



Department of  
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Conservation

# FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Main and East Balcom Street Site

1661 Main Street  
Buffalo, NY 14209

SITE No. C915306

NYSDEC REGION 9

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## Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at the following location:

Buffalo and Erie County Public Library 1  
Lafayette Square  
Buffalo, NY 14203

## Who to Contact

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

### Project-Related Questions

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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)

## NYSDEC Certifies Cleanup Requirements Achieved at Brownfield Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has determined that the cleanup requirements to address contamination related to the Main and East Balcom Street Site ("site") located at 1661 Main Street, Buffalo, Erie County, under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program have been or will be met. Please see the attached maps for the site location and features.

The cleanup activities were performed by 1665 Main Street Group, LLC. ("applicant") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). NYSDEC has approved a Final Engineering Report (FER) and issued a Certificate of Completion (COC) for the site.

- Access the FER, Notice of COC and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:  
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915306/>.
- The documents also are available at the location identified at left under "Where to Find Information."

**Completion of the Project:** The following activities have been or will be completed to achieve the remedial action objectives:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of over 4,000 tons of contaminated soil. Clean sand and gravel were brought to the site to replace the excavated soil and establish the design grades.
- Placement of a 2-foot layer of clean, imported soil and topsoil over portions of the site. The remainder of the site surface is covered by the existing, renovated building and new asphalt and concrete pavement.
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long-term management of remaining 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.
- Recording of an Environmental Easement as an IC to prevent future exposure to any residual contamination remaining at the site.

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**Final Engineering Report Approved:** NYSDEC has approved the FER, which:

- 1) Describes the cleanup activities completed.
- 2) Certifies that cleanup requirements have been or will be achieved for the site.
- 3) Describes any institutional/engineering controls to be used. An *institutional control* is a non-physical restriction on use of the site, such as a deed restriction, when contamination left over after the cleanup action 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.
- 4) Certifies that a site management plan for any engineering controls used at the site has been approved by NYSDEC.

The following institutional controls have been put in place on the site:

- Site Management Plan
- Groundwater Use Restriction
- Land Use Restriction
- Environmental Easement

The following engineering controls have been put in place on the site:

- Cover System

**Next Steps:** With its receipt of a COC, the applicant is eligible to redevelop the site. In addition, the applicant:

- 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 COC may be modified or revoked if, for example, there is a failure to comply with the terms of the order or agreement with NYSDEC.

**Site Description:** The site is located near the corner of Main and East Balcom Streets, in the City of Buffalo. The site is currently occupied by a six-story mixed use, residential/commercial building. The building had been

constructed, and until recently, used as a furniture and moving warehouse. Other parts of the site once had a gas station and bakery. Past site uses that appear to have contributed to the site contamination include petroleum storage tanks associated with the warehouse and gas stations, and the fill material present across the site.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C915306) at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/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 NYSDEC 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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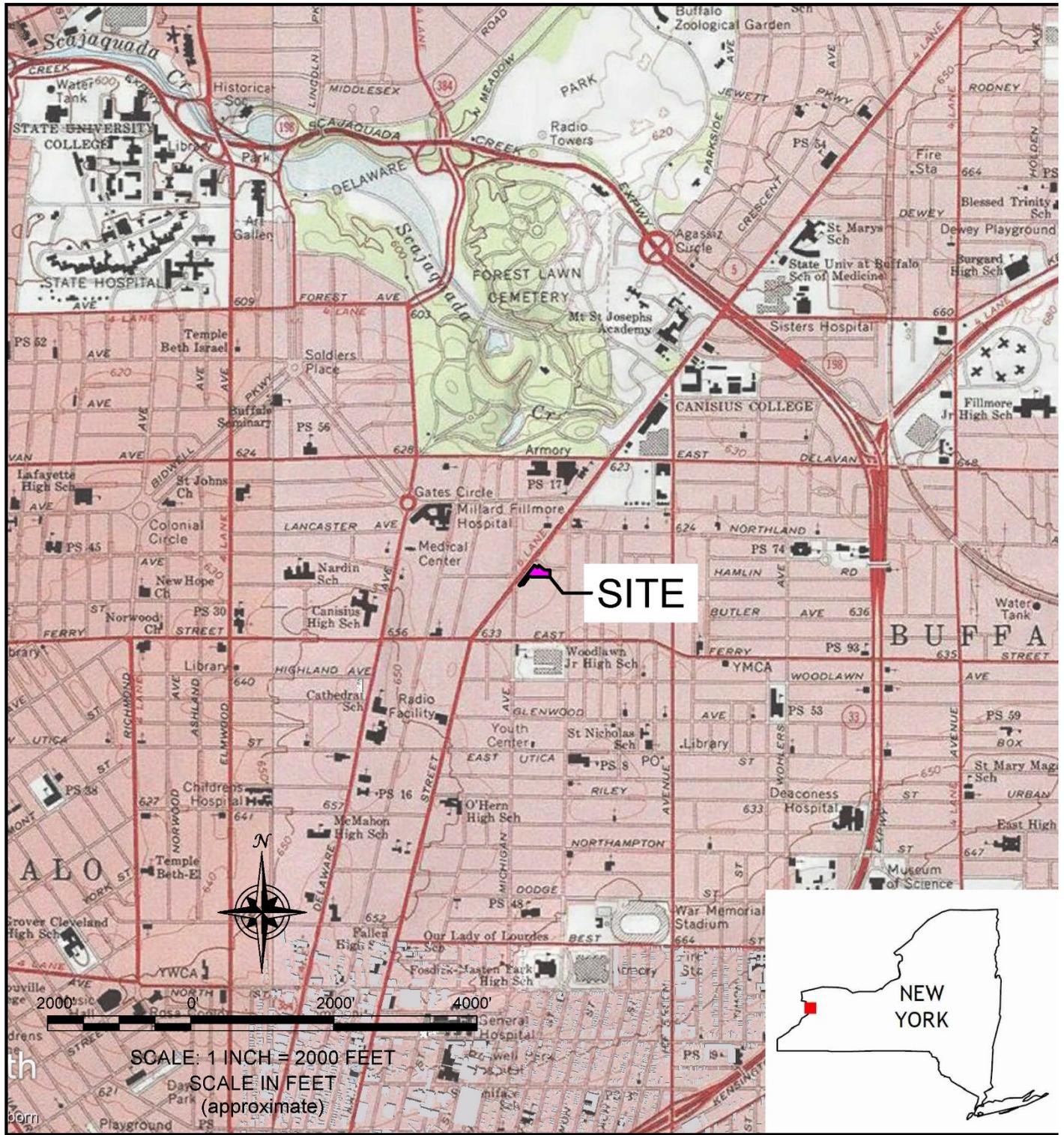
Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

## 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



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## Site Map

