Brownfield Cleanup Program Application

1001 Buffalo Avenue Site City of Niagara Falls, New York

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Department of Environmental BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM (BCP) APPLICATION FORM

Is this an application to amend an existing BCA with			ion? Please	e refer to	the	
application instructions for further guidance related to E	BCA amendı	ments.		١	O	
If yes, provide existing site number:				Yes	(No	
Is this a revised submission of an incomplete appli	cation?					
If yes, provide existing site number: C932182			lacksquare) Yes	○ No	
BCP App Rev 14 – January 2023						
SECTION I: Property Information						
PROPOSED SITE NAME: 1001 Buffalo Avenue						
ADDRESS/LOCATION: 1001 Buffalo Avenue						
CITY/TOWN: Niagara Falls		Z	P CODE 143	303		
MUNICIPALITY (LIST ALL IF MORE THAN ONE):						
COUNTY: Niagara		S	ITE SIZE (A	CRES) 3.8	3	
LATITUDE:	LONGITU					
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Provide tax map information for all tax parcels included						on
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2. Is the required property map provided in electro		vith the ap	oplication?			
(Application will not be processed without a ma			T	1	$\overline{}$	
3. Is the property within a designated Environmen	,	ı-zone) pı	irsuant to 1	ax Law		
21(b)(6)? (See <u>DEC's website</u> for more information of the state of th	ition)			Figu	ure 6	
If yes, identify census tract: 212	-00/ 01	-49%	50-99%) 100% (
Percentage of property in En-zone (check one)		-49% 🔾	50-99%	J 100% V		-
4. Is the project located within a disadvantaged co	•			Figu	ure 7	
See application instructions for additional inform		(O DOO)	D C 114			\subseteq
5. Is the project located within a NYS Department			Brownfield (Opportuni	ty 🔘	
Area (BOA)? See application instructions for ac					-	\subseteq
6. Is this application one of multiple applications for						
development spans more than 25 acres (see a					?	
If yes, identify names of properties and site nun	nbers, if ava	ilable, in i	related BCP	,		
applications:						<u> </u>
7. Is the contamination from groundwater or soil v	•	emanatin	g trom prope	erty other		
than the site subject to the present application?					$\overline{}$	<u> </u>
8. Has the property previously been remediated p		itles 9, 13	or 14 of E0	JL Article	27,	
Title 5 of ECL Article 56, or Article 12 of Naviga					\cup	$loodsymbol{lood}$
If yes, attach relevant supporting documentatio	n.					_

SECTION I: Property Information (CONTINUED)		
Are there any lands under water?If yes, these lands should be clearly delineated on the site map.	Y	o z
10. Has the property been the subject of or included in a previous BCP application? If yes, please provide the DEC site number:	0	•
11. Is the site currently listed on the Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites (Class 2, 3, or 4) or identified as a Potential Site (Class P)? If yes, please provide the DEC site number: Class:	0	•
12. Are there any easements or existing rights-of-way that would preclude remediation in these areas? If yes, identify each here and attach appropriate information.	0	•
Easement/Right-of-Way Holder Description		
13. List of permits issued by the DEC or USEPA relating to the proposed site (describe below or		
attach appropriate information):		0
Type Issuing Agency Description		
14 Property Description and Environmental Assessment Indiana refer to the application		
14. Property Description and Environmental Assessment – please refer to the application instructions for the proper format of each narrative requested. Are the Property Description and Environmental Assessment narratives included in the prescribed format? Application Text, Section 14.	ection	\mathbb{C}
Note: Questions 15 through 17 below pertain ONLY to proposed sites located within the five comprising New York City. N/A		
15. Is the Requestor seeking a determination that the site is eligible for tangible property tax credits?	Y	N
If yes, Requestor must answer the Supplemental Questions for Sites Seeking Tangible Property Credits Located in New York City ONLY on pages 10-12 of this form.		\cup
16. Is the Requestor now, or will the Requestor in the future, seek a determination that the property is Upside Down?	0	0
17. If you have answered YES to Question 16 above, is an independent appraisal of the value of the property, as of the date of application, prepared under the hypothetical condition that the property is not contaminated, included with the application?	0	0
NOTE: If a tangible property tax credit determination is not being requested at the time of application, applicant may seek this determination at any time before issuance of a Certificate of Completion by us BCP Amendment Application, except for sites seeking eligibility under the underutilized category.		the
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SECT	ON II: Project Description		
1.	The project will be starting at: Investigation Remediation		
Repor	: If the project is proposed to start at the remediation stage, at a minimum, a Remedial Invest (RIR) must be included, resulting in a 30-day public comment period. If an Alternatives Anadial Action Work Plan (RAWP) are also included (see <u>DER-10, Technical Guidance for Site</u> igation and Remediation for further guidance), then a 45-day public comment period is required.	lysis a	
2.	If a final RIR is included, does it meet the requirements in ECL Article 27-1415(2)?		
	Yes No No N/A		
3.	Have any draft work plans been submitted with the application (select all that apply)?		
	RIWP RAWP IRM No		
4.	Please provide a short description of the overall project development, including the date the remedial program is to begin, and the date by which a Certificate of Completion is expected issued.	l to be	
	Is this information attached? Yes No Application text, Section	II & Fig	ure 11
SECT	ION III: Land Use Factors		
1.	What is the property's current municipal zoning designation? D1-A (Downtown)		
2.	What uses are allowed by the property's current zoning (select all that apply)?		
	Residential Commercial Industrial Application text, Section	III & Fig	jure 8
3.	Current use (select all that apply):		
	Residential Commercial Industrial Recreational Vacant I		
4.	Please provide a summary of current business operations or uses, with an emphasis on	Υ	N
	identifying possible contaminant source areas. If operations or uses have ceased, provide the date by which the site became vacant.	•	\bigcirc
	Is this summary included with the application?		
5.	Reasonably anticipated post-remediation use (check all that apply):		
	Residential Commercial Industrial		
	If residential, does it qualify as single-family housing?	\bigcirc	\bigcirc
6.	Please provide a statement detailing the specific proposed post-remediation use. Is this summary attached?	•	0
7.	Is the proposed post-remediation use a renewable energy facility? See application instructions for additional information.	0	•
8.	Do current and/or recent development patterns support the proposed use?	(•)	\bigcirc
9.	Is the proposed use consistent with applicable zoning laws/maps?	$\overline{\bullet}$	$\overline{\bigcirc}$
10	Please provide a brief explanation and additional documentation if necessary.		
10	. Is the proposed use consistent with applicable comprehensive community master plans, local waterfront revitalization plans, or other adopted land use plans? Please provide a brief explanation and additional documentation if necessary.	•	0

SECTION IV: Property's	Environmental History
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All applications **must include** an Investigation Report (per ECL 27-1407(1)). The report must be sufficient to establish that contamination of environmental media exists on the site above applicable Standards, Criteria and Guidance (SCGs) based on the reasonably anticipated use of the site property and that the site requires remediation. To the extent that existing information/studies/reports are available to the requestor, please attach the following (please submit information requested in this section in electronic format ONLY):

- 1. **Reports:** an example of an Investigation Report is a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment report prepared in accordance with the latest American Society for Testing and Materials standard (ASTM) E1903). Please submit a separate electronic copy of each report in Portable Document Format (PDF). Please do NOT submit paper copies of ANY supporting documents.
- 2. SAMPLING DATA: INDICATE (BY SELECTING THE OPTIONS BELOW) KNOWN CONTAMINANTS AND THE MEDIA WHICH ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED. DATA SUMMARY TABLES SHOULD BE INCLUDED AS AN ATTACHMENT, WITH LABORATORY REPORTS REFERENCED AND INCLUDED.

CONTAMINANT CATEGORY	SOIL	GROUNDWATER	SOIL GAS
Petroleum			
Chlorinated Solvents			
Other VOCs			
SVOCs	✓		
Metals	√	√	
Pesticides			
PCBs			
PFAS			
1,4-dioxane			
Other – indicated below	✓		

^{*}Please describe other known contaminants and the media affected: Potential TENORM

- 3. For each impacted medium above, include a site drawing indicating:
 - Sample location
 - Date of sampling event
 - Key contaminants and concentration detected
 - For soil, highlight exceedances of reasonably anticipated use
 - For groundwater, highlight exceedances of 6 NYCRR part 703.5
 - For soil gas/soil vapor/indoor air, refer to the NYS Department of Health matrix and highlight exceedances that require mitigation

These drawings are to be representative of all data being relied upon to determine if the site requires remediation under the BCP. Drawings should be no larger than 11"x17" and should only be provided electronically. These drawings should be prepared in accordance with any guidance provided.

Are the required drawings inc	cluded with this applica	tion?	• YE	s O NO Fi	gure 10
4. Indicate Past Land Us	ses (check all that appl	y):			
Coal Gas Manufacturing	Manufacturing	✓ Agricultural Co-Op	o 🗌	Dry Cleaner	
Salvage Yard	Bulk Plant	Pipeline		Service Station	
Landfill	Tannery	Electroplating		Unknown	
Other: Formerly a log pond associated with International Paper in the late 1800s - early 1900s, which was filled in with miscellaneous fill materials.					

SECTI	ON V: Requestor Informatio	n			
NAME	: The Papermill LLC				
	ESS: 1625 Buffalo Avenue, Suite 2D				
	TOWN: Niagara Falls		ZIP CODE 14303		
	E: (716) 280-9769	EMAIL: Matt@Rupalhospitality.com			
				Υ	N
1.	Is the requestor authorized to	conduct business in New Yo	ork State (NYS)?	•	
2	If the requester is a Cornerat	ion IIC IID or other entity	requiring outhorization from the		$\overline{}$
۷.	NYS DOS to conduct busines		requiring authorization from the		
		•	n & Business Entity Database.		
			submitted with this application		
	to document that that reques				
	Is this attached?				
3.	If the requestor is an LLC, the	e names of the members/owr	ners need to be provided on a		
	separate attachment. Is this a		N/A 🔾	loop	\cup
4.			as their employers, must meet		
			dance for Site Investigation and	(ullet)	
			Law. Do all individuals that will		
	be certifying documents mee	•			
	Documents that are not pro	pperly certified will not be a	pproved under the BCP.		

