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September 25, 2019

Via Regular and Certified Mail

Mr. Bradford Burns
Environmental Easement Attorney
Bureau of Remediation
Office of General Counsel, 14th Floor
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-1500

Dear Mr. Burns:

Re:

In re: 1827 Fillmore Avenue

Executed Environmental Easement

Our File No.: 0379.21141 DEC Site No.: C915279

As you know, this office represents 1827 Fillmore, LLC in connection with the above-referenced Environmental Easement, which was granted on July 26, 2019. Enclosed herewith please find proof of filing from the Erie County Clerk demonstrating that said Environmental Easement was duly recorded on September 6, 2019.

Additionally, I enclose herewith an attorney affidavit of mailing and certified mail receipts establishing that this office has notified the relevant municipality of the Environmental Easement hereinabove referenced, in compliance with DEC regulations. As reflected in the enclosures, our office sent the Notice to Municipality less than thirty (30) days from our receipt of the recording receipt from the Erie County Clerk.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Jim O'Connor

Enclosures

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In re: 1827 Fillmore Site

Brownfield Cleanup Agreement Index No: C915279-10-178

Environmental Easement DEC Site No.: C915279

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss
COUNTY OF ERIE)

James R. O'Connor, Esq., being duly sworn, deposes and says:

- 1. That I am an attorney duly licensed in New York and employed by the law firm Rupp Baase Pfalzgraf Cunningham LLC, attorneys for 1827 Fillmore, LLC, in connection with the above-referenced Environmental Easement for certain premises known as 1827 Fillmore Avenue in the City of Buffalo, County of Erie, State of New York.
- 2. On September 25, 2019, I served a Notice of Environmental Easement, a copy of which is attached hereto, by certified mail, return receipt requested, on the following municipality:

Mr. Byron Brown Mayor, City of Buffalo Buffalo City Hall 65 Niagara Square Buffalo, NY 14202

by depositing a true copy of same, enclosed in a postage-paid and properly addressed envelope, in an official depository of the United States Postal Service within the State of New York

James R. O'Connor, Esq.

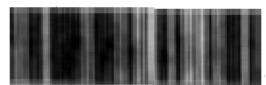
Sworn to before me on the 25th day of September, 2019

Notary Publié

SEAN M. ESFORD
Notary Public, State of New Yolk
No. 02ES6381664
Qualified in Erie County
Ay Commission Expires October 8, 20.2.



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VIA REGULAR MAIL AND CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Mr. Byron Brown Mayor, City of Buffalo Buffalo City Hall 65 Niagara Square Buffalo, NY 14202

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Dear Mayor Brown:

Re:

Notice to Municipality of Environmental Easement

1827 Fillmore Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14215

DEC Facility No.: C915279

Our File No.

0379.21141

Enclosed please find a copy of an environmental easement granted to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation ("Department") on July 26, 2019, by 1827 Fillmore, LLC for property located at Section 90, Block 13, Lot 1, Tax Map No. 11 of the City of Buffalo, County of Erie, in the State of New York. This property is also known as Lot 12, Township 11, Range 8 of the Holland Land Company's Survey, and more commonly known as 1827 Fillmore Avenue, Buffalo, New York.

Please note that the easement covers the entire parcel. The DEC Site Number for this property is C915279. As reflected on the attached Recording Page, this easement was recorded in the Erie County Clerk's Office on September 6, 2019.

This Environmental Easement restricts future use of the above-referenced property to restricted commercial and industrial uses. Any on-site activity must be done in accordance with the Environmental Easement and the Site Management Plan which is incorporated into the Environmental Easement. The Environmental Easement also restricts the use of groundwater as a source of potable or process water without necessary water quality treatment as determined by the New York State Department of Health or the Erie County Department of Health. Department approval is also required prior to any groundwater use.

Article 71, Section 71-3607 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law requires that:

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- 1. Whenever the department is granted an environmental easement, it shall provide each affected local government with a copy of such easement and shall also provide a copy of any documents modifying or terminating such environmental easement.
- 2. Whenever an affected local government receives an application for a building permit or any other application affecting land use or development of land that is subject to an environmental easement and that may relate to or impact such easement, the affected local government shall notify the department and refer such application to the department. The department shall evaluate whether the application is consistent with the environmental easement and shall notify the affected local government of its determination in a timely fashion, considering the time frame for the local government's review of the application. The affected local government shall not approve the application until it receives approval from the department.

