

# **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN**

## **REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION/ ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS**

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Community Participation Plan (CPP) has been developed to provide an outline and guidance for citizen participation for the City of Albany's New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) grant which will be used to continue the investigations begun at the Henry Johnson Boulevard Properties Site under the City's United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Brownfields Pilot Program Grant and, if necessary, to plan and conduct environmental cleanup activities on these sites. The CPP was prepared in accordance with USEPA guidelines, New York State regulations (6 NYCRR Part 375), the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) guidance document, *New York State Inactive Hazardous Waste Site Citizen Participation Plan* (August, 1988), and NYSDEC Municipal Assistance for Environmental Restoration Projects Procedures Handbook.

Citizen participation activities are planned to promote communication, understanding and involvement between the surrounding community, the City of Albany, and the NYSDEC. The citizen participation activities are intended to address the following questions:

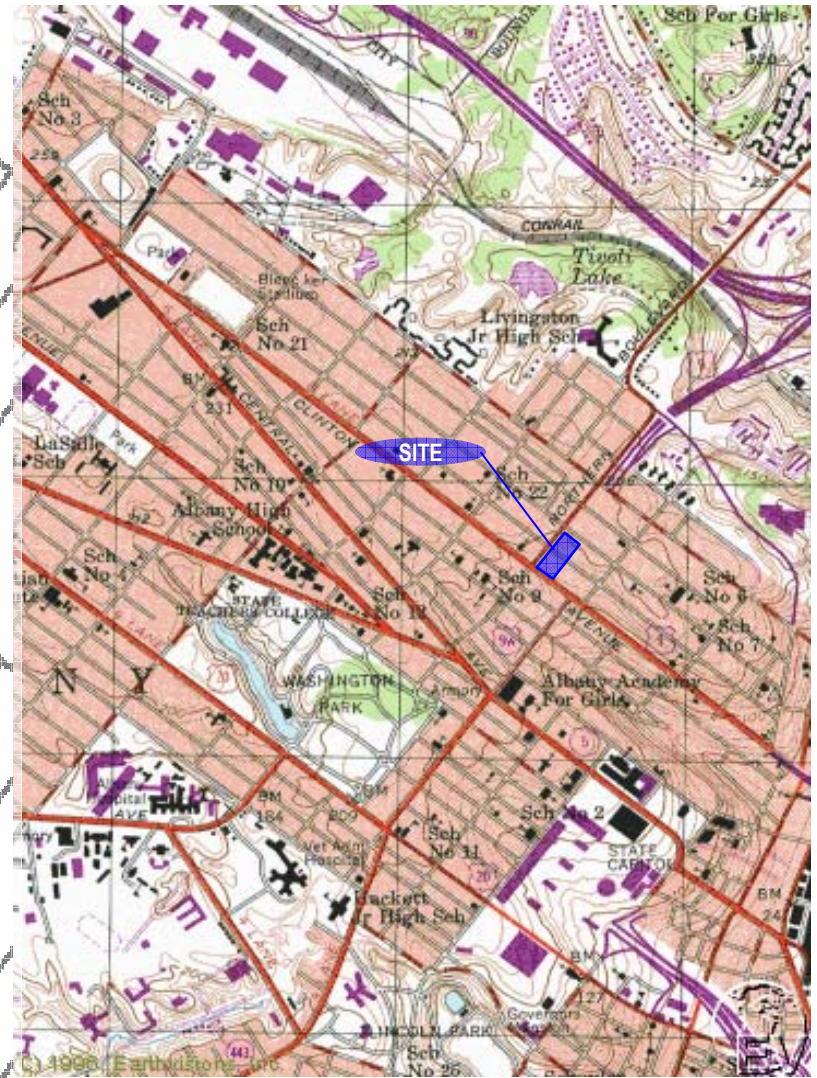
- What concerns does the public have about the Project?
- Who is interested in or affected by the Project?
- What are the potential opportunities for redevelopment of properties in the Project area?
- What information does the public need to know about the Project?
- What information can the public contribute to the Project?

A critical part of the success of any public program is gaining the trust of the public. Through this CPP, the City of Albany and the NYSDEC are committed to an interactive citizen participation program in support of the Project.

