



FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

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Site Name: Volunteers of America Back Lot Site
DEC Site #: C828126
Address: 214 Lake Avenue
Rochester, New York 14608

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Cleanup Action Completed at Brownfield Site

Action has been completed to address the contamination related to the Volunteers of America Back Lot Site ("site") located at 214 Lake Avenue, Rochester, Monroe County under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program. Please see the map for the site location.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's website at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=C828126>

The cleanup activities were performed by Volunteers of America of Western New York, Inc. ("applicant(s)") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). The applicant(s) have submitted a draft Final Engineering Report for NYSDEC review which states that cleanup requirements have been or will be achieved to fully protect public health and the environment for the proposed site use.

Highlights of the Site Cleanup:

- Remedial activities occurred from May 2016-September 2017.
- Excavation and off-site disposal of petroleum impacted soil/fill material.
- Clean fill material that met the Department's requirements was imported to the site to backfill the excavation area and re-establish the grade of the site.
- A site cover is required to allow for restricted residential use of the site. The cover consists of two feet soil/fill material and/or asphalt pavement.
- An environmental easement, which is known as an institutional control, has been placed on the property. The environmental easement restricts the use of the site to restricted residential use and restricts the use of on-site groundwater.

- A Site Management Plan is required for the site. The Site Management Plan includes an Institutional and Engineering Control Plan, an Excavation Plan that details how future excavations must be managed at the site, an inspection and reporting schedule for the site, and a groundwater monitoring plan.

Next Steps

When NYSDEC approves the Final Engineering Report, it will be made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information" below). NYSDEC then will issue a Certificate of Completion which will be announced in a fact sheet that is sent to the site contact list.

The applicant(s) would be able to redevelop the site after receiving a Certificate of Completion. In addition, the applicant(s):

- 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.

A Certificate of Completion may be modified or revoked if, for example, an applicant does not comply with the terms of its Brownfield Cleanup Agreement with NYSDEC.

Background

Location: This site is located on the rear parcel of 214 Lake Avenue and 18 Ambrose Street including Haidt Place in an urban area of the City of Rochester, Monroe County.

Site Features: The site includes portions of a paved parking lot and vacant vegetated land associated with the adjacent Volunteers of America Human Services Complex. Other surrounding parcels include various commercial and industrial properties.

Current Zoning/Use: The site is currently inactive, and is zoned for commercial use. The surrounding parcels are currently used for a combination of commercial and light industrial uses.

Historical Use: A former deep ravine, which extends through roughly the center of the site from south to north, had been backfilled with historic fill. There are reports of landfilling at the site by RG&E. The site has also been used in the past for coal pile storage by RG&E, storage of parked cars by a former adjacent automobile dealership, and the storage and cleaning of empty containers by Kaplan Container Corporation.

Site Geology and Hydrogeology: The site consists of historic fill from the ground surface to depths ranging from 14 feet to greater than 45 feet below ground. A native glacial till is present below the historic fill and overlies the carbonate bedrock. The top of the groundwater table is present at depths ranging from about 18 to 43 feet below grade at the site. Overburden groundwater flows toward the former ravine from the west and east sides of the site and northerly through the ravine.

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>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

Central Library of Rochester and Monroe County
115 South Avenue
Rochester, New York 14604
Phone: 585-428-8000

NYSDEC Region 8 Office
6274 East Avon-Lima Road
Avon, New York 14414
Phone: 585-226-5354
Please call for an appointment

Who to Contact

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

Project Related Questions

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As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.





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Figure 1
Project Site Map
Site Management Plan
Volunteers of America- NYDEC site NO. C828126

 Site
Boundary