An electronic version of every environmental easement that has been accepted by the Department is available to the public at: http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/36045.html.

Please forward this notice to your building and/or planning departments, as applicable, to ensure your compliance with these provisions of New York State Environmental Conservation Law.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

Jim O'Connor

Enclosure

ERIE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE



County Clerk's Recording Page

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Party 1:

1827 FILLMORE LLC

Party 2:

Recording Fees:

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SP MT/M-RAIL	\$0.00
NY STATE TT	\$0.00
ROAD FUND TT	\$0.00

Total: \$100.00

STATE OF NEW YORK ERIE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE

WARNING - THIS SHEET CONSTITUTES THE CLERK'S ENDORSEMENT REQUIRED BY SECTION 319&316-a (5) OF THE REAL PROPERTY LAW OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK. DO NOT DETACH. THIS IS NOT A BILL.

> Michael P. Kearns Erie County Clerk

ENVIRONMENTAL EASEMENT GRANTED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 71, TITLE 36 OF THE NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of New York has declared that it is in the public interest to encourage the remediation of abandoned and likely contaminated properties ("sites") that threaten the health and vitality of the communities they burden while at the same time ensuring the protection of public health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of New York has declared that it is in the public interest to establish within the Department a statutory environmental remediation program that includes the use of Environmental Easements as an enforceable means of ensuring the performance of operation, maintenance, and/or monitoring requirements and the restriction of future use of the land, when an environmental remediation project leaves residual contamination at levels tan have been determined to be safe for a specific use, but not all uses, or which includes engineered structures that must be maintained or protected against damage to perform properly and be effective, or which requires groundwater use or soil management restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of New York has declared that Environmental Easement shall mean an interest in real property, created under and subject to the provisons of Article 71, Title 36 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law ("ECL") which contains a use restriction and/or a prohibition on the use of land in a manner inconsistent with engineering controls which are intended to ensure the long term effectiveness of a site renedial program or eliminate potential exposure pathways to hazardous waste or petroleum; and

WHEREAS, Grantor, is the owner of real property located at the address of 1827 Filmore Avenue in the City of Buffalo, County of Eric and State of New York, known and designated on the tax map of the County Clerk of Eric as tax map parcel numbers: Section 90.13 Block! Lot 11, being the same as that property conveyed to Grantor by deed dated May 22, 2018 and reorded in the Eric County Clerk's Office in Liber and Page 11329/7689. The property subject to this Environmental Easement (the "Controlled Property") comprises approximately 17.11 +/ ares, and is hereinafter more fully described in the Land Title Survey dated June 3, 2019 prepard by Rosanne Frandina, L.L.S. of Frandina Engineering and Land Surveying, PC, which will be attached to the Site Management Plan. The Controlled Property description is set forth in and attached hereto as Schedule A; and

WHEREAS, the Department accepts this Environmental Easement in order to ensure the protection of public health and the environment and to achieve the requirements for remediation established for the Controlled Property until such time as this Environmental Easement is

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extinguished pursuant to ECL Article 71, Title 36; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and the terms and conditions of Brownfield Cleanup Agreement Index Number: C915279-10-17, Grantor conveys to Grantee a permanent Environmental Easement pursuant to ECL Article 71, Title 36 in, on, over, under, and upon the Controlled Property as more fully described herein ("Environmental Easement").