## **2.0 PROJECT BACKGROUND**

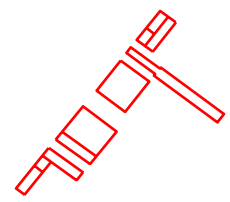
In 2005, the City of Albany was awarded a grant under the New York State ERP to further investigate the Henry Johnson Boulevard Properties in the Arbor Hill neighborhood of the City (Figure 2-1). This neighborhood is located in a New York State Economic Development Zone (EDZ) and a United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Enterprise Community (EC). Under the New York State ERP, the City proposes to install additional groundwater monitoring wells and to collect groundwater, soil, soil vapor, and air samples at the site to evaluate the extent of contamination and determine the most cost-effective and appropriate remediation of these properties. Once the results from the groundwater and soil samples are collected, soil may need to be excavated from the areas showing the greatest influence of petroleum related compounds associated with former maintenance and refueling operations at the site or in areas where soils contain the highest concentrations of metals. This grant's activities will also help mitigate potential health and environmental hazards. Citizen participation in this process is essential for successfully creating a sustainable, community-based, Brownfields Redevelopment Program. The City of Albany plans to redevelop the site for commercial uses and has proposed to renovate one site building for a World War I museum. The site is expected to remain owned and maintained by the City of Albany, New York.

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Henry Johnson Boulevard Properties



### **3.0 EDUCATION AND PARTICIPATION OF STAKEHOLDERS**

Community support is essential for successful Brownfields redevelopment. Community support can only be obtained by making all pertinent information available, and actively seeking community involvement. Public participation is vital for the success of this project, as the Brownfields are part of the community. Mechanisms that the City will use to involve the community in the Project will include:

- Fact sheets;
- Media exposure through press releases, newspaper articles, and/or radio and television reports;
- Public meetings and information sessions; and
- Compilation of a list of interested parties and the establishment of a document repository for project information.

#### **3.1 DOCUMENT REPOSITORY**

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All project-related documents will be made available for public review and comment at document repositories. Document repositories will be established at the following locations:

- Main Branch of Albany Public Library; and
- Albany Community Development Agency (ACDA).

Specific information for each document repository is presented in Appendix A. It is anticipated that the following documents will be prepared:

- Work Plan.
- Remedial Investigation/Alternatives Analysis.
- Proposed Remedial Action Plan.
- Record of Decision.

## **3.2 CONTACT LIST**

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A preliminary project contact list has been developed to ensure that potentially interested parties are aware of Project activities. The contact list, which is presented in Appendix B, contains local, state, and federal government officials; local media outlets (newspaper, radio, and television); and interested residents and community groups who have participated in previous community outreach sessions conducted by the City. This contact list will be updated throughout the Project to include other interested and/or affected parties.

