# NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF



# ENVIRONMENTAL 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 400 Broadway Site located in the Village of Saranac Lake. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact:

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# FACT SHEET

400 BROADWAY SITE
Site Number: E517007
Environmental Restoration Program

Village of Saranac Lake, New York May 2007

# 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 the environmental investigation at the 400 Broadway Site in the Village of Saranac Lake, Franklin County, New York. See attached map for the location of the site. NYSDEC approved an application submitted by the Village of Saranac Lake to participate in New York's Environmental Restoration Program (ERP). This Fact Sheet is provided to explain highlights of the planned remedial investigation and how to receive information. The "Remedial Investigation/Alternatives Analysis Work Plan" (RI/AA Work Plan) was submitted by the Village of Saranac Lake 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, which consists of two contiguous parcels of undeveloped land (2.6 acres total), is located at 400 Broadway in the Village of Saranac Lake, Franklin County, New York. The northern parcel is approximately 1.388 acres in size and is identified as Village of Saranac Lake Tax Map Parcel I.D. number 446.43, Block 2 Lot 3. The southern parcel is approximately 1.218 acres in size and is identified as Village of Saranac Lake Tax Map Parcel I.D. number 446.43, Block 2 Lot 4. Wetlands, which have been delineated by the Adirondack Park Agency, make up western most portions of the site. The northern parcel is at an elevation of approximately 3 to 4 feet above the southern parcel and has historically been associated with automotive repair and World War II related aircraft parts manufacturing, and was reportedly utilized as an uncontrolled dumping area for a period of time. Petroleum fuels, solvents, PCBs and heavy metals may have been used in association with historic practices affiliated with the site's northern parcel. No known historic uses are affiliated with the Site's southern parcel.

# **INVESTIGATIONS**

The remedial investigation will be performed by the Village of Saranac Lake with oversight by NYSDEC and the NYSDOH. The planned investigation will define the nature and extent of contamination that might be present at the site. As part of the site investigation and as described in the RI Work Plan, the Village of Saranac Lake will complete the following scope of work:

- Potable Private Well Water Supply Survey
- Subsurface Investigation via Test Pits/Trenches and Borings
- > Surface/Subsurface Soil and Sediment Sampling
- Groundwater Monitoring Well Installation
- Surface Water and Groundwater Sampling
- Soil Gas Sampling (dependent upon the investigative results)
- Survey of the Exploratory Locations
- Fish & Wildlife Impact Study
- Data Usability Summary Report of Laboratory Data

The field work is expected to begin in the spring of 2007. The duration of field work associated with the investigation is anticipated to be 6 to 8 weeks.

Based in part on the results of the investigative tasks, Interim Remedial Measures (IRMs) may be conducted on the project site. The contemplated IRMs include: the removal and off-site disposal of drums and containers staged on portions of the site dividing the northern and southern parcels; and the removal and off-site disposal of items viewed as having the potential to impact human health and the environment during the subsurface exploration of the site's northern parcel.

### **UPCOMING ACTIVITIES**

After the investigation is complete, the Village of Saranac Lake will prepare a Remedial Investigation Report that summarizes the results of the investigation and submit it to NYSDEC and NYSDOH for review. The Village of Saranac Lake will also evaluate remedial alternatives on the basis of the findings and prepare an Alternatives Analysis Report for NYSDEC and NYSDOH review. After these documents are reviewed, NYSDEC will prepare a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for cleanup of the property and present the plan to the public for comment. The preferred remedy will then be finalized in a Record of Decision (ROD) for the site, and cleanup of the site using the preferred remedy, if required, can then begin.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Public understanding and involvement are important to the success of New York's Environmental Restoration Program. The Village of Saranac Lake, in conjunction with the NYSDEC has developed a Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) as part of the RI/AA Work Plan for the site. The CPP outlines how information about the site and activities will be disseminated to the public. To provide you with more detailed information, the Village of Saranac Lake has placed the RI/AA Work Plan documents in repositories in and near your community.

The Document repositories for the 400 Broadway Site are:

#### **Public Library**

Saranac Lake Free Library 109 Main Street Saranac Lake, NY 12983 Phone: (518) 891-4190 Hours: Sept. to June

Mon. to Sat.: 10am to 5:30pm

Thurs.: 10am to 8pm July & August

Mon. to Fri.: 10am to 5:30pm Sat.: 10am to 1:30pm

#### Village Clerk's Office

Power and Light Building 3 Main Street, Suite 1 Saranac Lake, NY 12983 Phone: (518) 891-4150

Hours: Mon.-Fri.: 8am to 4:30pm

#### **NYSDEC Region 5 Office**

Route 86, P.O. Box 296 Ray Brook, NY 12977 Attn: Michael McLean Phone: (518) 897-1242 Hours: M-F, 8:30am-4:45pm

# 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's website at: <a href="www.dec.ny.gov">www.dec.ny.gov</a>. Select Environmental Restoration Program from the Subject Index.