SEC	TION VI: Requestor Eligibility		
	swering "yes" to any of the following questions, please provide appropriate explanation and/or imentation as an attachment.		
		Υ	N
1	. Are any enforcement actions pending against the requestor regarding this site?		0
2	2. Is the requestor subject to an existing order for the investigation, removal or remediation of contamination at the site?	0	•
3	3. Is the requestor subject to an outstanding claim by the Spill Fund for this site? Any questions regarding whether a party is subject to a spill claim should be discussed with the Spill Fund Administrator.	0	•
4	I. Has the requestor been determined in an administrative, civil or criminal proceeding to be in violation of (i) any provision of the ECL Article 27; (ii) any order or determination; (iii) any regulation implementing Title 14; or (iv) any similar statute or regulation of the State or Federal government?	0	•
5	5. Has the requestor previously been denied entry to the BCP? If so, please provide the site name, address, assigned DEC site number, the reason for denial, and any other relevant information regarding the denied application.	0	•
6	6. Has the requestor been found in a civil proceeding to have committed a negligent or intentionally tortious act involving the handling, storing, treating, disposing or transporting of contaminants?	0	•
7	7. Has the requestor been convicted of a criminal offence (i) involving the handling, storing, treating, disposing or transporting or contaminants; or (ii) that involved a violent felony, fraud, bribery, perjury, theft or offense against public administration (as that term is used in Article 195 of the Penal Law) under Federal law or the laws of any state?	0	•
8	B. Has the requestor knowingly falsified statements or concealed material facts in any matter within the jurisdiction of DEC, or submitted a false statement or made use of a false statement in connection with any document or application submitted to DEC?	0	•

SECTION VI: Requestor Eligibility (CONTINUED)				
	9. Is the requestor an individual or entity of the type set forth in ECL 27-1407.9(f) that committed an act or failed to act, and such act or failure to act could be the basis for denial of a BCP application?			
10. Was the requestor's participation in any remed terminated by DEC or by a court for failure to s order?		0	•	
11. Are there any unregistered bulk storage tanks	on-site which require registration?	\bigcirc	<u> </u>	
12. THE REQUESTOR MUST CERTIFY THAT HE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ECL 27-1405(1) BY		JNTE	ER	
PARTICIPANT A requestor who either (1) was the owner of the site at the time of the disposal of hazardous waste or discharge of petroleum, or (2) is otherwise a person responsible for the contamination, unless the liability arises solely as a result of ownership, operation of, or involvement with the site subsequent to the disposal of hazardous waste or discharge of petroleum.	VOLUNTEER A requestor other than a participant, includi requestor whose liability arises solely as a rownership, operation of or involvement with subsequent to the disposal of hazardous wadischarge of petroleum. NOTE: By selecting this option, a requestor liability arises solely as a result of ownershi operation of or involvement with the site cerhe/she has exercised appropriate care with to the hazardous waste found at the facility reasonable steps to: (i) stop any continuing discharge; (ii) prevent any threatened future and, (iii) prevent or limit human, environmentatural resource exposure to any previously hazardous waste. If a requestor whose liability arises solel result of ownership, operation of, or involved the site, submit a statement describe you should be considered a volunteer — specific as to the appropriate care taken	whose release to y as a blvem be.	ite r that ect king ase; ased ent rhy	
13. If the requestor is a volunteer, is a statement d volunteer attached?	escribing why the requestor should be consid	lered a	a	
Yes No No N/				
14. Requestor relationship to the property (check of	ne; if multiple applicants, check all that apply	'):		
Previous Owner Current Owner Po	tential/Future Purchaser Other:			
If the requestor is not the current owner, proof of site access sufficient to complete remediation must be provided. Proof must show that the requestor will have access to the property before signing the BCA and throughout the BCP project, including the ability to place an environmental easement on the site.				
Is this proof attached? Yes	○ No N/A			
Note: A purchase contract or lease agreement does n	ot suffice as proof of site access			

SECTION VII: Requestor Contact	Information	
REQUESTOR'S REPRESENTATIV	E: Matt Green	
ADDRESS: 5123 Bronson Drive		
CITY: Lewiston		ZIP CODE: 14092
PHONE: (716) 280-9769	EMAIL: Matt@rupalhospitality.com	
REQUESTOR'S CONSULTANT (CO	ONTACT NAME): Michael Lesakowski	
COMPANY: TurnKey Environmental Restoration	on, LLC	
ADDRESS: 2558 Hamburg Turnpike, Suite 300		
CITY: Buffalo		ZIP CODE: 14218
PHONE: (716) 856-0635	EMAIL: mlesakowski@bm-tk.com	
REQUESTOR'S ATTORNEY (CON	TACT NAME): Michael Dowd	
COMPANY:	,	
ADDRESS: 920 Center Street		
CITY: Lewiston		ZIP CODE: 14092
PHONE: (716) 754-7865	EMAIL: mjdowd63@gmail.com	
SECTION VIII: Program Fee		
Upon submission of an executed Br	ownfield Cleanup Agreement to the D	enartment the requestor is
	ogram fee of \$50,000. Requestors ma	
demonstration of financial hardship.		ay apply for a loc trainer bacca cit
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	a fee waiver based on demonstration	. 00
	tation to demonstrate financial hardsh	
the application. See applicat	ion instructions for additional informat	tion.
Is the appropriate document	ation included with this application?	N/A O O
SECTION IX: Current Property Ov	vner and Operator Information	
CURRENT OWNER: The Papermill LLC		
CONTACT NAME: Nirel Patel		
ADDRESS: 1625 Buffalo Avenue, Suite 2D		
CITY: Niagara Falls		ZIP CODE: 14303
PHONE: (716) 285-0904	EMAIL: Nirel@Rupalhospitality.com	
OWNERSHIP START DATE: 2015		
CURRENT OPERATOR: N/A - Currently	a vacant industrial building	
CONTACT NAME:		
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		ZIP CODE:
PHONE:	EMAIL:	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
OPERATION START DATE:		

SECTI	ION X: Property Eligibility Information		
		Υ	N
1.	Is/was the property, or any portion of the property, listed on the National Priorities List? If yes, please provide additional information.	0	•
2.	Is/was the property, or any portion of the property, listed on the NYS Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site pursuant to ECL 27-1305? If yes, please provide the DEC site number: Class:	0	•
3.	Is/was the property subject to a permit under ECL Article 27, Title 9, other than an Interim Status facility? If yes, please provide: Permit Type: EPA ID Number: Date Permit Issued: Permit Expiration Date:	0	•
4.	If the answer to question 2 or 3 above is <i>YES</i> , is the site owned by a volunteer as defined under ECL 27-1405(1)(b), or under contract to be transferred to a volunteer? If yes, attach any available information related to previous owners or operators of the facility or property and their financial viability, including any bankruptcy filings and corporate dissolution documents.	0	0
5.	Is the property subject to a cleanup order under Navigation Law Article 12 or ECL Article 17 Title 10? If yes, please provide the order number:	0	•
6.	Is the property subject to a state or federal enforcement action related to hazardous waste or petroleum? If yes, please provide additional information.	0	•

SECTION XI: Site Contact List

To be considered complete, the application must include the Brownfield Site Contact List in accordance with *DER-23: Citizen Participation Handbook for Remedial Programs*. Please attach, at a minimum, the names and mailing addresses of the following:

- The chief executive officer and planning board chairperson of each county, city, town and village in which the property is located.
- Residents, owners, and occupants of the property and adjacent properties.
- Local news media from which the community typically obtains information.
- The public water supplier which services the area in which the property is located.
- Any person who has requested to be placed on the contact list.
- The administrator of any school or day care facility located on or near the property.
- The location of a document repository for the project (e.g., local library). If the site is located in a city with a population of one million or more, add the appropriate community board as an additional document repository. In addition, attach a copy of an acknowledgement from each repository indicating that it agrees to act as the document repository for the site.

SECTION XII: Statement of Certification and Signatures
(By requestor who is an individual)
If this application is approved, I hereby acknowledge and agree: (1) to execute a Brownfield Cleanup Agreement (BCA) within 60 days of the date of DEC's approval letter; (2) to the general terms and conditions set forth in the <u>DER-32, Brownfield Cleanup Program Applications and Agreements</u> ; and (3) that in the event of a conflict between the general terms and conditions of participation and terms contained in a site-specific BCA, the terms in the site-specific BCA shall control. Further, I hereby affirm that information provided on this form and its attachments is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I am aware that any false statement made herein is punishable as a Class A misdemeanor pursuant to section 210.45 of the Penal Law.
Date: Signature:
Print Name:
 (By a requestor other than an individual)
I hereby affirm that I am Owner (title) of The Papermill LLC (entity); that I am authorized by that entity to make this application and execute a Brownfield Cleanup Agreement (BCA) and all subsequent documents; that this application was prepared by me or under my supervision and direction. If this application is approved, I hereby acknowledge and agree: (1) to execute a Brownfield Cleanup Agreement (BCA) within 60 days of the date of DEC's approval letter; (2) to the general terms and conditions set forth in the DER-32, Brownfield Cleanup Program Applications and Agreements; and (3) that in the event of a conflict between the general terms and conditions of participation and terms contained in a site-specific BCA, the terms in the site-specific BCA shall control. Further, I hereby affirm that information provided on this form and its attachments is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I am aware that any false statement made herein is punishable as a Class A misdemeanor pursuant to section 210.45 of the Penal Law. Date: \(\frac{1/2\diggred 3}{2\diggred 3} \) Signature: Print Name: \(\frac{\text{Nirel Patel}}{\text{Nirel Patel}} \)
SUBMITTAL INFORMATION
Two (2) copies, one unbound paper copy of the application form with original signatures and table of contents, and one complete electronic copy in final, non-fillable Portable Document Format (PDF) on an external storage device (such as thumb drive or CD), must be sent to: Chief, Site Control Section New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Environmental Remediation 625 Broadway, 11 th Floor Albany, NY 12233-7020
PLEASE DO NOT SUBMIT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS WITH THE HARD COPY APPLICATION FORM. Please provide a hard copy of ONLY the application form and a table of contents.
FOR DEC USE ONLY BCP SITE T&A CODE: LEAD OFFICE:

FOR SITES SEEKING TANGIBLE PROPERTY CREDITS IN NEW YORK CITY ONLY

Sufficient information to demonstrate that the site meets one or more of the criteria identified in ECL 27-1407(1-a) must be submitted if requestor is seeking this determination.