- 1. Purposes. Grantor and Grantee acknowledge that the Purposes of this Environmental Easement are: to convey to Grantee real property rights and interests that will run with the land in perpetuity in order to provide an effective and enforceable means of encouraging the reuse and redevelopment of this Controlled Property at a level that has been determined to be safe for a specific use while ensuring the performance of operation, maintenance, and/or monitoring requirements; and to ensure the restriction of future uses of the land that are inconsistent with the above-stated purpose.
- 2. <u>Institutional and Engineering Controls</u>. The controls and requirements listed in the Department approved Site Management Plan ("SMP") including any and all Department approved amendments to the SMP are incorporated into and made part of this Environmental Esement. These controls and requirements apply to the use of the Controlled Property, run with the land, are binding on the Grantor and the Grantor's successors and assigns, and are enforceable in law or equity against any owner of the Controlled Property, any lessees and any person using the Controlled Property.
 - A. (1) The Controlled Property may be used for:

Commercial as described in 6 NYCRR Part 375-1.8(g)(2)(iii) and Indutrial as described in 6 NYCRR Part 375-1.8(g)(2)(iv)

- (2) All Engineering Controls must be operated and maintained as specified in the Site Management Plan (SMP);
- (3) All Engineering Controls must be inspected at a frequency and in a manner defined in the SMP;
- (4) The use of groundwater underlying the property is prohibited without necessary water quality treatment as determined by the NYSDOH or the Erie County Department of Health to render it safe for use as drinking water or for industrial purposes, and the user must first notify and obtain written approval to do so from the Department;
- (5) Groundwater and other environmental or public health monitoring must be performed as defined in the SMP;
- (6) Data and information pertinent to Site Management of the Controlled Property must be reported at the frequency and in a manner defined in the SMP;
- (7) All future activities on the property that will disturb remaining contaminated material must be conducted in accordance with the SMP;

- (8) Monitoring to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy must be performed as defined in the SMP;
- (9) Operation, maintenance, monitoring, inspection, and reporting of any mechanical or physical components of the remedy shall be performed as defined in the SMP;
- (10) Access to the site must be provided to agents, employees or other representatives of the State of New York with reasonable prior notice to the property owner to assure compliance with the restrictions identified by this Environmental Easement.
- B. The Controlled Property shall not be used for Residential or Restricted Residential purposes as defined in 6NYCRR 375-1.8(g)(2)(i) and (ii), and the above-stated engineering controls may not be discontinued without an amendment or extinguishment of this Environmental Easement.
- C. The SMP describes obligations that the Grantor assumes on behalf of Grantor, its successors and assigns. The Grantor's assumption of the obligations contained in the SMP which may include sampling, monitoring, and/or operating a treatment system, and providing certified reports to the NYSDEC, is and remains a fundamental element of the Department's determination that the Controlled Property is safe for a specific use, but not all uses. The SMP may be modified in accordance with the Department's statutory and regulatory authority. The Grantor and all successors and assigns, assume the burden of complying with the SMP and obtaining as up-to-date version of the SMP from:

Site Control Section
Division of Environmental Remediation
NYSDEC
625 Broadway
Albany, New York 12233
Phone: (518) 402-9553

- D. Grantor must provide all persons who acquire any interest in the Contolled Property a true and complete copy of the SMP that the Department approves for the Contolled Property and all Department-approved amendments to that SMP.
- E. Grantor covenants and agrees that until such time as the Environmental Easment is extinguished in accordance with the requirements of ECL Article 71, Title 36 of the ECL the property deed and all subsequent instruments of conveyance relating to the Controlled Property shall state in at least fifteen-point bold-faced type:

This property is subject to an Environmental Easement held by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation pursuant to Title 36 of Article 71 of the Environmental Conservation

Law.

Grantor covenants and agrees that this Environmental Easement shall be incorporated in full or by reference in any leases, licenses, or other instruments granting a right to use the Controlled Property.

Grantor covenants and agrees that it shall, at such time as NYSDEC may require, submit to NYSDEC a written statement by an expert the NYSDEC may find acceptable certifying under penalty of perjury, in such form and manner as the Department may require, that:

the inspection of the site to confirm the effectiveness of the institutional and engineering controls required by the remedial program was performed under the direction of the

individual set forth at 6 NYCRR Part 375-1.8(h)(3).

the institutional controls and/or engineering controls employed at such site:

are in-place:

are unchanged from the previous certification, or that any identified (ii) changes to the controls employed were approved by the NYSDEC and that all controls are in the Department-approved format; and

that nothing has occurred that would impair the ability of such (iii)

control to protect the public health and environment;

the owner will continue to allow access to such real property to evaluate the continued maintenance of such controls;

nothing has occurred that would constitute a violation or failure to comply

with any site management plan for such controls:

the report and all attachments were prepared under the direction of, and reviewed by, the party making the certification;

to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, the work and conclusions described in this certification are in accordance with the requirements of the site remedial pagram, and generally accepted engineering practices; and

the information presented is accurate and complete.

