

Interim Remedial Measures Completed; No Further Action Proposed at Brownfield Site

Public Comment Period and Public Availability Session Announced

Public Availability Session

Monday 11/16/2026 from 4:00-7:00 PM

Clarion Inn, 760 E Water Street, Elmira, NY 14901

DEC invites you to a public availability session to discuss the proposed no further action cleanup plan for the site. You are encouraged to provide comments at the meeting, and during the 45-day comment period described in this fact sheet.

Language interpretation services shall be made available to persons with limited English proficiency, including American Sign Language, at no cost. Requests must be received 10 calendar days before the meeting, but DEC will make every effort to fulfill requests received closer to the hearing date. Requests can be directed to DEC by mail (address: NYSDEC, 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233-1010), e-mail (language@dec.ny.gov), or phone (518) 485-7358.

The public is invited to comment on the proposed no further action cleanup for the Former Sperry Remington Property – North Portion site (“site”) located at 777 South Main Street, Elmira, Chemung County. Please see the map for the site location.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (DOH), is reviewing a report that recommends No Further Action (NFA) at the site. The NFA report, called a Draft Remedial Work Plan (RWP) and dated 10/19/2026, was prepared and submitted to DEC by Unisys Corporation (collectively the “applicant”).

How to Comment

DEC is accepting written comments about the Draft Remedial Work Plan (RWP), for 45 days, from **October 21 through December 5, 2026.**

- Access the draft Remedial Investigation Report (RIR) and draft RWP with Alternatives Analysis (AA), and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C808022/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified under “Where to Find Information.”
- Please submit comments to the DEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the “Contact Information” area.

Proposed No Further Action Cleanup

The no further action proposal is based on the completion of several expedited cleanups known as Interim Remedial Measures (IRMs). The IRMs were conducted between 2017 and 2024 in conjunction with the Remedial Investigation. The completed IRMs included:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated soil exceeding the restricted residential soil cleanup objectives (SCOs);
- Collection and analysis of post-remedial soil and groundwater samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy;
- Importing clean material that meets the applicable SCOs for use as backfill;
- Installation of sub-slab depressurization systems;
- Installation of a site cover system; and
- Implementation of a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities to ensure protection of site workers and community members.

When the IRMs were completed, samples were collected to confirm that remaining soil meets the applicable SCOs. Impacts remaining in place below the two-foot cover system will be managed under the Site Management Plan. The Site Management Plan will also ensure that the IRMs will remain protective in the future. The applicant has submitted Construction Completion Reports for DEC and DOH review to document that cleanup requirements have been achieved to fully protect public health and the environment for the proposed site use.

Next Steps

DEC will consider public comments, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the report and its no further action recommendation. The approved report will be made available to the public under “Where to Find Information” on Page 1 of this fact sheet.

When the report and other final documents are approved, DEC will issue a “Certificate of Completion” (COC) to the applicant. Upon receiving the COC, the applicant would be eligible for tax credits to offset the costs of performing cleanup activities.

Site Description

The site is located at 777 South Main Street in the city of Elmira, Chemung County, and occupies an area of approximately 26.21 acres. The property is currently used as the Elmira City School District High School. The site is bounded to the north by West Miller Street, to the south by the Former Sperry Remington Property - North Portion - 2, site C808054 and Southern Tier Commerce Center, and to the west by South Main Street. An active rail line is directly east of the site. The 26.211-acre site comprises the north portion of an original 83-acre parcel which was used for industrial manufacturing activities from 1887 until 1977. From 1887 to 1909, B.W. Payne & Sons produced high speed steam engines. Morrow Manufacturing made drill-chucks, machine parts, and a line of tools from 1909 to 1935. Remington Rand manufactured typewriters from 1936 until the facility closed in 1972. Between 1972 and 1977, the former Remington Rand plant was decommissioned and demolished. Sperry Rand (successor to Remington Rand) conveyed the property to the Chemung County Industrial Development Agency in 1973. In 1977, Chemung County Industrial Development Agency conveyed the property to Westinghouse, and that same day Westinghouse conveyed that property to Elmira City School District. Construction of the high school began in 1979.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C808022) at:

<https://appfactory.dec.ny.gov/DERExternalSearch/ERDSearch>

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://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/brownfield>