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Please respond to the questions below and provide additional information and/or documentation as required.	Y	N
1. Is the property located in Bronx, Kings, New York, Queens or Richmond County?		0
2. Is the requestor seeking a determination that the site is eligible for the tangible property credit component of the brownfield redevelopment tax credit?	0	0
3. Is at least 50% of the site area located within an environmental zone pursuant to NYS Tax Law 21(b)(6)?	0	0
4. Is the property upside down or underutilized as defined below?		
Upside down		0
Underutilized		0

From ECL 27-1405(31):

"Upside down" shall mean a property where the projected and incurred cost of the investigation and remediation which is protective for the anticipated use of the property equals or exceeds seventy-five percent of its independent appraised value, as of the date of submission of the application for participation in the brownfield cleanup program, developed under the hypothetical condition that the property is not contaminated.

From 6 NYCRR 375-3.2(I) as of August 12, 2016 (Please note: Eligibility determination for the underutilized category can only be made at the time of application): 375-3.2:

- (I) "Underutilized" means, as of the date of application, real property on which no more than fifty percent of the permissible floor area of the building or buildings is certified by the applicant to have been used under the applicable base zoning for at least three years prior to the application, which zoning has been in effect for at least three years; and
 - (1) the proposed use is at least 75 percent for industrial uses; or
 - (2) at which:
 - (i) the proposed use is at least 75 percent for commercial or commercial and industrial uses;
 - (ii) the proposed development could not take place without substantial government assistance, as certified by the municipality in which the site is located; and
 - (iii) one or more of the following conditions exists, as certified by the applicant:
 - (a) property tax payments have been in arrears for at least five years immediately prior to the application;
 - (b) a building is presently condemned, or presently exhibits documented structural deficiencies, as certified by a professional engineer, which present a public health or safety hazard; or
 - (c) there are no structures.

"Substantial government assistance" shall mean a substantial loan, grant, land purchase subsidy, land purchase cost exemption or waiver, or tax credit, or some combination thereof, from a governmental entity.

FOR SITES SEEKING TANGIBLE PROPERTY CREDITS IN NEW YORK CITY ONLY (continued)

5. If you are seeking a formal determination as to whether your project is eligible for Tangible Property Tax Credits based in whole or in part on its status as an affordable housing project (defined below), you must attach the regulatory agreement with the appropriate housing agency (typically, these would be with the New York City Department of Housing, Preservation and Development; the New York State Housing Trust Fund Corporation; the New York State Department of Housing and Community Renewal; or the New York State Housing Finance Agency, though other entities may be acceptable pending Department review).
Check appropriate box below:
Project is an Affordable Housing Project – regulatory agreement attached
Project is planned as Affordable Housing, but agreement is not yet available*
*Selecting this option will result in a "pending" status. The regulatory agreement will need to

be provided to the Department and the Brownfield Cleanup Agreement will need to be amended prior

This is not an Affordable Housing Project

to issuance of the CoC in order for a positive determination to be made.

From 6 NYCRR 375-3.2(a) as of August 12, 2016:

- (a) "Affordable housing project" means, for purposes of this part, title fourteen of article twenty-seven of the environmental conservation law and section twenty-one of the tax law only, a project that is developed for residential use or mixed residential use that must include affordable residential rental units and/or affordable home ownership units.
 - (1) Affordable residential rental projects under this subdivision must be subject to a federal, state, or local government housing agency's affordable housing program, or a local government's regulatory agreement or legally binding restriction, which defines (i) a percentage of the residential rental units in the affordable housing project to be dedicated to (ii) tenants at a defined maximum percentage of the area median income based on the occupants' household's annual gross income.
 - (2) Affordable home ownership projects under this subdivision must be subject to a federal, state, or local government housing agency's affordable housing program, or a local government's regulatory agreement or legally binding restriction, which sets affordable units aside for homeowners at a defined maximum percentage of the area median income.
 - (3) "Area median income" means, for purposes of this subdivision, the area median income for the primary metropolitan statistical area, or for the county if located outside a metropolitan statistical area, as determined by the United States department of housing and urban development, or its successor, for a family of four, as adjusted for family size.

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6. Is the site a planned renewable energy facility site as defined below?
Yes – planned renewable energy facility site with documentation
Pending – planned renewable energy facility awaiting documentation *Selecting this option will result in a "pending" status. The appropriate documentation will need to be provided to the Department and the Brownfield Cleanup Agreement will need to be amended prior to issuance of the CoC in order for a positive determination to be made.
No – not a planned renewable energy facility site
If yes, please provide any documentation available to demonstrate that the property is planned to be developed as a renewable energy facility site.
From ECL 27-1405(33) as of April 9, 2022:
"Renewable energy facility site" shall mean real property (a) this is used for a renewable energy system, as defined in section sixty-six-p of the public service law; or (b) any co-located system storing energy generated from such a renewable energy system prior to delivering it to the bulk transmission, subtransmission, or distribution system.
From Public Service Law Article 4 Section 66-p as of April 23, 2021:
(b) "renewable energy systems" means systems that generate electricity or thermal energy through use of the following technologies: solar thermal, photovoltaics, on land and offshore wind, hydroelectric, geothermal electric, geothermal ground source heat, tidal energy, wave energy, ocean thermal, and fuel cells which do not utilize a fossil fuel resource in the process of generating electricity.
7. Is the site located within a disadvantaged community, within a designated Brownfield Opportunity Area, and plans to meet the conformance determinations pursuant to subdivision ten of section nine-hundred-seventy-r of the general municipal law?
Yes - *Selecting this option will result in a "pending" status, as a BOA conformance determination has not yet been made. Proof of conformance will need to be provided to the Department and the Brownfield Cleanup Agreement will need to be amended prior to issuance of the CoC in order for a positive determination to be made.
○ No
From ECL 75-0111 as of April 9, 2022:
(5) "Disadvantaged communities" means communities that bear the burdens of negative public health effects, environmental pollution, impacts of climate change, and possess certain socioeconomic criteria, or comprise high-concentrations of low- and moderate-income households, as identified pursuant to section 75-0111 of this article.

SECTION I – PROPERTY INFORMATION

Parcel Description

The 1001 Buffalo Avenue Site (referred to herein as the Project Site and/or the Site), subject to this NYS Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) application, is in the City of Niagara Falls, Niagara County, New York (see Figures 1, 2, and 3), in a commercial and industrial area. The Site is approximately 3.8 acres, and is further identified as:

• 1001 Buffalo Avenue, SBL No. 159.14-1-4 (see Figure 4)

A metes and bounds description of the proposed BCP boundary is attached.

Figure 5 identifies the Site as being located within a NYSDEC Environmental Justice Area.

According to the NYS En-Zone Map, the Site is located within a designated Environmental Zone (En-Zone), Type 'AB', pursuant to Tax Law 21(b)(6), Census tract 212 (see Figure 6).

According to The NYS Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act Disadvantaged Communities Map, the Site is located within a Disadvantaged Communities census tract 36063021200 (see Figure 7).

Easements and Permits

The Papermill LLC is not aware of any formal enforcement action, civil, judicial, or administrative enforcement cases in connection with the Site. In addition, based on information gathered to date, there are no institutional controls recorded for the Site.

Utilities are in the rights-of-way along Buffalo Avenue, and electrical power lines are located west adjacent to the Site. The Site is supplied with municipal sanitary sewer, electric, naturalgas, and public potable water. The Papermill LLC is not aware of any other easements or restrictions on the Site.



There is a closed Spill (9211019) associated with a 2,500-gallon fuel oil UST that was closed-in-place within the site building dated December 1, 1992. Remedial activities were completed, and the spill was assigned an inactive status on February 28, 1994.

Property Description Narrative

Location

The Site is located along Buffalo Avenue in a highly developed mixed-use residential, commercial, and industrial area of the City of Niagara Falls, Niagara County, New York. The Site is located north of the Robert Moses Parkway and is highly visible while driving into the City of Niagara Falls. The Site is bordered by Buffalo Avenue along the northern boundary with commercial/industrial properties beyond; public utility vacant land owned by Mohawk Power Corp, beyond which is the Robert Moses Parkway to the south; Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant to the east; and a parking lot/green space to the west.

Site Features

The Site has one vacant industrial building, with associated parking and driveways, and select green space.

Zoning and Land Use

The project will include the redevelopment of the on-site building into an entertainment venue featuring an indoor go-karting facility, laser tag arena, bowling alleys, arcade, adventure course, rock climbing walls, and miniature golf. The City of Niagara Falls zoning for the Site is Downtown 1-A (D1-A) (see Figure 8).