- Right to Enter and Inspect. Grantee, its agents, employees, or other representatives of the 3. State may enter and inspect the Controlled Property in a reasonable manner and at reasonable irmes to assure compliance with the above-stated restrictions.
- Reserved Grantor's Rights. Grantor reserves for itself, its assigns, representative, and 4. successors in interest with respect to the Property, all rights as fee owner of the Property, including:
- Use of the Controlled Property for all purposes not inconsistent with, or limited by the terms of this Environmental Easement:
- The right to give, sell, assign, or otherwise transfer part or all of the underlying fee interest to the Controlled Property, subject and subordinate to this Environmental Easement;

5. Enforcement

This Environmental Easement is enforceable in law or equity in perpetuity by Grantor, Grantee, or any affected local government, as defined in ECL Section 71-3603, against

the owner of the Property, any lessees, and any person using the land. Enforcement shall not be defeated because of any subsequent adverse possession, laches, estoppel, or waiver it is not a defense in any action to enforce this Environmental Easement that: it is not appurtenant to an interest in real property; it is not of a character that has been recognized traditionally at common law; it imposes a negative burden; it imposes affirmative obligations upon the owner of any interest in the burdened property; the benefit does not touch or concern real property; there is no privity of estate or of contract; or it imposes an unreasonable restraint on alienation.

- B. If any person violates this Environmental Easement, the Grantee may revoke the Certificate of Completion with respect to the Controlled Property.
- C. Grantee shall notify Grantor of a breach or suspected breach of any of the terms of this Environmental Easement. Such notice shall set forth how Grantor can cure such breach or suspected breach and give Grantor a reasonable amount of time from the date of receipt of notice in which to cure. At the expiration of such period of time to cure, or any extensions ganted by Grantee, the Grantee shall notify Grantor of any failure to adequately cure the breach or suspected breach, and Grantee may take any other appropriate action reasonably necessary to remedy any breach of this Environmental Easement, including the commencement of any proceedings in accordance with applicable law.
- D. The failure of Grantee to enforce any of the terms contained herein shall not be deemed a waiver of any such term nor bar any enforcement rights.
- 6. Notice. Whenever notice to the Grantee (other than the annual certification) or approval from the Grantee is required, the Party providing such notice or seeking such approval shall identify the Controlled Property by referencing the following information:

County, NYSDEC Site Number, NYSDEC Brownfield Cleanup Agreement, State Assistance Contract or Order Number, and the County tax map number or the Liber and Page or computerized system identification number.

Parties shall address correspondence to:

Site Number: C915279 Office of General Counsel

NYSDEC 625 Broadway

Albany New York 12233-5500

With a copy to:

Site Control Section

Division of Environmental Remediation

NYSDEC 625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233

All notices and correspondence shall be delivered by hand, by registered mail or by Certifiednail and return receipt requested. The Parties may provide for other means of receiving and communicating notices and responses to requests for approval.

7. Recordation. Grantor shall record this instrument, within thirty (30) days of execution of this instrument by the Commissioner or her/his authorized representative in the office of the

recording officer for the county or counties where the Property is situated in the manner prescribed by Article 9 of the Real Property Law.

- 8. <u>Amendment.</u> Any amendment to this Environmental Easement may only be executed by the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation or the Commissioner's Designee, and filed with the office of the recording officer for the county or counties where the Property is situated in the manner prescribed by Article 9 of the Real Property Law.
- 9. Extinguishment. This Environmental Easement may be extinguished only by a release by the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, or the Commissioner's Designee, and filed with the office of the recording officer for the county or counties where the Property is situated in the manner prescribed by Article 9 of the Real Property Law.
- 10. <u>Joint Obligation</u>. If there are two or more parties identified as Grantor havin, the obligations imposed by this instrument upon them shall be joint and several.
- 11. <u>Consistency with the SMP</u>. To the extent there is any conflict or inconsistency between the terms of this Environmental Easement and the SMP, regarding matters specifically addressed by the SMP, the terms of the SMP will control.

