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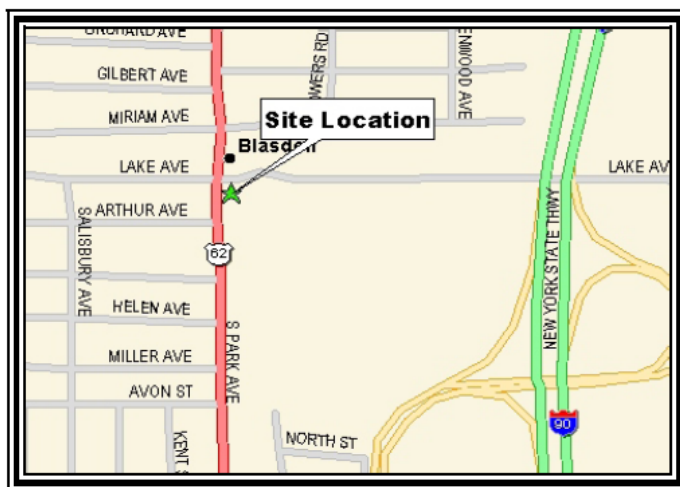
## Brownfield Cleanup Program

**Jonnie's Porta-Sign (CVS Blasdell Drug, LLC)**  
**3734 South Park Avenue, Blasdell, Erie County**

**C915192**  
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### NYSDEC Certifies Completion of Cleanup Activities at Former Jonnie's Porta-Sign Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has determined that CVS Blasdell Drug, LLC has completed cleanup activities and met cleanup objectives to address contamination at the former Jonnie's Porta-Sign site (current CVS Blasdell Drug, LLC pharmacy) located at 3734 South Park Avenue in the Village of Blasdell, Erie County. Cleanup work was performed under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). NYSDEC has issued a Certificate of Completion to CVS Blasdell Drug, LLC, which is now eligible to redevelop the site. A copy of the Certificate of Completion is available for public review at the locations listed on page 2 of this fact sheet.



#### CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

The Certificate of Completion issued by NYSDEC contains:

- 1) a description of the cleanup activities completed;
- 2) a certification that cleanup objectives have been or will be achieved;
- 3) the boundaries of the site;
- 4) a description of any institutional/engineering controls to be used. An *institutional control* is a non-physical restriction on use of the site, such as an environmental easement, when the cleanup action leaves residual contamination that 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;
- 5) a certification that an operation, monitoring and maintenance plan for any engineering controls used at the site has been approved by NYSDEC.

**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 and business.

A **brownfield** is any property that is difficult to reuse or redevelop because of the presence or potential presence of contamination.

For more information about the BCP, visit:  
[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html)

#### SITE BACKGROUND

The CVS Blasdell Drug site is a .58 acre property located in a mixed commercial and residential area of Blasdell. A gas station was formerly located at the site. An environmental investigation conducted at the site identified petroleum-related contamination in the site's soil and groundwater. The investigation also revealed that fill material on the site contained elevated levels of metals, and that several underground storage tanks (USTs) had been removed from the site.

In May 2005, the site was enrolled in the Brownfield Cleanup Program. Investigation and cleanup activities

conducted in 2005 included the following actions:

- Installing soil borings and monitoring wells to assess the location of suspected contamination;
- Digging test pits to detect the presence of USTs;
- Removing two abandoned petroleum fuel USTs, one waste oil UST, as well as UST piping and former fuel pump islands on the site;
- Excavating two in-ground hydraulic lifts;
- Excavating and disposing of approximately 2,822 cubic yards of petroleum-impacted soil associated with the USTs and hydraulic lifts;
- Excavating and disposing of approximately 998 cubic yards of fill material;
- Collecting samples following contaminated soil removal to confirm cleanup objectives had been met; and
- Backfilling contaminated soil excavations with clean soil and structural fill necessary for site redevelopment.

All contaminated material was properly disposed of at an off-site permitted facility. Metal from the USTs and hydraulic lifts were reclaimed as scrap metal. Following cleanup, residual contamination in the soil is now at levels acceptable for commercial redevelopment of the property. Cleaned up areas have been redeveloped into parking and landscape settings for a newly constructed pharmacy on an adjacent lot. An environmental easement will be established that will restrict the future use of the site to commercial use only.

### **NEXT STEPS**

NYSDEC issued the Certificate of Completion based on review and approval of a Remedial Action Report (RAR) submitted by CVS Blasdel Drug, LLC. The RAR described the cleanup activities completed and certified that cleanup requirements have been achieved for the site.

With its receipt of a Certificate of Completion, CVS Blasdel Drug, LLC is eligible to redevelop the site. In addition, CVS Blasdel Drug, LLC:

- 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 Certificate of Completion may be modified or revoked if, for example, the applicant does not comply with the terms of its Brownfield Cleanup Agreement with NYSDEC, or if the applicant commits fraud regarding its application or its certification that it has met cleanup levels.

### **LOCATIONS TO VIEW PROJECT RELATED DOCUMENTS**

DEC will place copies of the approved Remedial Action Report, as well as other relevant documents for this site, at the following locations:

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, R9 Office  
270 Michigan Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14203-2399  
(716) 851-7220  
(Mon-Fri, 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM – please call for appointment)

Blasdel Village Hall  
121 Miriam Avenue  
270Blasdel, NY  
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### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:

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