The surrounding parcels are currently used as follows:

- North Buffalo Avenue, beyond which is vacant commercial land and a warehouse
- South public utility vacant land owned by Mohawk Power Corp
- East Niagara Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant
- West vacant recreation area to the west



Past Use of the Site

The Site was formerly associated with the east adjacent property, which was occupied by International Paper Company's Niagara Falls Plant during the late 1800s to the early 1900s. The Site was used as a log pond from 1892 to 1897 and as a storage area for pulp wood in 1914. Sometime between 1914 and 1995, the Site was owned and operated by Moore Business Forms (Moore) or their predecessor Guilman Fanfold. Moore used the Site for printing operations and manufacturing of printer paper since at least 1928. The Site building was constructed between 1927 and 1932. Historic Sanborn maps show that by 1955, Moore Business Forms facility included a press room, bindery, and raw material storage. In 1995, the Site was purchased by Promex Medical, Inc. and used for the repackaging and storage of pharmaceutical products. The area along Buffalo Avenue and in the immediate area of the Site has been historically primarily light to heavy industrial with some manufacturing and commercial establishments.

Elevated polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and metals (some of which exceed Industrial SCOs) are likely related to fill material of unknown origin that was brought to the Site to fill in the former log pond.

Site Geology and Hydrogeology

The Site is located within the Lake Erie-Niagara River major drainage basin, which is typified by little topographic relief that gently slopes westward towards Lake Erie and the Niagara River, except in the immediate vicinity of major drainage ways. According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Web soil survey, no digital data is available for this area and is defined as an "unsurveyed area." According to the United States Geological Survey, National Geologic Map database, soils at the Site consist of till. Additionally, based on historical information reviewed and the results of the investigations conducted, a significant amount of fill material covers the Site. The fill material, consisting of cinders, ash, brick, slag, wood chips, concrete, asphalt, glass, and scrap metal, was identified across the Site at depths of up to 8 to 12 feet below ground surface (fbgs). Figure 9 depicts a soil map associated with the Site.



Regional groundwater likely flows south towards the Niagara River. Local groundwater flow, however, may be influenced by subsurface features, such as utilities, former development, and localized subsurface fill conditions.

Additional work is required to investigate groundwater flow direction and quality at the Site.

Environmental Assessment Narrative

Past use of the Site owned by International Paper Company's Niagara Falls Plant including its former use as log pond that was backfilled with material from an unknown origin, has impacted the Site. Figure 10 summarizes the environmental impacts identified in the previous investigation.

<u>Soil</u> – Fill material, consisting of cinders, ash, brick, slag, wood chips, concrete, asphalt, glass, and scrap metal, was identified across the Site at depths of up to 8 to 12 fbgs.

Laboratory analytical results indicate elevated PAHs and metals in soil exceeding RRSCO, CSCO, and ISCO, including:

- Benzo(a)anthracene exceeded its ISCO (11.0 mg/kg) in TP-21 (18 mg/kg) and TP-27 (39 mg/kg); its CSCO (5.6 mg/kg) in SS-1 (7.9 mg/kg), SS-8 (6.5 mg/kg); and TP-26 (6.4 mg/kg), and its RRSCO (1.0 mg/kg) in TP-3 (3.1 mg/kg), TP-20 (2.0 mg/kg) and TP-25 (1.5 mg/kg).
- Benzo(b) fluoranthene exceeded its ISCO (11.0 mg/kg) in TP-21 (26 mg/kg) and TP-27 (38 mg/kg), its CSCO (5.6 mg/kg) in SS-1 (7.3 mg/kg), SS-8 (7.6 mg/kg); and TP-26 (7.8 mg/kg); and its RRSCO (1.0 mg/kg) in TP-3 (3.7 mg/kg) and TP-20 (2.6 mg/kg).
- Chrysene exceeded its RRSCO (3.9 mg/kg) in TP-21 (20 mg/kg), TP-26 (5.9 mg/kg), and TP-27 (43 mg/kg).
- Benzo(k)fluoranthene exceeded its CSCO (1.0 mg/kg) in TP-3 (1.6 mg/kg); and its RRSCO (3.9 mg/kg) in TP-21 (11 mg/kg), and TP-27 (15 mg/kg).
- Benzo(a)pyrene exceeded its ISCO (1.1 mg/kg) in SS-1 (5.7 mg/kg), SS-2 (3.3 mg/kg), SS-4 (1.5 mg/kg), SS-8 (5.2 mg/kg), TP-3 (3.0 mg/kg), TP-20 (2.3 mg/kg), TP-21 (20 mg/kg), TP-26 (6.3 mg/kg), and TP-27 (36 mg/kg).



- Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene exceeded its ISCO (11 mg/kg) in TP-21 (11 mg/kg) and TP-27 (18 mg/kg); and its RRSCO (0.5 mg/kg) in TP-3 (1.4 mg/kg), TP-20 (1.3 mg/kg), and TP-26 (3.7 mg/kg).
- Dibenz(a,h)anthracene exceeded its ISCO (1.1 mg/kg) in SS-1 (1.2 mg/kg), TP-26 (1.2 mg/kg), and TP-27 (6.1 mg/kg); its CSCO (0.56 mg/kg) in SS-2 (0.62 mg/kg), SS-8 (0.99 mg/kg); and its RRSCO (0.33 mg/kg) in TP-20 (0.41 mg/kg).
- Arsenic exceeded its ISCO (16 mg/kg) in SS-2 (18.2 mg/kg) and TP-8 (20.5 mg/kg).
- Barium exceeded its ISCO (400 mg/kg) in the Dup sample (collected from TP-8) (422 mg/kg).
- Copper exceeded its CSCO (270 mg/kg) in SS-2 (2,890 mg/kg).
- Lead exceeded its CSCO (1,000 mg/kg) in SS-2 (1,310 mg/kg), in the Dup sample (collected from TP-8) (1,080 mg/kg) and its RRSCO (400 mg/kg) in TP-27 (567 mg/kg).
- Mercury exceeded its RRSCO (0.81 mg/kg) in TP-21 (1.9 mg/kg), and TP-26 (1.1 mg/kg).

Laboratory analytical results indicate elevated metals in groundwater exceeding the NYSDEC TOGS, including:

- Antimony, Iron, and Manganese in MW-1 (10.8 μg/L, 1,570 μg/L, and 972 μg/L, respectively).
- Iron, in MW-2 (3,590 μg/L).
- Antimony and Manganese in MW-3 (5.53 $\mu g/L$ and 352 $\mu g/L$, respectively.
- Iron, Manganese, and Sodium in MW-4 (1,710 μg/L, 800 μg/L, and 25,600 μg/L, respectively).
- Antimony, Iron, Lead, Manganese, and Sodium in MW-5 (5.53 μ g/L, 4,240 μ g/L, 34.4 μ g/L, 330 μ g/L, 38,600 μ g/L, respectively).
- Iron, Magnesium, Manganese, and Sodium (4,710 μg/L, 58,600 μg/L, 1,010 μg/L, 56,000 μg/L, respectively).

Previous investigation documentation has been provided electronically.



SECTION II – PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Papermill LLC is willing to complete additional investigation and remediate the Site under the NYS BCP and is submitting this BCP Application for eligibility acceptance into the program. Investigation activities are planned to be completed after acceptance into the BCP (tentatively in March 2023), with assumed remedial activities in 2023 through 2024, and approval and issuance of the Certificate of Completion in 2024.

Figure 11 presents a preliminary project schedule.

The project will include the redevelopment of the on-site building into an entertainment venue featuring an indoor go-karting facility, laser tag arena, bowling alleys, arcade, adventure course, rock climbing walls, and miniature golf.

SECTION III – LAND USE FACTORS

1 and 2 – Current Zoning

The Site, located within the City of Niagara Falls, is zoned D1-A (Downtown) (see Figure 8).

3 and 4 – Current Use

The Site is occupied by a vacant industrial building.

Historically, the Site was operated by International Paper Company's Niagara Falls Plant during the late 1800s to the early 1900s. The Site was used as a log pond from 1892 to 1897 and as a storage area for pulp wood in 1914. Sometime between 1914 and 1995, the Site was owned and operated by Moore Business Forms (Moore) or their predecessor Guilman Fanfold. Moore used the Site for printing operations and manufacturing of printer paper since at least 1928. The Site building was constructed between 1927 and 1932. Historic Sanborn maps show that by 1955, Moore Business Forms facility included a press room, bindery, and raw material storage. In 1995, the Site was purchased by Promex Medical, Inc. and used for the repackaging and storage of pharmaceutical products.



5 through 10 – Planned Future Use

The Volunteer plans to redevelop the 3.8-acre Site into an entertainment venue featuring an indoor go-karting facility, laser tag arena, bowling alleys, arcade, adventure course, rock climbing walls, and miniature golf. The vicinity of the Site includes various hotels and restaurants and would be consistent with recent development in the area.

The proposed use is consistent with the 2030 Niagara Communities Comprehensive Plan that discusses cleaning up previously contaminated lands and redeveloping brownfields and other underutilized properties.

SECTION IV - PROPERTY'S ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY

A summary of the previous environmental investigation findings completed for the Site are provided below.

