

Public Meeting Invitation

**Tuesday,
February 27, 2007
7:00 p.m.**

Schenectady Metroplex
Development Authority
Meeting Room
Center City Plaza
433 State Street
Schenectady, NY 12305
(518) 377-1109

The New York State Departments of Environmental Conservation and Health (NYSDEC and NYSDOH) will discuss the proposed remedy for the 314 Clinton Street Site. At the meeting, representatives from the NYSDEC and NYSDOH will:

- Describe results of the site investigations;
- Explain the proposed remedy;
- Answer your questions about the remedy;
- Receive your verbal or written comments about the proposal.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

From: Feb. 5, 2007
To: Mar. 22, 2007

FACT SHEET

February 5, 2007

314 CLINTON STREET
SITE No. E447036
SCHENECTADY, NY
NYSDEC REGION 4

Remedy Proposed for the 314 Clinton Street Site

Public Meeting, Comment Period Announced

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), working cooperatively with the New York State Department of Health (DOH), has proposed a remedy designed to address contamination identified at the 314 Clinton Street Environmental Restoration Project in Schenectady, New York (*see location map on page 4*).

The Proposed Action: Based on the results of the investigations at the site and the status of the existing, intact asphalt/top soil cover, the DEC is proposing No Action, with an environmental easement and institutional controls to address potential vapor intrusion issues, as the remedy for the site. This proposal is described in the site's Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP). The PRAP was developed following a detailed investigation of the site. The PRAP evaluates different options to clean up the site and presents the alternative preferred by the DEC and DOH.

See pages 2 and 3 of this fact sheet for a summary of the PRAP, site background, and summary of the site investigation. The full PRAP is available for your review at the document repositories listed on page 3.

Your Opportunities to Comment on the Proposed Remedy: Release of the PRAP begins a process to finalize selection of the remedy for the site. Your comment and input about the proposed remedy are important and encouraged.

Your oral and written comments about the PRAP are welcome at the **public meeting** (see sidebar) and during a **public comment period** which runs until March 22, 2007. Written comments also may be mailed until the end of the comment period to:

Mr. Ian Beilby, P.E.
NYSDEC, Division of Environmental Remediation
Division of Environmental Remediation
12th Floor, 625 Broadway
Albany, NY 12233-7013

What Happens Next: All comments received during the public comment period will be considered as the remedy for the 314 Clinton Street site is finalized. Public input will be factored into the Record of Decision (ROD) which will describe the remedy selected and why it was chosen. DEC will respond to comments in a responsiveness summary included in the ROD.

Site History

The historical activity at the site includes a variety of residential and commercial uses. The commercial uses of interest included a former gasoline filling station and a former dry cleaner. The site is now a municipal parking lot.

Site Investigation

Soil and groundwater samples were collected to perform laboratory analysis for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semivolatile organic compounds (SVOCs), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), pesticides and inorganics (metals) to determine the presence and extent of contamination around the areas assumed to be impacted by historical uses and to detect a broad range of contaminants from previously unknown sources. Results show small amounts of contamination in isolated portions of the site likely due to past commercial activities and urban fill that exists below the ground surface. SVOCs, and metals were detected sporadically in the soil while isolated VOCs and metals were found in groundwater samples. All contaminants of concern were found at low levels. Please see the documents provided for review in the repositories for details and the full results of the investigation.

Summary of Proposed Remedial Action

The 314 Clinton Street Site is a 2.4 acre parcel bounded by Broadway, Hamilton Street, and Clinton Street (Figure 1) in the City of Schenectady, Schenectady County. The site consists primarily of a parking lot with a small amount of greenspace. The site is adjacent to several businesses, office buildings, and residential structures. The PRAP identifies the remedy preferred by the DEC and DOH is a no action remedy plus the placement of an environmental easement with periodic certification based on the limited contamination discovered at the site. The proposed alternative was chosen following a detailed investigation of the site.

The elements of the proposed remedy include:

- Imposition of an institutional control in the form of an environmental easement that would require (a) limiting the use and development of the property to commercial use, which would also permit industrial use; (b) compliance with the approved site management plan; (c) restricting the use of groundwater as a source of potable or process water,

without necessary water quality treatment as determined by NYSDOH; and (d) the property owner to complete and submit to the Department a periodic certification of institutional and engineering controls.

- Development of a site management plan which would include the following institutional and engineering controls: (a) management of the existing final cover system to restrict excavation below the pavement or existing topsoil. Soil that is excavated for purposes of future development would be tested, properly handled to protect the health and safety of workers and the nearby community, and would be properly managed in a manner acceptable to the Department; (b) continued evaluation of the potential for vapor intrusion for any buildings developed on the site, including provision for mitigation of any impacts where warranted; (c) provisions for the continued proper operation and maintenance of the components of the remedy.
- The property owner would provide a periodic certification of institutional and engineering controls, prepared and submitted by a professional engineer or such other expert acceptable to the Department, until the Department notifies the property owner in writing that this certification is no longer needed. This submittal would: (a) contain certification that the institutional controls and engineering controls put in place are still in place and are either unchanged from the previous certification or are compliant with Department-approved modifications; (b) allow the Department access to the site; and (c) state that nothing has occurred that would impair the ability of the control to protect public health or the environment, or constitute a violation or failure to comply with the site management plan unless otherwise approved by the Department.

