## NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF



### CONSERVATION

#### Dear Interested Citizen:

This Fact Sheet is to inform you about the availability of the Remedial Investigation and Alternatives Analysis Work Plan and the upcoming investigation field work at the Schuyler Heights Fire District Site located in the Town of Colonie. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact:

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For site related health questions, please contact the following New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) representative:

#### Mr. Bruce Donovan

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# **FACT SHEET**

SCHUYLER HEIGHTS FIRE DISTRICT 849 FIRST STREET - Site No.: E401050 Environmental Restoration Program

Town of Colonie, New York May 2006

#### INTRODUCTION

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) is providing this fact sheet to announce the availability of the Work Plan for environmental investigation at the Schuyler Heights Fire District Site, located at 849 First Street, in the Town of Colonie, Albany County, New York. See attached map for the location of the site. NYSDEC approved an application submitted by the Schuyler Heights Fire District to participate in New York's Environmental Restoration Program (ERP). NYSDEC is providing this fact sheet to explain highlights of the planned remedial investigation and how to get more information. The "Remedial Investigation/Alternatives Analysis Work Plan" (RI/AA Work Plan) was submitted by Schuyler Heights Fire District under the ERP. The RI/AA Work Plan is available for public review at the document repositories identified in this fact sheet.

#### SITE BACKGROUND

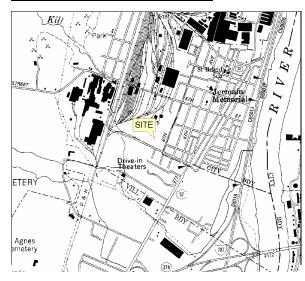
The site, currently undeveloped vacant land with limited vegetative cover, is located along the north side of First Street, west of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, in the Town of Colonie, Albany County, New York, in a mixed commercial and residential setting. The site consists of an irregular-shaped, approximately 7.5-acre parcel, and is identified on the Town of Colonie tax maps as being within the parcel with Section 44.11, Block 1 and Lot 50.1. Past uses of the site have included a railroad loading/unloading area and a scrap metal yard. Recent test pits identified scrap metal and construction/demolition type waste buried on portions of the site.

#### **INVESTIGATIONS**

The remedial investigation will be performed by Schuyler Heights Fire District with oversight by NYSDEC and the NYSDOH. The purpose of the planned investigation is to define the nature and extent of contamination at the site. As part of the site investigation and as described in the RI Work Plan, Schuyler Heights Fire District will complete the following scope of work:

- Subsurface Soil Investigation (via Test Pits/Trenches)
- Groundwater Monitoring Well Installation
- Groundwater Sampling
- Soil Gas Sampling
- Fish & Wildlife Impact Study

The field work is expected to begin in mid- to late June 2006. The duration of field work associated with the investigation is anticipated to be 8 to 12 weeks.



#### **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: <a href="https://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/der/erp">www.dec.state.ny.us/website/der/erp</a>