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County: Erie Site No: C915279 Brownfield Cleanup Agreement Index: C915279-10-17 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has caused this instrument to be signed in its name. 1827 Fillmore LLC: Print Name: Stephen M. Gary Title: Manager Date: July 11, 2019 Grantor's Acknowledgment STATE OF NEW YORK) 88: **COUNTY OF** On the 11 day of July in the year 20 9, before me, the undersigned, personally appeared Skahen M. Gary, Sn., personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument, the individual(s) or the

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THIS ENVIRONMENTAL EASEMENT IS HEREBY ACCEPTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, Acting by and Through the Department of Environmental Conservation as Designee of the Commissioner,

By:

Michael J. Ryan, Director

Division of Environmental Remediation

Grantee's Acknowledgment

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss:
COUNTY OF ALBANY)

On the day of Joly, in the year 2014, before me, the undersigned, personally appeared Michael I. Ryan, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/ executed the same in his/her/capacity as Designee of the Commissioner of the State of New York Department of Environmental Conservation, and that by his/her/signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

Notary Public - State of New York

David J. Chimane
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01CH5082146
Qualified in Schemetady County
Commission Expires August 22, 20 at-

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SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, situate in the City of Buffalo, County of Eric and State of New York being part of Lot No. 12, Township 11, Range 8 of the Holland Land Company's Survey, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the east line of North Fillmore Avenue (commonly known as Fillmore Avenue) South 00°33'29" West, 559.27 feet southerly measured along the east line of North Fillmore Avenue from the intersection of said east line of North Fillmore Avenue with the southeast line of Kensington Avenue (66 feet wide); thence easterly on a curve to the left having a radius of 13.51 feet an arc length of 11.75 feet to a point in a line drawn North 49°14'57" East, through a point in the east line of North Fillmore Avenue, distant 6.38 feet southerly from the point of beginning, thence North 49°14'57" East, 609.55 feet; thence easterly on a curve to the right having a radius of 393.49 feet and tangent with the last described line, and arc length of 618.09 feet to a point of compound curve; thence southerly on a curve to the right having a radius of 436.49 feet and tangent with he last described curve line, an arc length of 999.16 feet to a point in a line drawn South 89°35'45" East though a point in the east line of North Fillmore Avenue, 356.73 feet southerly from the point of beginning; thence North 89°35'45" West, 695.45 feet to a point; thence westerly on a cure to the left having a radius of 13.51 feet and tangent with the last described course an arc length of 1.97 feet to the east line of North Fillmore Avenue; thence North 00°33'29" East along the eastline of North Fillmore Avenue, 356.87 feet to the point of beginning containing 17.11 acres more or less.

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1827 FILLMORE LLC

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> Michael P. Kearns Erie County Clerk

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ENVIRONMENTAL EASEMENT GRANTED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 71, TITLE 36 OF THE NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW

THIS INDENTURE made this 26 day of 16 July 2019, between Owner(s) 1827 Fillmore LLC, having an office at 462 Grider Street, Buffalo, New York 14215, County of Erie, State of New York (the "Grantor"), and The People of the State of New York (the "Grantee"), acting through their Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation (the "Commissioner", or "NYSDEC" or "Department" as the context requires) with its headquarters located at 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233,

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of New York has declared that it is in the public interest to encourage the remediation of abandoned and likely contaminated properties ("sites") that threaten the health and vitality of the communities they burden while at the same time ensuring the protection of public health and the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of New York has declared that it is in the public interest to establish within the Department a statutory environmental remediation program that includes the use of Environmental Easements as an enforceable means of ensuring the performance of operation, maintenance, and/or monitoring requirements and the restriction of future uses of the land, when an environmental remediation project leaves residual contamination at levels that have been determined to be safe for a specific use, but not all uses, or which includes engineered structures that must be maintained or protected against damage to perform properly and be effective, or which requires groundwater use or soil management restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of New York has declared that Environmental Easement shall mean an interest in real property, created under and subject to the provisions of Article 71, Title 36 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law ("ECL") which contains a use restriction and/or a prohibition on the use of land in a manner inconsistent with engineering controls which are intended to ensure the long term effectiveness of a site remedial program or eliminate potential exposure pathways to hazardous waste or petroleum; and

