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Former Pilgrim Village Sublot 3

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Site No. C915415

Buffalo, Erie County



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

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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 (DEC) to investigate the Former Pilgrim Village Sublot 3 site ("site") located at 951 Ellicott Street, Buffalo, 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 DEC under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program. The investigation will be performed by Pilgrim Village Ventures LLC ("applicant(s)") with oversight by DEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

How to Comment

DEC is accepting written comments about the Draft RIWP for 30 days, from **August 12 through September 11, 2026**.

- Access the RIWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915415/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified under "Where to Find Information."
- Please submit comments to the DEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Contact Information" area.

Highlights of the Proposed Site Investigation

The investigation will define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, groundwater, and any other parts of the environment that may be affected.

Previous investigations have detected semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) and metals in soil and metals in groundwater on-site.

Key components of the investigation work include:

- Surface sampling and subsurface sampling via soil borings to identify possible on-site sources and/or extent of contamination;
- Install and sample groundwater wells to assess potential contamination and its sources;
- Perform a hydraulic assessment of the groundwater in the subsurface using the planned monitoring wells;
- Perform soil vapor sampling to assess potential vapor contamination and its sources;

Next Steps

DEC 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.

When the investigation is completed, a report will be prepared and submitted to DEC that summarizes the results. DEC 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," which includes a cleanup alternatives analysis, will be developed. This plan analyzes cleanup alternatives and recommends a final approach: either active cleanup, no action or no further action. The goal of the cleanup plan is to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. DEC will present the proposed cleanup plan to the public for its review and comment during a 45-day comment period.

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

Site Description

The 1.80-acre site includes three two-story vacant apartment buildings constructed in 1980 complete with full basements. The buildings are approximately 3,000 to 6,000 square feet and predominantly surrounded by greenspace apart from two asphalt parking areas. The Site is bounded by Ellicott Street to the west, Best Street to the north, Noles Court Apartments (Former BCP site Pilgrim Village Senior Apartments) to the east, and a vacant BCP Site (Pilgrim Village Redevelopment/Campus Square) to the south.

It is anticipated that the site will be cleaned up to allow for restricted-residential use. The completed project is expected to include mixed-income multi-family housing complex.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C915415) at:

<https://appfactory.dec.ny.gov/DERExternalSearch/ERDSearch>

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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DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <https://dec.ny.gov/maps/interactive-maps/decinfo-locator>

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WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):
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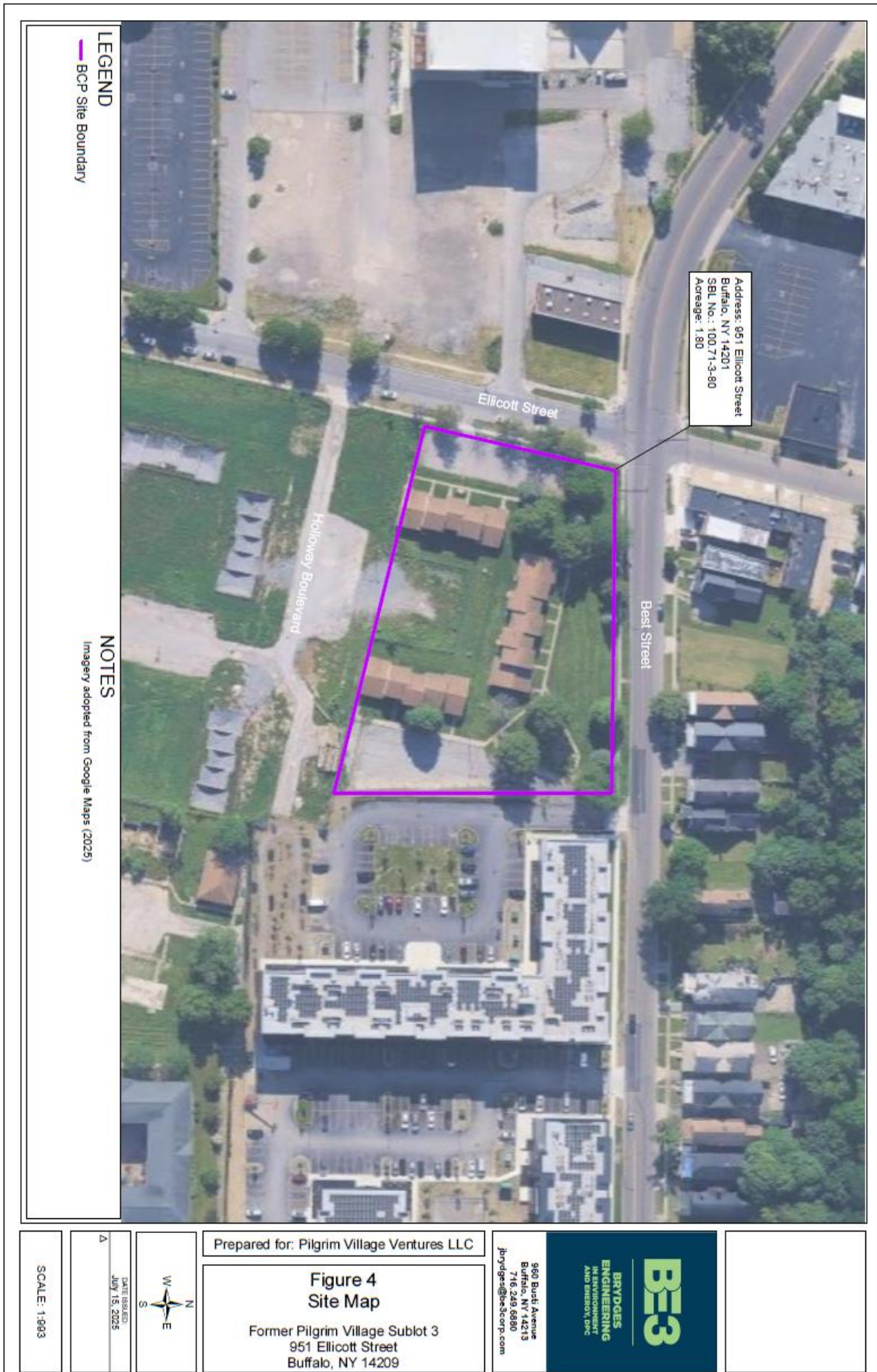
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