

NEW YORK STATE
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CONSERVATION

Dear Interested Citizen/Party:

This Fact Sheet is to inform you about the availability of the Site Investigation and Alternatives Analysis Work Plan and the upcoming investigation field work at the Former Scolite Site located in the City of Troy. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact:

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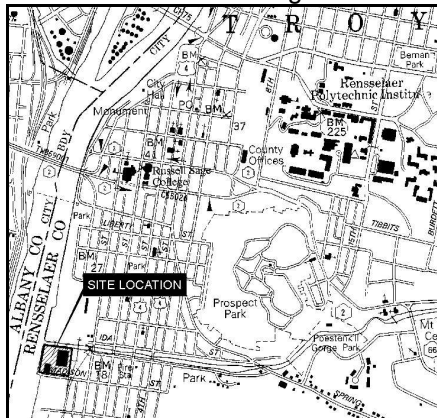
For site related health questions, please contact the following New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) representative:

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Site Location Figure



FACT SHEET

**Former Scolite Site
2 Madison Street - Site No.: E442037
Environmental Restoration Program**

City of Troy, New York

April 2009

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 Former Scolite Site, located at 2 Madison Street, in the City of Troy, Rensselaer County, New York. See attached map for the location of the site. NYSDEC approved an application submitted by the City of Troy (the City) to participate in New York's Environmental Restoration Program (ERP). NYSDEC is providing this fact sheet to explain highlights of the planned site investigation and how to get more information. The "Site Investigation/Alternatives Analysis Work Plan" (SI/AA Work Plan) was submitted by the City's environmental consultants, under the ERP. The SI/AA Work Plan is available for public review at the document repositories identified in this fact sheet.

SITE BACKGROUND

The Former Scolite Site is located along the east shore of the Hudson River and the south shore of the Poestenkill Creek. The site is bounded on the south by Madison Street and on the east by railroad tracks. The 5.7-acre, rectangular shaped site, consists one (1) tax parcel, which is owned by the City of Troy. Prior to a fire that occurred in May 2008, the site contained nine buildings in various stages of disrepair including the iron foundry. Currently, the site contains one building, slab foundations from the former buildings, a large yard area, and a bulkhead for docking along the Hudson River. The site also has an accumulation of materials and mechanical devices (fly wheel) from the previous historical operations, as well as, a small remaining pile of brick and asbestos mixed rubble (former buildings) as a result of a fire that occurred in May 2008. A portion of the site is proposed as the location for the Upper Hudson River & Estuaries Satellite Center. The center will support scientific and engineering infrastructure for monitoring and experimentation on the river and in its local ecosystem.

INVESTIGATIONS

The remedial investigation will be performed by the City of Troy's consultants 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 SI Work Plan, HRP will complete the following scope of work:

- ▶ Ground Penetrating Radar Survey
- ▶ Collection of Surficial and Background Soil Samples
- ▶ Installation of Soil Borings, Collection and Analysis of Soil Samples
- ▶ Installation of Monitoring Wells, Collection and Analysis Groundwater Samples
- ▶ Soil Vapor Evaluation
- ▶ Site Survey
- ▶ Interim Remedial Measures, if necessary

The field work is expected to begin in May 2009. The duration of field work associated with the investigation is anticipated to be approximately 12-16 months.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

After the investigation is complete, a site investigation report will be prepared to summarize the results of the investigation activities. The City 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 Former Scolite Site through mailings and, as necessary, public meetings. NYSDEC will announce the time, date, and location of any public meetings by mail. The City, with guidance and input from the NYSDEC, has developed a Citizen Participation Plan as part of the SI/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 City will distribute fact sheets, like this one, to keep you informed. In addition, the Department and the City have also placed site documents in a repository for you to read.

The NYSDEC and The City of Troy have established the following document repositories:

Troy Public Library
100 Second Street, Troy, New York 12180
Telephone: (518) 274-7071
Hours of Operation: Monday – Thursday 10:00pm-8:00 pm, Friday- Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm

Troy City Hall
One Monument Square, Troy, New York 12180
Telephone: (518) 270-4619
Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 9:00am - 4:00pm

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233
Telephone: (518) 402-8013
Hours of Operation: Monday-Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Region 4 Office
1130 North Westcott Road, Schenectady, New York 12306
Telephone: (518) 357-2068
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