



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

After the investigation is complete, Schuyler Heights Fire District (Fire District) will prepare a Remedial Investigation Report that summarizes the results of the investigation and submit to NYSDEC and NYSDOH for review. The Fire District will also evaluate remedial alternatives on the basis of the findings and prepare a report (Alternatives Analysis Report) for NYSDEC and NYSDOH review. After these documents are reviewed, NYSDEC will prepare a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) and present the plan to the public for comment. NYSDEC will keep the public informed during the investigation and remediation at the Potential Schuyler Heights Fire District Site through mailings and as necessary, public meetings. NYSDEC will announce the time, date, and location of any public meetings by mail. The Fire District, with guidance and input from the NYSDEC, has developed a Citizen Participation Plan as part of the RI/AA Work Plan, for the site. This plan describes activities that will occur at different stages of the site investigation and cleanup process, including opportunities for public input. It also includes a glossary of terms and other useful information. The Citizen Participation Plan and other site related documents can be reviewed at the repositories listed below.

DOCUMENT REPOSITORIES

Public understanding and involvement are important to the success of New York's Environmental Restoration Program. As the project progresses, the NYSDEC and the Fire District will distribute fact sheets, like this one, to keep you informed. In addition, the Department and the Fire District have also placed site documents in a repository for you to read.

The NYSDEC and the Fire District have established the following document repositories:

Watervliet Public Library
1501 Broadway, Watervliet, New York 12189
Telephone: (518) 274-4471
Hours of Operation: Monday – Thursday 12:00pm-8:00pm, Friday 12pm-4pm

City of Watervliet (City Clerk's Office)
City Hall, Watervliet, New York 12189
Telephone: (518) 270-3810
Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm

Schuyler Heights Fire District
900 First Street, Watervliet, New York 12189
Telephone: (518) 271-7851

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233
Telephone: (518) 402-9818
Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm

ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION PROGRAM

The 1996 Clean Water/ Clean Air Bond Act provides funding to municipalities for the investigation and cleanup of brownfields. Brownfields are abandoned, idled, or under-used properties where redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination. They typically are former industrial or commercial properties where operations may have resulted in environmental contamination. Brownfields often pose not only environmental, but legal and financial burdens on communities. Under the Environmental Restoration Program (ERP), the state provides grants to municipalities to reimburse up to 90 percent of eligible costs for site investigation and remediation activities. Once remediated, the property can then be reused. For more information on the New York State ERP please visit the Department of Environmental Conservation's Website at: www.dec.state.ny.us/website/der/erp

