



Department of  
Environmental  
Conservation

# FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Oregon Road Site

Homer Street Extension  
Olean, NY 14760

**SITE No. C905045**

**NYSDEC REGION 9**

April 2020

## Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):

<https://gisservices-dev.dec.ny.gov/gis/dil/index.html?rs=C905045>

### Olean Public Library

134 N 2nd Street  
Olean, NY 14760  
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## Who to Contact

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

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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)

## 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 Oregon Road Site ("site") located at Homer Street Extension, Olean, Cattaraugus County. Please see the map for the site location.

Based on the findings of the investigation, NYSDEC in consultation with NYSDOH has determined that the site does not pose a significant threat to public health or the environment.

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a "Remedial Investigation/Alternatives Analysis Report (RI/AAR)" for 45 days, from **April 15 through May 30, 2020**.

- Access the RI/AAR and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C905045/>. 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 remedy consists of:

- Removing underground piping associated with oil storage at the site;
- Excavation and off-site disposal of soil containing mobile petroleum products;
- Treatment of surface soils to prevent the leaching of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) into groundwater;
- Installation of an absorptive subsurface barrier to treat PFAS contaminated groundwater and prevent off-site migration of contaminated groundwater;
- Construction of a site cover to prevent contact with soil remaining on-site exceeding commercial use soil cleanup objectives;
- Long-term site monitoring and maintenance to ensure that the remedy remains in place and effective;
- Filing of an environmental easement to restrict future use of the property to commercial or industrial uses.

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The proposed remedy was developed by Homer Street Properties, LLC (“applicant(s)”) after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). A “Remedial Investigation Report”, which describes the results of the site investigation was submitted concurrently with the Alternatives Analysis Report and is also 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(s) 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 site is a 24.57-acre site located in a mixed use industrial/commercial/residential area on Homer Street, Town of Olean, Cattaraugus County. The site is bound by undeveloped parcels to the north; Oregon Road and residential properties to the northeast; Homer Street and commercial properties, to the southeast; and a commercial property to the southwest. The site is currently vacant and has an asphalt access driveway connects the site to Homer Street. Two Mile Creek, a tributary to Allegheny River, bisects the southeastern portion of the site. The site is located at the northern limit of the ExxonMobil Legacy Site (EMLS). The EMLS operated as an oil refinery under several different names from approximately 1880 to the 1950s. The site has been vacant since approximately 1960.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C905045) at:

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

**Summary of the Investigation:** The primary contaminants of concern in on-site soil are petroleum-related semi-volatile

organic compounds (SVOCs), arsenic, PFAS, and soil containing petroleum product. The primary contaminants of concern in on-site groundwater are perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), and tentatively identified compounds (TICs) related to petroleum.

**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:  
<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