Costs and Funding for the Site Remedy

Minor costs will be incurred to implement the above controls and will generally be accounted for in annual maintenance of the parking lot or any redevelopment and construction projects that are initiated at the site.

Health Issues

There are no known complete exposure pathways. Exposure to the small volume of contaminated subsurface soil that exists at the site is unlikely due to the presence of clean topsoil and an asphalt parking lot. Exposure to

low levels of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) and metals detected in the groundwater is unlikely because the area is served by public water. The potential for soil

vapor intrusion will be evaluated as required in the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP)

Document Repositories: *To review the complete PRAP and other site information:*

Schenectady County Public Library
Reference Desk
99 Clinton Street
Schenectady, NY 12306
Phone: (518) 388-4511
M – Th 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
F-Sa 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Su 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

NYSDEC - Region 4
1130 North Westcott Road
Schenectady, NY 12306
Mon. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (by appointment)
Allan Geisendorfer
Phone: (518) 357-2075

NYSDEC - Central Office
625 Broadway
Albany, New York 12233-7013
Mon-Fri 8:30am-4:30pm (by appointment)
Contact: Ian Beilby
Phone: (518) 402-9818

City of Schenectady (City Clerk's Office)
City Hall, 105 Jay Street,
Schenectady, New York 12305
Telephone: (518) 382-5035
Hours of Operation: M-F 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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For More Information: *Call or write the following staff for more information about:*

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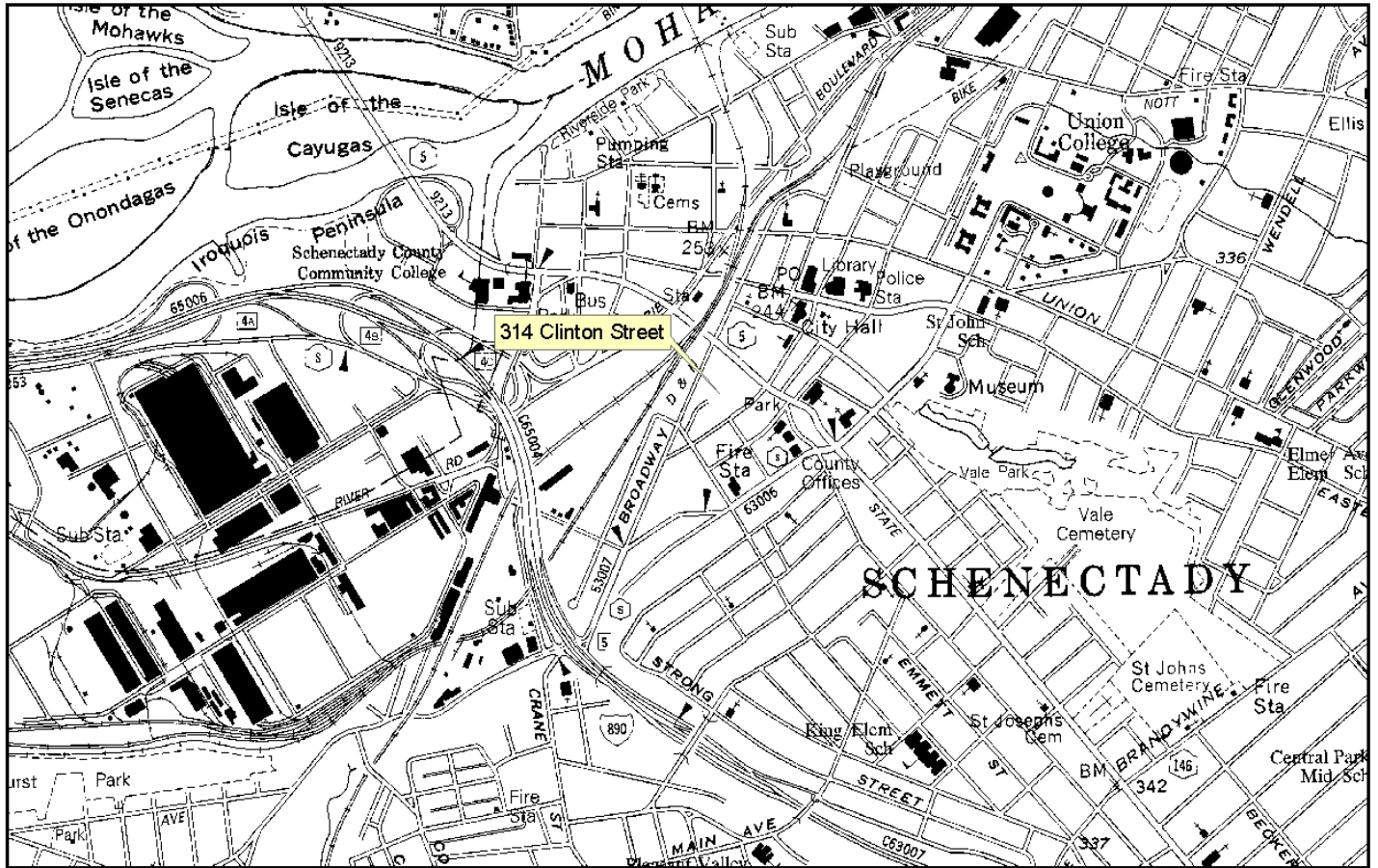
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Site Map



Approximate Site Boundaries