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<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/regional-remediation-project-information/environmental-cleanup-email-newsletters>

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: <https://dec.ny.gov/maps/interactive-maps/decinfo-locator>

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WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION

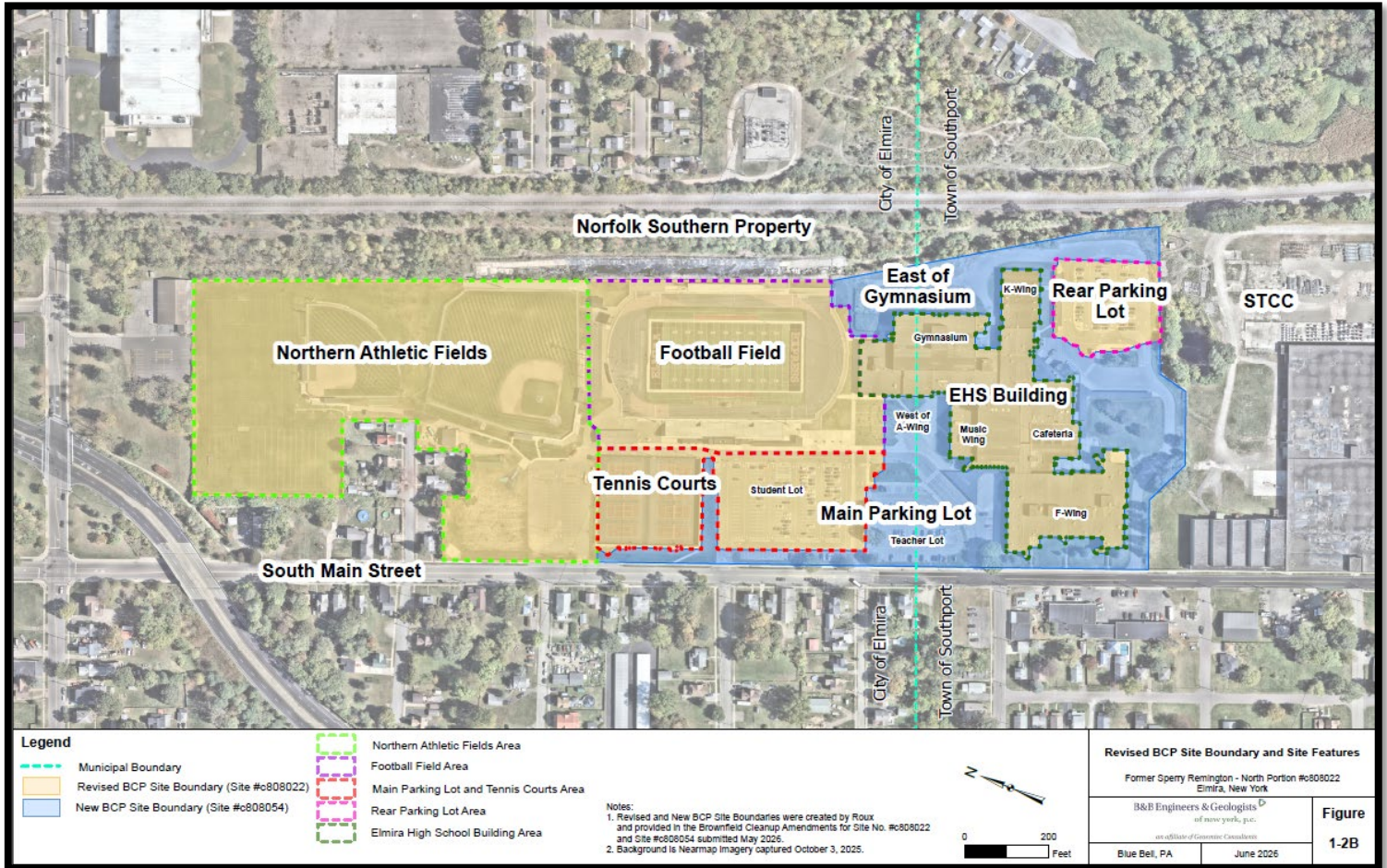
Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):
<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C808022/>

Steele Memorial Library
101 East Church Street
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Site Location

Site C808022

Former Sperry Reminton Property – North Portion





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