breneman Site ("site") located at 8 East Utica Street (aka 220 East First Street) in Oswego, Oswego County, under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program have been or will be met. Please see the map below for site location.

The cleanup activities were performed by Canalview Development LLC ("applicant") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). NYSDEC has approved a Final Engineering Report (FER) and issued a Certificate of Completion (COC) for the site.

- Access the FER, Notice of COC, and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:
- <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C738046/>.
- The documents also are available at the location identified at left under "Where to Find Information."

**Completion of the Project:** The following activities have been or will be completed to achieve the remedial action objectives:

- In-situ Chemical Oxidation – An area of subsurface petroleum contamination was treated by injecting chemicals into the subsurface that break down the contaminants into less toxic or non-toxic compounds.
- Site Cover System – A cover system is in place to prevent exposure to remaining contamination. The northeast portion of the site was remediated for restricted-residential use. A two-foot clean soil cover system was constructed over that area, except for an area where an existing concrete building slab was already in place. The southern and western portions of the site were remediated for commercial use. A one-foot clean soil cover system was constructed over a portion of the commercial use area where contaminants exceeded cleanup objectives in the top foot.
- Environmental Easement (EE) – An EE was recorded for the site that allows for restricted-residential use for a portion of the site (which also allows for commercial or industrial use), and commercial use for the rest of the site (which also allows for industrial use). The EE requires adherence to a Site Management Plan to prevent future exposure to contamination remaining at the site
- Site Management Plan (SMP) – An SMP was developed and will be implemented for long-term management of remaining contamination as required by the EE.

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**Final Engineering Report Approved:** NYSDEC has approved the FER, which:

- 1) Describes the cleanup activities completed.
- 2) Certifies that cleanup requirements have been or will be achieved for the site.
- 3) Describes any institutional/engineering controls to be used. An *institutional control* is a non-physical restriction on use of the site, such as a deed restriction, when contamination left over after the cleanup action makes the site suitable for some, but not all uses. An *engineering control* is a physical barrier or method to manage contamination such as a cap or vapor barrier.
- 4) Certifies that a site management plan for any engineering controls used at the site has been approved by NYSDEC.

The following institutional controls have been put in place on the site:

- Site Management Plan
- Groundwater Use Restriction
- Land Use Restriction
- Environmental Easement

The following engineering controls have been put in place on the site:

- Cover System
- Groundwater Monitoring Wells and Injection Wells

**Next Steps:** With its receipt of a COC, the applicant is eligible to redevelop the site. In addition, the applicant:

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

A COC may be modified or revoked if, for example, there is a failure to comply with the terms of the order or agreement with NYSDEC.

**Site Description:** The site is located at the southwest corner of the intersection of East Utica Street and East First Street (State Route 481) in the City of Oswego. The site covers approximately 2.1 acres of vacant land. The site is surrounded by residential and commercial properties to the north and east, and a park and the Oswego River and Canal to the west. Prior industrial use of the site resulted in

contamination of the soil and groundwater with petroleum; petroleum-related compounds (including benzene, ethylbenzene, and others); semi-volatile organic compounds; metals (including barium, lead, and mercury); polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs); and cyanide. The site contamination has been addressed by the remedial actions discussed above.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C738046) at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/extapps/derexternal/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 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 NYSDEC 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](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

