



Department of
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Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the
DECinfo Locator
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915291/>
and at these location(s):

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library
5571 Main Street
Williamsville, NY 14221
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Who to Contact

Comments and questions are welcome and
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For more information about New York's
Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Westwood Country Club
772 North Forest Road
Williamsville, NY 14221

July 2021

SITE No. C915291
NYSDEC REGION 9

Draft Investigation Work Plan for Brownfield Site Available for Public Comment

The public is invited to comment on a draft work plan being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to investigate the Westwood Country Club site ("site") located at 772 North Forest Road, Williamsville, Erie County. Please see the map for the site location.

Draft Investigation Work Plan: The draft investigation work plan, called a "Remedial Investigation Work Plan," (RIWP) was submitted to NYSDEC under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program. The investigation will be performed by Mensch Capital Partners, LLC ("applicant(s)") with oversight by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the Draft RIWP for 30 days, from **July 14 through August 28, 2021**.

- Access the RIWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915291/>.
- 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.

Highlights of the Proposed Site Investigation: The investigation will define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater and any other parts of the environment that may be affected.

Previous investigations have detected metals in soil on-site.

Key components of the investigation work include:

- Installation and sampling soil borings and test pits to identify possible on-site sources of contamination;
- Installing and sampling groundwater wells to monitor impacts from areas of concern on-site;
- Sampling of surface water and sediments to monitor impact from areas of concern on-site; and
- Completion of a radiation survey of the site to determine if materials (e.g. slag) exhibiting elevated radiation levels are present.

Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the work plan. NYSDOH must concur with the plan. After the work plan is approved, the activities detailed in the work plan will be implemented.

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When the investigation is completed, a report will be prepared and submitted to NYSDEC that summarizes the results. NYSDEC will review the report, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the report.

After the investigation, a proposed cleanup plan, called a "Draft Remedial Work Plan" will be developed. The cleanup plan will include an evaluation of the proposed site remedy, or recommend a no action or no further action alternative. The goal of the cleanup plan is to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. NYSDEC will present the proposed cleanup plan to the public for its review and comment during a 45-day comment period.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

Site Description: The site is approximately 170-acres and is bordered on the west by Frankhauser Road and Fairways Boulevard; on the east by North Forest Road and Ellicott Creek; on the south by Sheridan Drive and on the north by Maple Road. It is currently vacant with six buildings and several sheds. Previously, the site had been used as a golf course and country club. The proposed future use of the site consists of an arts and cultural center, and a park.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C915291) at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/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>

We encourage you to share this fact sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or post this fact sheet in a prominent area of your building for others to see.

Stay Informed With DEC Delivers

Sign up to receive site updates by email:

<https://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