Phase II Environmental Site Assessment – January 2018

LaBella Associates (LaBella) completed a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) to assess the environmental concerns identified during the review of a September 2006 Phase I ESA Report and a March 2008 Phase II Sampling, Analysis, and Monitoring Plan. The findings of the Phase II ESA are included on Figure 10 and described below:

- The overland gamma radiation survey identified several areas proximate the Site building (southwest, northwest, north, and southeast) exhibiting gamma radiation level readings at more than two times the background count rate. The soil gamma radiation readings ranged from 9,229 to 12,104 counts per minute (cpm), while the soil background count rate was determined to be 6,152 cpm.
- Fill material was encountered across the Site and generally consisted of brown to brownish red silty clay with gravel, angular rocks, bricks, asphalt, scrap metal, concrete, glass, ash, cinders, and crushed concrete. Fill materials were encountered to maximum depths of six to 13 fbgs.
- Eight surface soil/fill samples were collected from across the Site. Laboratory analysis of these samples identified several semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) detected in surface soil/fill were at concentrations exceeding NYSDEC Part 375 Commercial and Industrial SCOs (CSCOs and ISCOs).



- Five two-inch groundwater monitoring wells were installed at the Site. Several metals including antimony, arsenic, iron, lead, magnesium, manganese, and sodium were detected at concentrations exceeding the NYSDEC TOGS AWQS in one or more of the groundwater samples.
- During the preliminary site visit and at the time of sample collection one drainage structure containing sediment was identified along the south exterior of the Site building. The drainage structure was observed to be filled with soil/sediment, had vegetation growing out of it, and appeared to be blocked. One sediment sample (Sediment-1) was collected from the drainage structure. One SVOC, benzo(a)pyrene, was detected at a concentration exceeding the NYSDEC Part 375 Commercial and Industrial Use SCOs.
- One pad-mounted transformer, located on the west side of the building, was sampled for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs). No PCBs were detected in the sample.
- Several Asbestos-Containing Materials (ACMs) were determined to contain greater than 1% asbestos including various 9" floor tiles and associated mastic, gray aircell pipe insulation, gray window caulk, black and silver roofing, black tar, tan caulk, and black mastic.
- Black window caulking located along the windows within the 1st and 2nd floor office areas was determined to be PCB-Contaminated.
- Several representative interior and exterior painted surfaces such as door frames, window frames, piping, etc. were tested for the presence of lead-based paint (LBP) using X-Ray Fluorescence (XRF) testing procedures. Several components were found to be positive for the presence of lead.
- Visible widespread mold growth was observed on various substrates (suspended ceiling tiles, gypsum wall board, wall plaster, etc.) throughout the first and second floors within the Site building. The results from the air samples taken for the building indicate that a significant mold problem is prevalent throughout the building.

<u>Supplemental Phase II ESA – October 2022</u>

TurnKey completed a supplemental environmental investigation to assess potential contamination related to historic operations on-site (Log Pond, paper manufacturer, printer). Ten test pits were advanced, and six of the test pits were selected for laboratory analysis. Findings are summarized on Figure 10 and described below:



- Fill material was identified in nine of the ten test pits completed within the proposed BCP boundary. Fill ranged in depth from surface to between 8 and 12 feet below ground surface (fbgs), and was generally described as cinders, ash, brick, slag, wood chips, concrete, asphalt, glass, and scrap metal.
- Elevated PAHs exceeding the RRSCO, Commercial Use SCO (CSCO), and Industrial Use SCOs (ISCO), were detected in 5 of 6 sampled locations.
- Elevated metals, specifically lead and mercury, were identified exceeding the RRSCO in 3 of 6 locations sampled.

SECTION V – REQUESTOR INFORMATION

The New York State Corporation and Business Entity Database printout for The Papermill LLC is attached.

SECTION VI – REQUESTOR ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

The Requestor, The Papermill LLC, would enter the BCP as a Volunteer. The Requestor qualifies as a "Volunteer" in accordance with NY ECL 27-1405(1)(b) and 6NYCRR 375-3.2(b)(2) based on the following:

- The PAH and metals contamination in soil/fill is reasonably attributable to the history of the Site being utilized as a log pond and subsequently being filled in with material from unknown sources.
- The Applicant became involved with the property well after the discharge of contaminants at the Site.
- Since ownership, the Site has been vacant and secured in preparation for redevelopment.

<u>SECTION VII – REQUESTOR CONTACT INFORMATION</u>

Contact information for The Papermill LLC is provided.

Benchmark Civil/Environmental Engineering and Geology, PLLC, a registered NYS engineering firm, and licensed NYS Professional Engineer (PE) will be acting as the Engineer of Record for this BCP project.



Michael J. Dowd, Esq. will be acting as the Requestor's attorney.

SECTION VIII - PROGRAM FEE

The Requestor will not be requesting a fee waiver.

SECTION IX - CURRENT PROPERTY OWNER/OPERATOR INFORMATION

Reasonable attempts were made to attain complete information regarding current and previous site owners and operators. Information for the previous and current owners/operators is provided in the table below, as available.

Parcel Address	Use	Approx. Date(s)	Relationship to Applicant
100	01 Buffalo Avenue		
Current Owner/Operator			
The Papermill LLC 200 Rainbow Boulevard Niagara Falls, New York 14303 Phone: (716) 285-0904	Manufacturing/ Processing (currently vacant)	2015 ~ Present	Applicant
Previous Owners/Operators			
1001 Buffalo Avenue (Address and Phone Number Unknown).	Manufacturing	2007~ 2015	None
Niagara County IDA Samuel M. Ferraro Center, 6311 Inducon Corporate Dr Suite One, Sanborn, NY 14132 Phone: (716) 278-8750	Manufacturing	2001~2007	None
Moore Business Forms 300 Lang Blvd, Grand Island, NY 14072 (800) 280-4520	Manufacturing	1987 ~ 2001	None
International Paper Company's Niagara Falls Plant (100 Bud Mil Dr, Buffalo, NY 14206, including a Log Pond from 1892 to 1897, (716) 852-2144 Moore Business Forms (300 Lang Blvd, Grand Island, NY 14072, (800) 280-4520), Promex Medical, Inc. (3075 Oakmead Village Dr #0811, Santa Clara, CA 95051, (408) 496-0222)	Manufacturing	Late 1800s-1987	None



SECTION X – PROPERTY ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

The Site is not listed on the National Priorities List (NPL) or the New York State (NYS) Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites; is not subject to a permit under ECL Article 27, Title 9; is not subject to a cleanup order under Navigation Law Article 12 or ECL Article 17 Title 10; and is not subject to a state or federal enforcement action related to hazardous waste or petroleum.

SECTION XI – SITE CONTACT LIST

The following is the contact list for the Site. Each contact will be sent fact sheets throughout the project's duration.

Niagara County Contacts:

Chairman Rebecca J. Wydysh Niagara County Legislature 175 Hawley Street Lockport, NY 14094

Ms. Donna Owens Niagara Falls City Admin. 745 Main Street Niagara Falls, New York 14301

Clerk Alysa T. Tomasino Niagara County Legislature 175 Hawley Street Lockport, NY 14094

Mr. Chris Voccio Niagara Co. Legislature – 6th District 175 Hawley Street Lockport, New York 14094

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Lockport Office – Shaw Building Niagara Co. Health Dept. 5467 Upper Mountain Road Lockport, NY 14094

Ms. Susan Langdon, Executive Director Niagara Co. Ind. Dev. Agency 6311 Inducon Corporate Drive Sanborn, NY 14132

Mr. Richard E Updegrove Niagara County Manager 59 Park Avenue Lockport, NY 14094

Niagara Falls Office – Trott Access Center Niagara County Dept. of Health 1001-11th Street Niagara Falls, New York 14301



Vicky Wideman Niagara Falls City Clerk 745 Main Street Niagara Falls, New York 14301

City of Niagara Falls Contacts:

Mayor Robert Restaino 745 Main Street P.O. Box 69 Niagara Falls, NY 14302-0069

Robert Buzzelli, City Engineer City Hall Room 303 745 Main Street Niagara Falls, NY 14302 *Local News Media*:

Buffalo News ATTN: Mr. Bruce Andriatch 1 News Plaza Buffalo, NY 14240

WIVB - Ch. 4 ATTN: Environmental News Desk 2077 Elmwood Avenue Buffalo, NY 14207

WJYE ATTN: Environmental News Desk 1700 Rand Building Buffalo, NY 14203

WBEN News Radio 930 Entercom Radio of Buffalo 500 Corporate Pkwy, Suite 200 Buffalo, NY 14226 Nicholas Forster - Chairman Niagara Falls Water Board 5815 Buffalo Avenue Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Kevin Forma, Director of Planning City of Niagara Fall Dept. of Planning/Env. Services 745 Main Street Niagara Falls, NY 14302

WGRZ TV - Ch. 2 ATTN: Environmental News Desk 259 Delaware Avenue Buffalo, NY 14202

WKBW News Channel 7 ATTN: Environmental News Desk 7 Broadcast Plaza Buffalo, NY 14202

Business First ATTN: John Tebeau 465 Main Street Buffalo, NY 14203-1793

WNED, Environmental News Desk P.O. Box 1263, Horizons Plaza Buffalo, NY 14240



The Niagara Gazette 310 Niagara Street Niagara Falls, NY 14302 ATTN: News Director WLVL 1340 ATTN: Mike Hudson, Editor Niagara Falls Reporter 1625 Buffalo Ave Niagara Falls, NY 14303

Nearby Schools:

Principal Rocco Merino Bloneva Bond Primary School 2513 Niagara Street Niagara Falls, NY 14303 Principal Lynne Tompkins Harry F Abate Elementary 1625 Lockport Street Niagara Falls, NY 14305

Principal Derek Zimmerman Gaskill Preparatory 910 Hyde Park Blvd. Niagara Falls NY 14301

Document Repository

Niagara Falls Public Library Earl W. Brydges Building 1425 Main Street Niagara Falls, NY 14305

Adjacent Property Owners

Information for the residents, owners, and occupants of the properties adjacent to the Site are provided in the table below and shown on Figure 12.