WHEREAS, Grantor, is the owner of real property located at the address of 1827 Fillmore Avenue in the City of Buffalo, County of Erie and State of New York, known and designated on the tax map of the County Clerk of Erie as tax map parcel numbers: Section 90.13 Block 1 Lot 11, being the same as that property conveyed to Grantor by deed dated May 22, 2018 and recorded in the Erie County Clerk's Office in Liber and Page 11329/7689. The property subject to this Environmental Easement (the "Controlled Property") comprises approximately 17.11 +/- acres, and is hereinafter more fully described in the Land Title Survey dated June 3, 2019 prepared by Rosanne Frandina, L.L.S. of Frandina Engineering and Land Surveying, PC, which will be attached to the Site Management Plan. The Controlled Property description is set forth in and attached hereto as Schedule A; and

WHEREAS, the Department accepts this Environmental Easement in order to ensure the protection of public health and the environment and to achieve the requirements for remediation established for the Controlled Property until such time as this Environmental Easement is

extinguished pursuant to ECL Article 71, Title 36; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and the terms and conditions of Brownfield Cleanup Agreement Index Number: C915279-10-17, Grantor conveys to Grantee a permanent Environmental Easement pursuant to ECL Article 71, Title 36 in, on, over, under, and upon the Controlled Property as more fully described herein ("Environmental Easement").

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- 2. <u>Institutional and Engineering Controls</u>. The controls and requirements listed in the Department approved Site Management Plan ("SMP") including any and all Department approved amendments to the SMP are incorporated into and made part of this Environmental Easement. These controls and requirements apply to the use of the Controlled Property, run with the land, are binding on the Grantor and the Grantor's successors and assigns, and are enforceable in law or equity against any owner of the Controlled Property, any lessees and any person using the Controlled Property.
 - A. (1) The Controlled Property may be used for:

Commercial as described in 6 NYCRR Part 375-1.8(g)(2)(iii) and Industrial as described in 6 NYCRR Part 375-1.8(g)(2)(iv)

- (2) All Engineering Controls must be operated and maintained as specified in the Site Management Plan (SMP);
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- (4) The use of groundwater underlying the property is prohibited without necessary water quality treatment as determined by the NYSDOH or the Erie County Department of Health to render it safe for use as drinking water or for industrial purposes, and the user must first notify and obtain written approval to do so from the Department;
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- (10) Access to the site must be provided to agents, employees or other representatives of the State of New York with reasonable prior notice to the property owner to assure compliance with the restrictions identified by this Environmental Easement.
- B. The Controlled Property shall not be used for Residential or Restricted Residential purposes as defined in 6NYCRR 375-1.8(g)(2)(i) and (ii), and the above-stated engineering controls may not be discontinued without an amendment or extinguishment of this Environmental Easement.
- C. The SMP describes obligations that the Grantor assumes on behalf of Grantor, its successors and assigns. The Grantor's assumption of the obligations contained in the SMP which may include sampling, monitoring, and/or operating a treatment system, and providing certified reports to the NYSDEC, is and remains a fundamental element of the Department's determination that the Controlled Property is safe for a specific use, but not all uses. The SMP may be modified in accordance with the Department's statutory and regulatory authority. The Grantor and all successors and assigns, assume the burden of complying with the SMP and obtaining an up-to-date version of the SMP from:

Site Control Section
Division of Environmental Remediation
NYSDEC
625 Broadway
Albany, New York 12233
Phone: (518) 402-9553

- D. Grantor must provide all persons who acquire any interest in the Controlled Property a true and complete copy of the SMP that the Department approves for the Controlled Property and all Department-approved amendments to that SMP.
- E. Grantor covenants and agrees that until such time as the Environmental Easement is extinguished in accordance with the requirements of ECL Article 71, Title 36 of the ECL, the property deed and all subsequent instruments of conveyance relating to the Controlled Property shall state in at least fifteen-point bold-faced type:

This property is subject to an Environmental Easement held by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation pursuant to Title 36 of Article 71 of the Environmental Conservation

Law.

