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Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):
<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915318/>

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

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/brownfield>

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Main and Hertel

**2929-2939 Main Street
Buffalo, Erie County**

SITE No. C915318

NYSDEC REGION 9

November 2024

Cleanup Action Completed at Brownfield Site

Action has been completed to address the contamination related to the Main and Hertel site ("site") located at 2929-2939 Main Street, Buffalo, Erie County under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). Please see the map for the site location.

Cleanup activities were performed by 2929 Main, LLC and Main and Hertel LLC ("applicants") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). The applicants have submitted a proposed 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://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915318/>.
- 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 about 1,700 tons of contaminated historic fill material exceeding the site-specific cleanup criteria. Clean fill was and will be brought in to replace the excavated soil and to establish the design grades at the site.
- Off-site disposal of about 6 tons of drum and underground storage tank carcasses and about 500 tons of hazardous building materials including concrete, wood beams, and transformers.
- In-Situ (in-place) Chemical Reduction and Enhanced Bioremediation - This is a technology used to treat residual volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the groundwater. A chemical reductant was injected into groundwater in addition to material to enhance biodegradation of VOCs through five permanent injection on-site wells.
- Sub-Slab Depressurization Systems (SSDs) – SSDs have been installed in all three on-site buildings to prevent migration of contaminated soil vapors into the buildings. These systems are similar to radon mitigation systems.
- Site Cover System - The new development will maintain a site cover, which consists of the structures (buildings, pavement, sidewalks) comprising the site development and a 2-foot clean soil cover in landscaped areas. The soil cover will be placed over a demarcation layer, with the upper 6 inches of the soil of sufficient quality to maintain a vegetation layer.
- 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.

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- An Environmental Easement will be 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 applicants would be able to redevelop the site after receiving a COC. In addition, the applicants will be eligible for tax credits to offset a portion of the costs of performing cleanup activities and for redevelopment of the site.

Site Description: The 4.9-acre site is located at 2929 and 2939 Main Street in the City of Buffalo, Erie County. The site was previously operated by the Keystone Corporation for electroplating operations. Prior to metal plating operations, the property was used for various industrial processes since 1910, including: paint manufacturing, auto/truck manufacturing, and gasoline pump manufacturing.

The site has been redeveloped to meet restricted-residential standards and currently contains three buildings that will be used for commercial and residential purposes.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C15318) at:
<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/cfm/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://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/brownfield>

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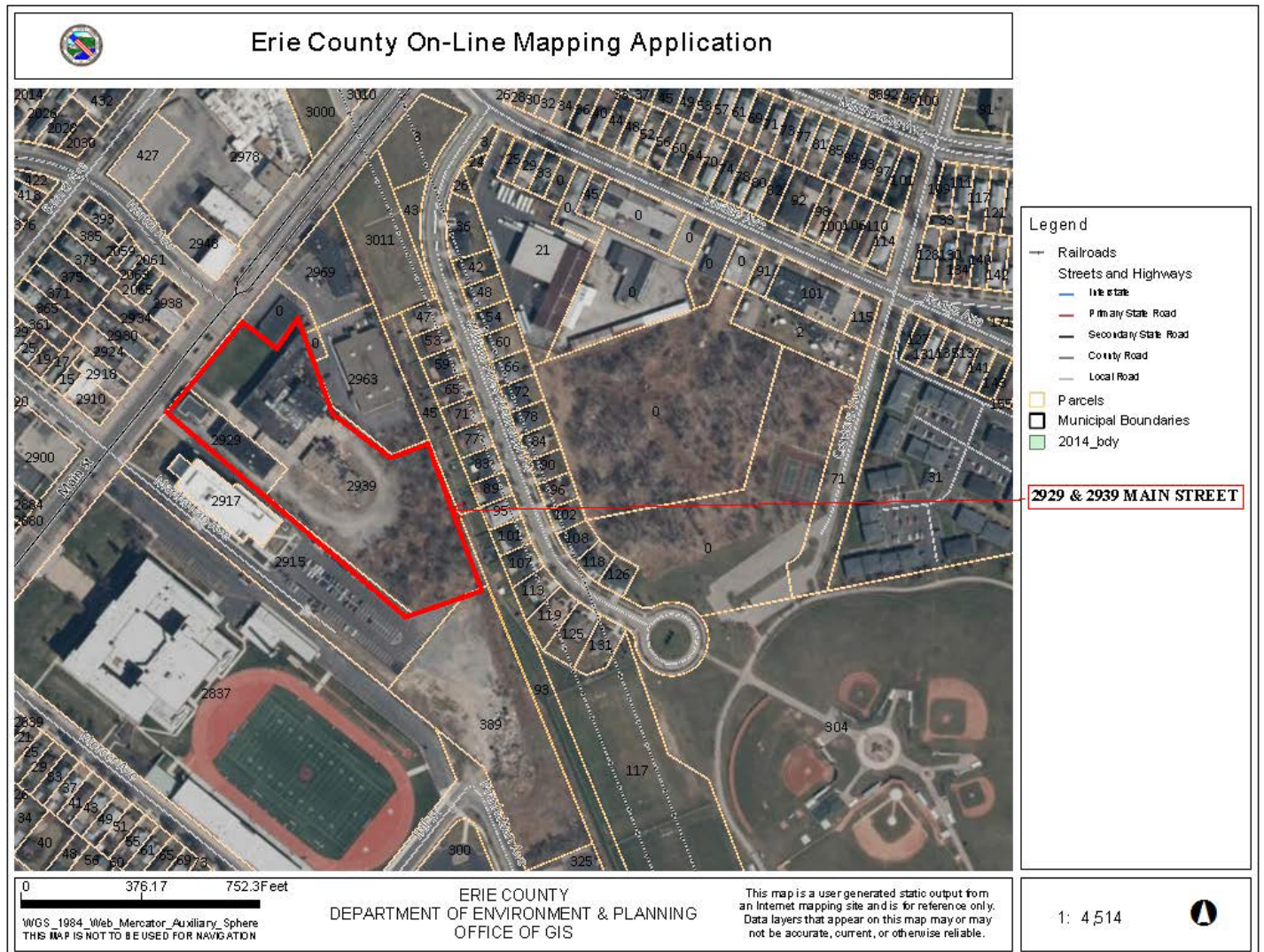
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