Adjacent Property Address		D	
No.	Street	Property Use	Property Owner Mailing Address
1008	Buffalo Avenue	Other storage, warehouse, and distribution facilities	Parry K L Inc. 1008 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York 14301
1014	Buffalo Avenue	Vacant land located in commercial areas	Eleventh Street Properties LLC 800 Main Street, Suite 3d, Niagara Falls, New York, 14301
1051	Buffalo Avenue	Public utility vacant land	Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. 300 Erie Boulevard, Syracuse, New York 13202



1111	Buffalo Avenue	Sewage treatment and water pollution control	Niagara Falls Water Board 5815 Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York 14304
1004	Rainbow Boulevard	Vacant land located in commercial areas	Eleventh Street Properties LLC 800 Main Street, Suite 3d, Niagara Falls, New York 14301
0	Railroad Ceiling		CSX Transportation Inc. 500 Water Street, C910 Jacksonville, Florida 32202

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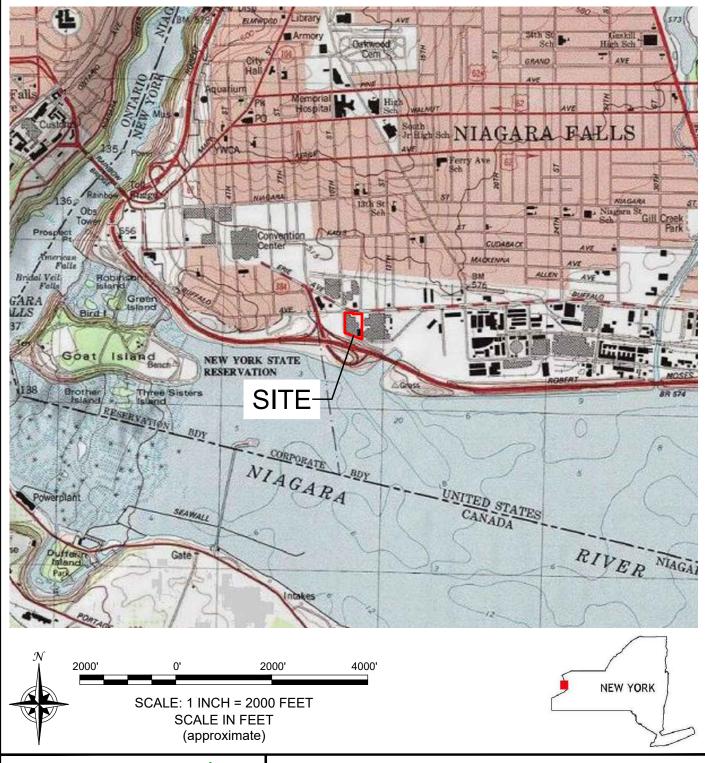
The Niagara Falls Public Library (Main Library, located at 1425 Main Street, Niagara Falls, New York) would act as the document repository for the BCP Site. An email acknowledgement from the repository is attached.



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SITE LOCATION AND VICINITY MAP

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BCP SITE BOUNDARY PARCEL BOUNDARY







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SITE PLAN (AERIAL)