F. Grantor covenants and agrees that this Environmental Easement shall be incorporated in full or by reference in any leases, licenses, or other instruments granting a right to use the Controlled Property.

G. Grantor covenants and agrees that it shall, at such time as NYSDEC may require, submit to NYSDEC a written statement by an expert the NYSDEC may find acceptable certifying under penalty of perjury, in such form and manner as the Department may require, that:

(1) the inspection of the site to confirm the effectiveness of the institutional and engineering controls required by the remedial program was performed under the direction of the individual set forth at 6 NYCRR Part 375-1.8(h)(3).

- (2) the institutional controls and/or engineering controls employed at such site:
 - (i) are in-place;
- (ii) are unchanged from the previous certification, or that any identified changes to the controls employed were approved by the NYSDEC and that all controls are in the Department-approved format; and
- (iii) that nothing has occurred that would impair the ability of such control to protect the public health and environment;
- (3) the owner will continue to allow access to such real property to evaluate the continued maintenance of such controls;
- (4) nothing has occurred that would constitute a violation or failure to comply with any site management plan for such controls;
- (5) the report and all attachments were prepared under the direction of, and reviewed by, the party making the certification;
- (6) to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, the work and conclusions described in this certification are in accordance with the requirements of the site remedial program, and generally accepted engineering practices; and
 - (7) the information presented is accurate and complete.
- 3. Right to Enter and Inspect. Grantee, its agents, employees, or other representatives of the State may enter and inspect the Controlled Property in a reasonable manner and at reasonable times to assure compliance with the above-stated restrictions.
- 4. Reserved Grantor's Rights. Grantor reserves for itself, its assigns, representatives, and successors in interest with respect to the Property, all rights as fee owner of the Property, including:
- A. Use of the Controlled Property for all purposes not inconsistent with, or limited by the terms of this Environmental Easement;
- B. The right to give, sell, assign, or otherwise transfer part or all of the underlying fee interest to the Controlled Property, subject and subordinate to this Environmental Easement;

Enforcement

A. This Environmental Easement is enforceable in law or equity in perpetuity by Grantor, Grantee, or any affected local government, as defined in ECL Section 71-3603, against

the owner of the Property, any lessees, and any person using the land. Enforcement shall not be defeated because of any subsequent adverse possession, laches, estoppel, or waiver. It is not a defense in any action to enforce this Environmental Easement that: it is not appurtenant to an interest in real property; it is not of a character that has been recognized traditionally at common law; it imposes a negative burden; it imposes affirmative obligations upon the owner of any interest in the burdened property; the benefit does not touch or concern real property; there is no privity of estate or of contract; or it imposes an unreasonable restraint on alienation.

- B. If any person violates this Environmental Easement, the Grantee may revoke the Certificate of Completion with respect to the Controlled Property.
- C. Grantee shall notify Grantor of a breach or suspected breach of any of the terms of this Environmental Easement. Such notice shall set forth how Grantor can cure such breach or suspected breach and give Grantor a reasonable amount of time from the date of receipt of notice in which to cure. At the expiration of such period of time to cure, or any extensions granted by Grantee, the Grantee shall notify Grantor of any failure to adequately cure the breach or suspected breach, and Grantee may take any other appropriate action reasonably necessary to remedy any breach of this Environmental Easement, including the commencement of any proceedings in accordance with applicable law.
- D. The failure of Grantee to enforce any of the terms contained herein shall not be deemed a waiver of any such term nor bar any enforcement rights.
- 6. <u>Notice</u>. Whenever notice to the Grantee (other than the annual certification) or approval from the Grantee is required, the Party providing such notice or seeking such approval shall identify the Controlled Property by referencing the following information:

County, NYSDEC Site Number, NYSDEC Brownfield Cleanup Agreement, State Assistance Contract or Order Number, and the County tax map number or the Liber and Page or computerized system identification number.