## **3.3 COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

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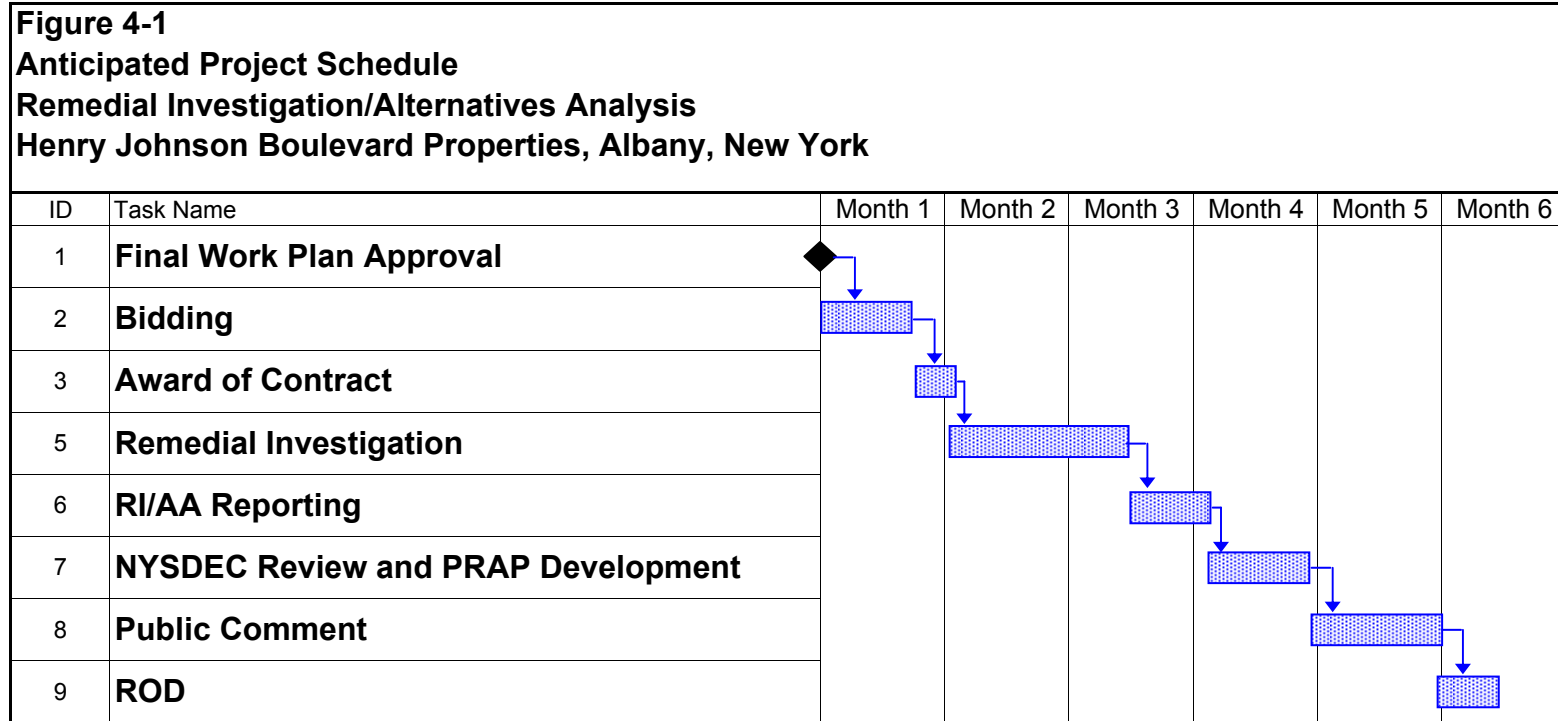
To educate stakeholders about Brownfields site identification, investigations, remediation, and redevelopment, the City will conduct environmental education outreach meetings at key points throughout the Project. Notice of the meetings will be mailed to potentially interested parties listed in Appendix B. Specific outreach activities that will be conducted include:

- A fact sheet which will briefly describe the site, RI/AA objectives and activities planned for the RI/AA will be mailed to the Contact List (Appendix B) upon submission of the Final Work Plan for the site.
- In addition, the fact sheet will indicate the location of the local document repository and identify appropriate points of contact.
- Upon completion of project activities, the NYSDEC will prepare the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) which will summarize the remedial options for the site and propose a specific remedial alternative for implementation. A copy of the PRAP will be placed in the local document repository and a copy will be mailed to the Contact List (Appendix B). There will be a 45 day comment period prior to implementing the proposed remedial alternative. A public meeting will be held during the comment period to review the PRAP and to address any questions or concerns. This meeting will be attended by representatives of the City of Albany and the NYSDEC.
- Following the selection of the remedial alternative for the site, the NYSDEC will prepare the Record of Decision (ROD). A copy of the ROD will be placed in the local document repository and a fact sheet briefly describing the selected remedy will be mailed to the Contact List (Appendix B). The fact

sheet will also indicate the location of the local document repository and identify appropriate points of contact.

## **4.0 SCHEDULE**

The estimated Project Schedule is presented in Figure 4-1.



## **APPENDIX A**

### Document Repository

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### **DOCUMENT REPOSITORIES**

Copies of documents will be placed at the locations listed below for public viewing.

#### **The Albany Public Library (Main Branch)**

161 Washington Avenue

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Phone: (518) 427-4300

Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Friday: 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Saturday: 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Sunday: 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. (closed Sundays 6/10-9/2)

#### **Albany Community Development Agency**

200 Henry Johnson Boulevard

Albany, New York

Phone: (518) 434-5265

Hours:

Monday - Friday: 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

## **APPENDIX B**

### Contact List

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### CONTACT LIST

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