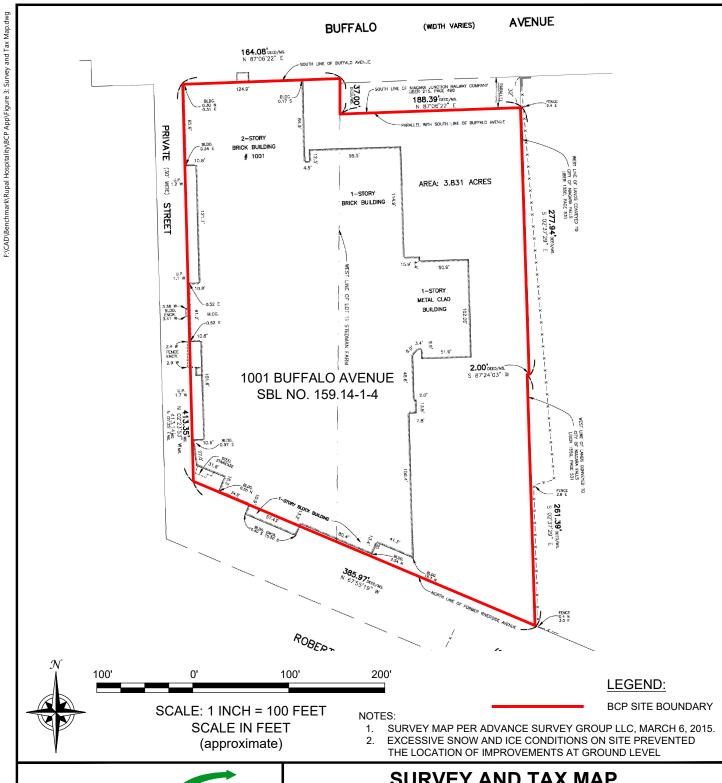
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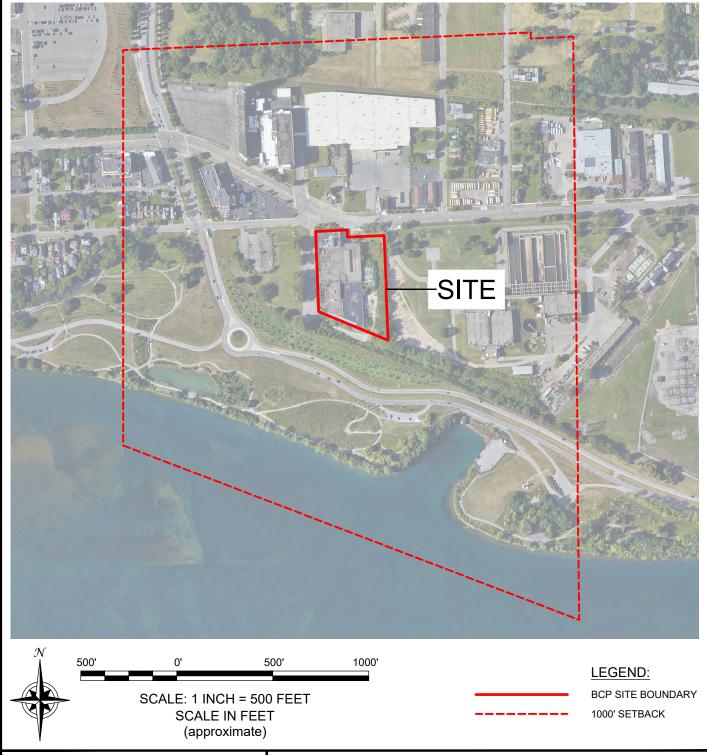
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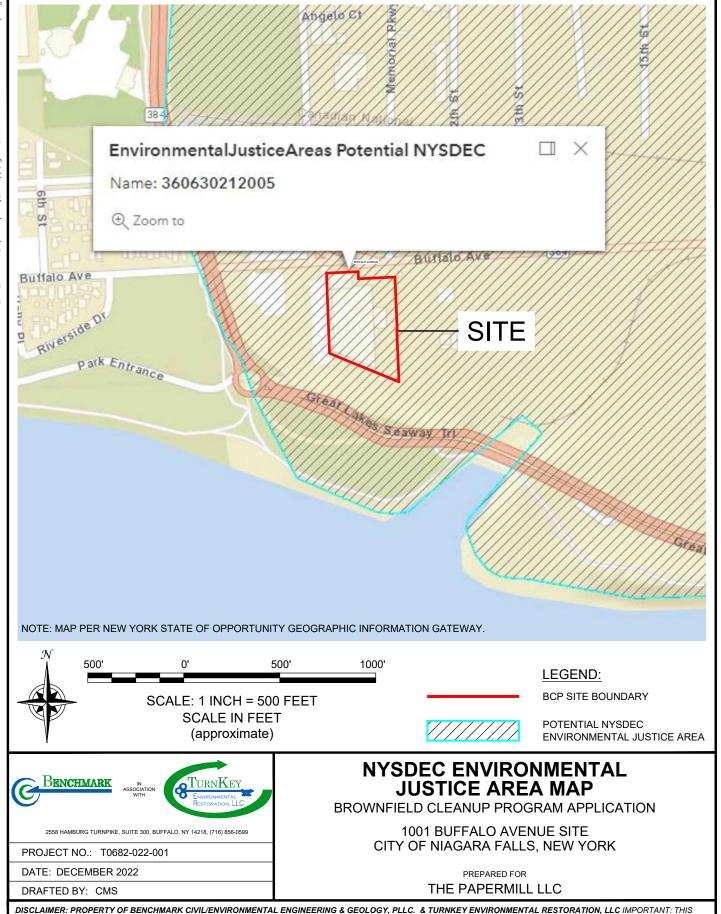
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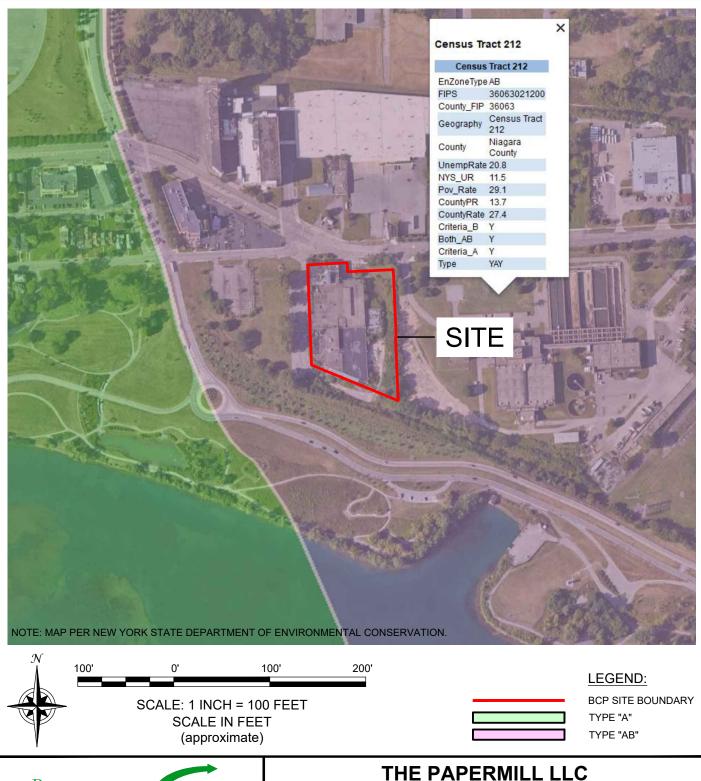
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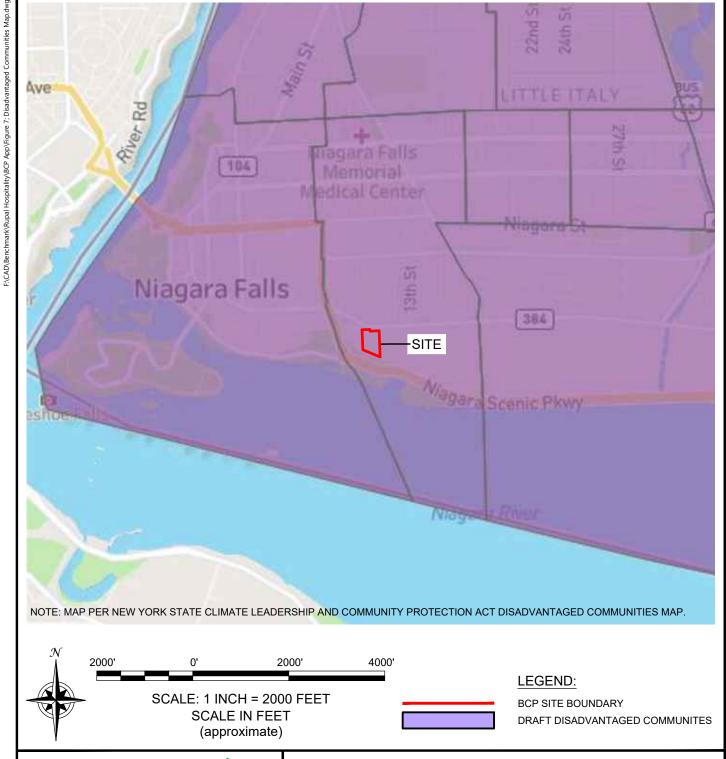
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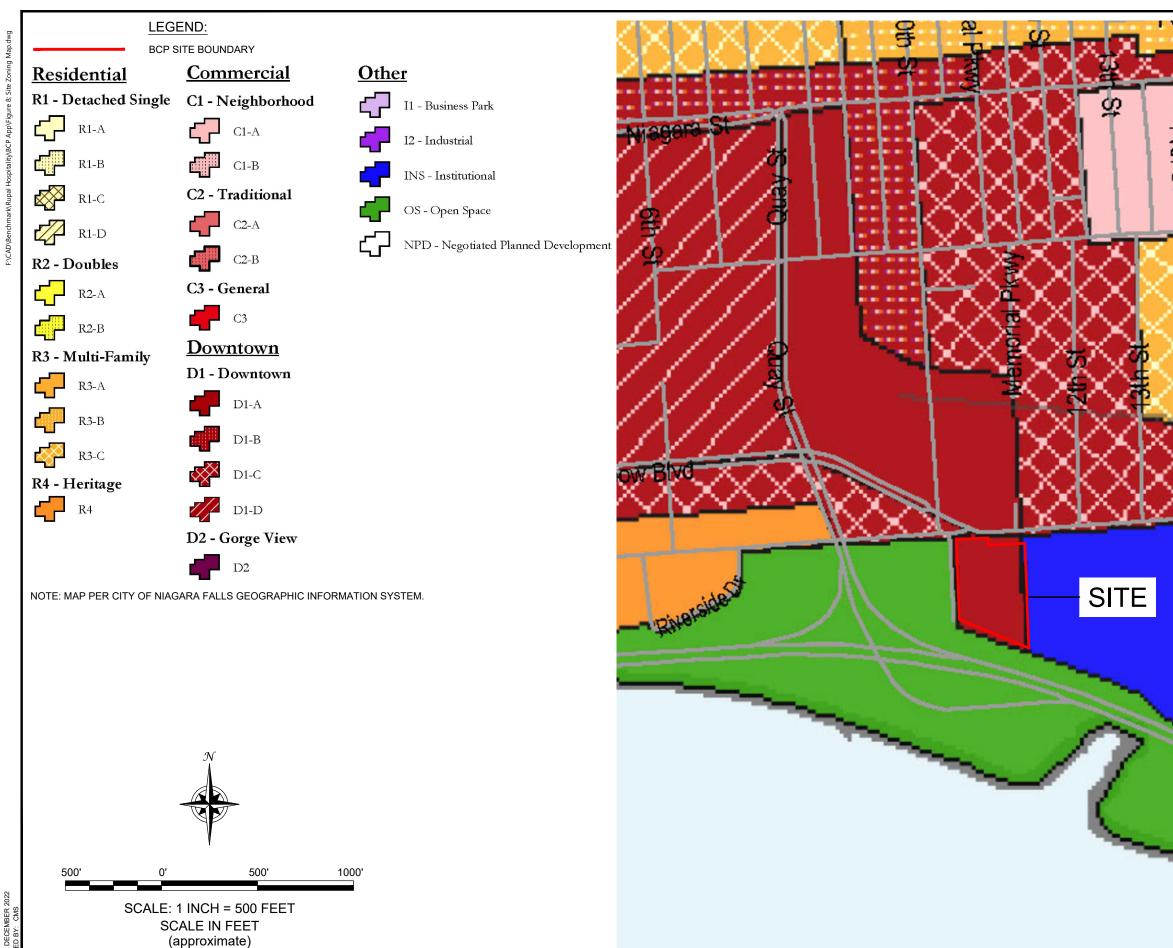
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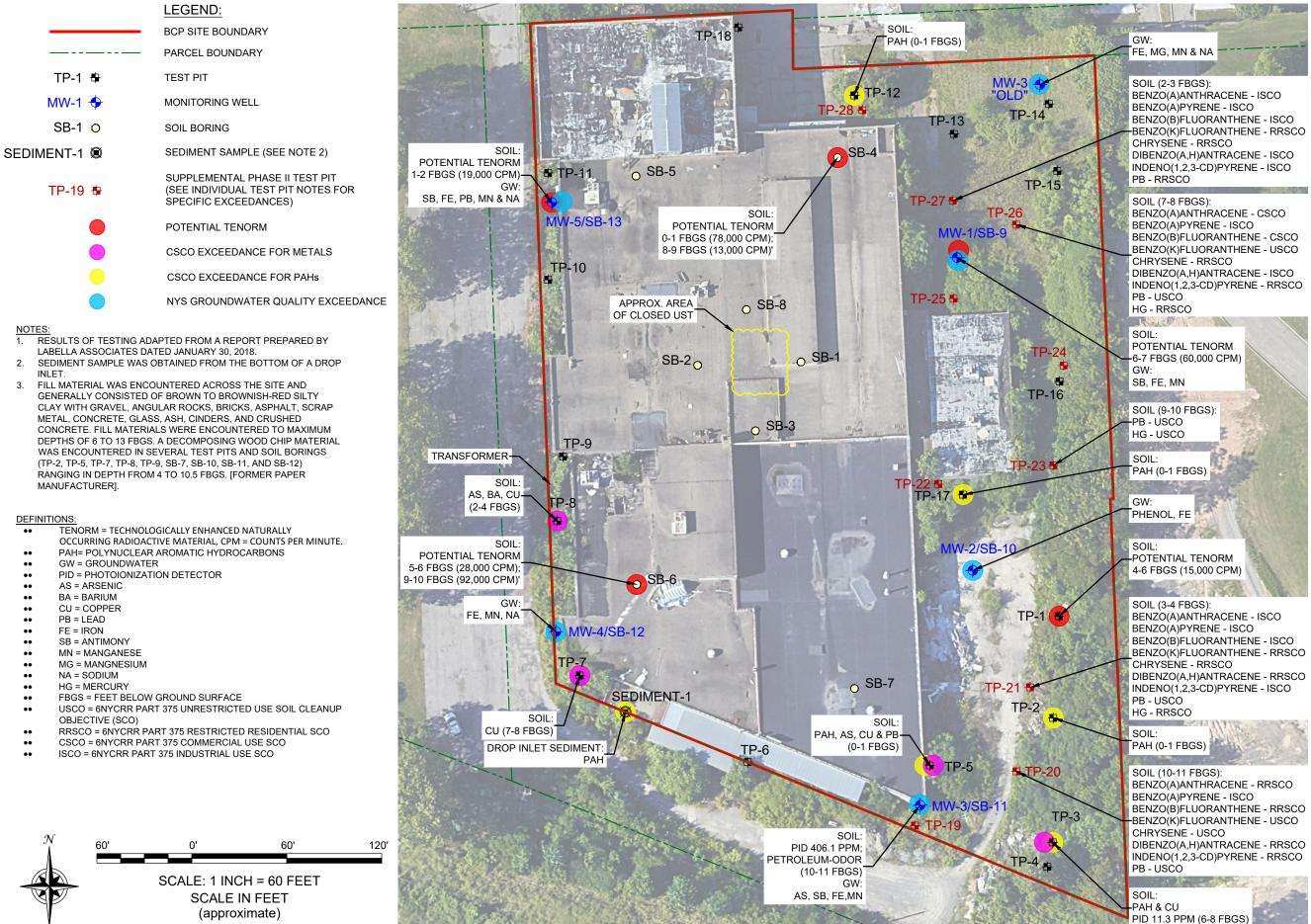