Parties shall address correspondence to:

Site Number: C915279

Office of General Counsel

NYSDEC 625 Broadway

Albany New York 12233-5500

With a copy to:

Site Control Section

Division of Environmental Remediation

NYSDEC 625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233

All notices and correspondence shall be delivered by hand, by registered mail or by Certified mail and return receipt requested. The Parties may provide for other means of receiving and communicating notices and responses to requests for approval.

7. Recordation. Grantor shall record this instrument, within thirty (30) days of execution of this instrument by the Commissioner or her/his authorized representative in the office of the

recording officer for the county or counties where the Property is situated in the manner prescribed by Article 9 of the Real Property Law.

- 8. <u>Amendment</u>. Any amendment to this Environmental Easement may only be executed by the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation or the Commissioner's Designee, and filed with the office of the recording officer for the county or counties where the Property is situated in the manner prescribed by Article 9 of the Real Property Law.
- 9. Extinguishment. This Environmental Easement may be extinguished only by a release by the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, or the Commissioner's Designee, and filed with the office of the recording officer for the county or counties where the Property is situated in the manner prescribed by Article 9 of the Real Property Law.
- 10. <u>Joint Obligation</u>. If there are two or more parties identified as Grantor herein, the obligations imposed by this instrument upon them shall be joint and several.
- 11. <u>Consistency with the SMP</u>. To the extent there is any conflict or inconsistency between the terms of this Environmental Easement and the SMP, regarding matters specifically addressed by the SMP, the terms of the SMP will control.

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County: Erie Site No: C915279 Brownfield Cleanup Agreement Index: C915279-10-17 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Grantor has caused this instrument to be signed in its name. 1827 Fillmore LLC: Print Name: Stephen M. Gary Title: Manager Date: July 11, 2019 Grantor's Acknowledgment STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF On the 11th day of July, in the year 2019, before me, the undersigned, personally appeared Skapen M. Gary, S., personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument, the individual(s), or the person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.

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THIS ENVIRONMENTAL EASEMENT IS HEREBY ACCEPTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, Acting by and Through the Department of Environmental Conservation as Designee of the Commissioner,

By:

Michael J. Ryan, Director

Division of Environmental Remediation

Grantee's Acknowledgment

STATE OF NEW YORK) ss: COUNTY OF ALBANY)

On the day of _____, in the year 2019, before me, the undersigned, personally appeared Michael J. Ryan, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/ executed the same in his/her/ capacity as Designee of the Commissioner of the State of New York Department of Environmental Conservation, and that by his/her/ signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the inflividual acted, executed the instrument.

Notary Public - State of New York

David J. Chimane
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01CH5082146
Qualified in Schenectady County
Commission Expires August 22, 30

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SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, situate in the City of Buffalo, County of Erie and State of New York being part of Lot No. 12, Township 11, Range 8 of the Holland Land Company's Survey, bounded and described as follows: BEGINNING at a point in the east line of North Fillmore Avenue (commonly known as Fillmore Avenue) South 00°33'29" West, 559.27 feet southerly measured along the east line of North Fillmore Avenue from the intersection of said east line of North Fillmore Avenue with the southeast line of Kensington Avenue (66 feet wide); thence easterly on a curve to the left having a radius of 13.51 feet an arc length of 11.75 feet to a point in a line drawn North 49°14'57" East, through a point in the east line of North Fillmore Avenue, distant 6.38 feet southerly from the point of beginning, thence North 49°14'57" East, 609.55 feet; thence easterly on a curve to the right having a radius of 393.49 feet and tangent with the last described line, and arc length of 618.09 feet to a point of compound curve; thence southerly on a curve to the right having a radius of 436.49 feet and tangent with the last described curve line. an arc length of 999.16 feet to a point in a line drawn South 89°35'45" East though a point in the east line of North Fillmore Avenue, 356.73 feet southerly from the point of beginning; thence North 89°35'45" West, 695.45 feet to a point; thence westerly on a curve to the left having a radius of 13.51 feet and tangent with the last described course an arc length of 1.97 feet to the east line of North Fillmore Avenue; thence North 00°33'29" East along the east line of North Fillmore Avenue, 356.87 feet to the point of beginning containing 17.11 acres more or less.