



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Oregon Road Site

Oregon Road and Homer Street
Extension
Olean, NY 14760

Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the
DECinfo Locator

[https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/
C905045/](https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C905045/)

and at these location(s):

Olean Public Library

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**For more information about New
York's Brownfield Cleanup Program,
visit:**

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

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SITE No. C905045

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Cleanup Action Completed at Brownfield Site

Action has been completed to address the contamination related to the Oregon Road Site ("site") located on Oregon Road and Homer Street Extension, Olean, Cattaraugus County under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). Please see the map for the site location.

Cleanup activities were performed by Homer Street Properties, LLC ("applicant") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). The applicant has submitted a draft Final Engineering Report (FER) 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.

- Access project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C905045/>.
- The documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."

Highlights of the Site Cleanup: The following activities have been or will shortly be completed to achieve the remedial action objectives:

- Excavation - Excavation and off-site disposal of approximately 33,600 tons of grossly contaminated soil and approximately 800 tons of soil exceeding the site-specific cleanup criteria for polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs);
- Removal and off-site disposal of approximately 4,100 linear feet of former refinery piping, ranging from 2 to 12 inches in diameter;
- Clean fill meeting the criteria for commercial use was brought in to replace the excavated soil and to establish the design grades at the site;
- In-Situ (in-place) Stabilization (ISS) – ISS was performed on approximately 1,700 cubic yards of soil that exceeded leaching criteria for per- and polyfluorinated substances (PFAS) in surficial soils;
- In-Situ Groundwater Barrier – A liquid activated carbon barrier was injected below the water table in the southwest area of the site to prevent off-site migration of groundwater impacted by PFAS contamination;
- Site Cover System – A soil cover, placed over a demarcation layer, with the upper 6 inches of the soil of sufficient quality to maintain a vegetation layer has been placed over the site;

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- Development of a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long-term management of residual contamination as required by the Environmental Easement, including plans for: (1) Institutional and Engineering Controls (IC/ECs); (2) monitoring; (3) operation and maintenance; and (4) reporting; and
- An Environmental Easement was recorded to prevent future exposure to any contamination remaining at the site and to ensure implementation of the SMP.

Next Steps: When NYSDEC approves the FER, it will be made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information"). NYSDEC then will issue a Certificate of Completion (COC) that will be announced in a fact sheet. The applicant would be able to redevelop the site after receiving a COC. In addition, the applicant will be eligible for tax credits to offset a portion of the costs of performing cleanup activities and for redevelopment of the site.

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

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 connecting the site to Homer Street. Two Mile Creek, a tributary to the 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. Redevelopment plans for the site have not been finalized, but will likely consist of commercial business.

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:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/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 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>

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Sign up to receive site updates by email:

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: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>

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Site Location