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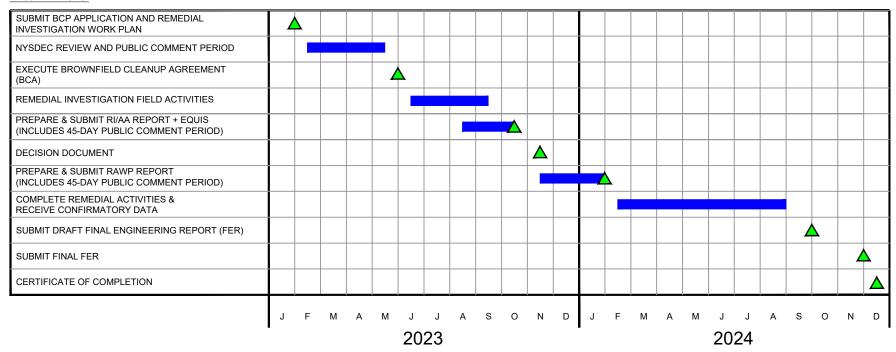
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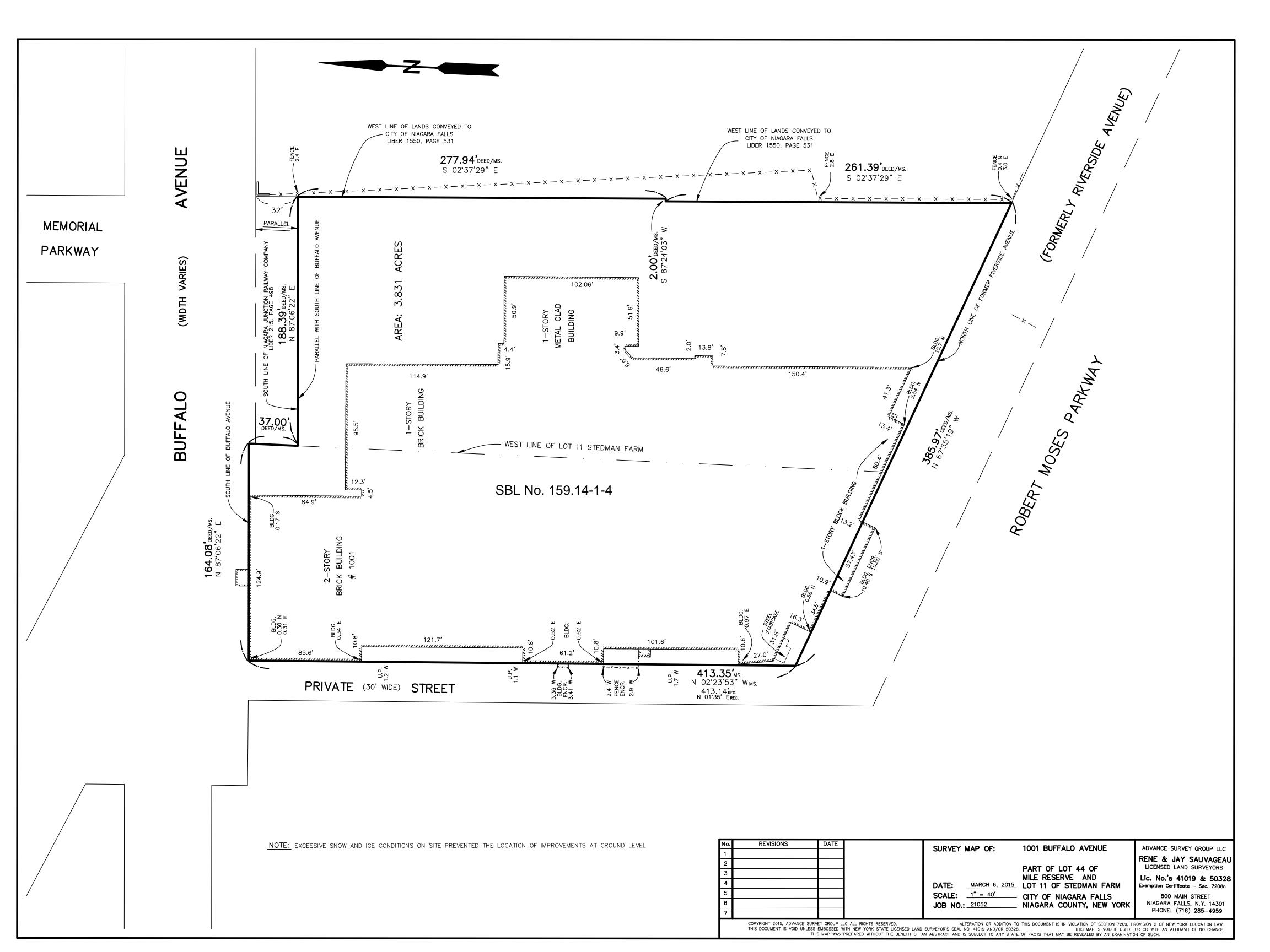
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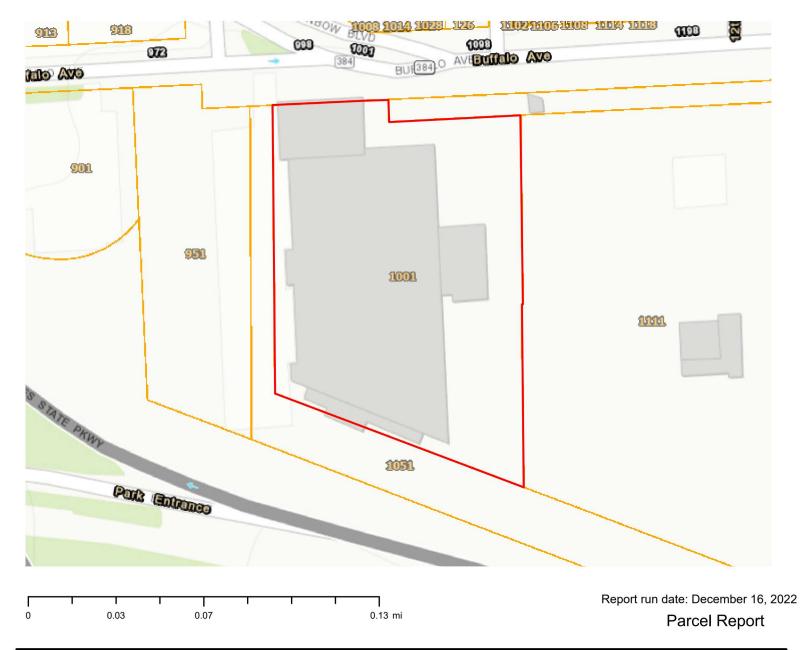
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Information reflects Final Assessment Roll 2022

SBL: 159.14-1-4 Owner: The Papermill LLC

Prcl Numb: 1001 Prcl Street: Buffalo Ave Prcl Muni: Niagara Falls

Prop Code: 710 Prop Code Description: Manufacturing and processing

Front: 0 Sqft Living Area: 0 Total Assessed Value: 400,000

Depth: 0 **Year Built:** 0 **Land Assessed Value:** 57,900

Acres (approx): 3.82

Full Market Value: 645,200

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Entity Information

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Entity Details ENTITY NAME: THE PAPERMILL LLC DOS ID: 4706503 **FOREIGN LEGAL NAME: FICTITIOUS NAME: ENTITY TYPE: DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY DURATION DATE/LATEST DATE OF DISSOLUTION:** SECTIONOF LAW: 203 LLC - LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW ENTITY STATUS: ACTIVE **DATE OF INITIAL DOS FILING: 02/06/2015 REASON FOR STATUS: EFFECTIVE DATE INITIAL FILING: 02/06/2015 INACTIVE DATE:** FOREIGN FORMATION DATE: **STATEMENT STATUS: CURRENT COUNTY: NIAGARA NEXT STATEMENT DUE DATE: 02/28/2023** JURISDICTION: NEW YORK, UNITED STATES NFP CATEGORY: ENTITY DISPLAY Service of Process Name and Address Name: THE PAPERMILL LLC Address: 1625 BUFFALO AVENUE, SUITE 2D, NIAGARA FALLS, NY, UNITED STATES, 14303 Chief Executive Officer's Name and Address Name: Address: Principal Executive Office Address Address: Registered Agent Name and Address Name: Address: Entity Primary Location Name and Address Name: Address:

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Is The Entity A Farm Corporation: NO

Stock Information

Share Value Number Of Shares Value Per Share

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January 31, 2023

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Name: Nirel Patel

Authorized Member

Jessica Dombrowski

From: Jessica Dombrowski

Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 1:41 PM

To: spotwin@nioga.org

Subject: Document Repository for Brownfield Cleanup Program Site

Attachments: BCP App LOT Doc Rep Request.pdf

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Thank you,

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c: File: 0682-022-001

From: Sarah Potwin
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Subject: Re: Document Repository for Brownfield Cleanup Program Site

Date: Tuesday, December 13, 2022 2:03:10 PM

Yes of course. Send what you need and we will make it avail to the public . Sarah Potwin

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1001 BUFFALO AVENUE SITE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

SITE OWNER/APPLICANT

The Papermill LLC

1625 Buffalo Avenue, Suite 2D Niagara Falls, New York 14303

APPLICANT MEMBER

Nirel Patel 716-285-0904

PREVIOUS INVESTIGATIONS

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