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Record of Decision

Site Name: Ithaca Falls Overlook
Environmental Restoration Program, **DEC Site #:** E755018
Ithaca, Tompkins County

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) announces that the printed Record of Decision (ROD) for the Ithaca Falls Overlook site ("site") located at 125 Lake Street, Ithaca, Tompkins County is available for public review (see "Where to View the ROD," below).

On Tuesday, June 20, 2017 NYSDEC held a public meeting presenting the Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for the site. The comments received at this meeting and during the public comment period (June 1, 2017 through July 17, 2017), along with the administrative record, were considered in preparing the final ROD for the site. The ROD presents the remedy selected to address contamination related to the site and the rationale for the chosen remedy. A Responsiveness Summary addressing the public comments received is also included in the ROD.

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The following is a summary of the chosen remedy described in the ROD:

Based on the results of the investigations at the site and the interim remedial measures (IRMs) that have been performed, the NYSDEC has selected No Further Action as the remedy for the site. IRMs are used to expedite cleanup when a source of contamination or exposure pathway (the way in which a person may contact contamination) can be effectively addressed prior to completion of the site investigation and evaluation. The proposed No Further Action remedy includes the implementation of the institutional controls described in a separate section below, as well as the engineering control consisting of a cover system, installed for portions of the site by the IRMs, also further described below.

Interim Remedial Measures (IRMs) already completed

Excavation – Excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated soil was conducted in two IRM soil removal events that occurred between August 2013 and June 2015. The two soil removal events were conducted in four different areas of the site, collectively addressing all site surface soil that had lead concentrations exceeding the restricted-residential use soil cleanup objectives (SCOs), as defined by 6 NYCRR Part 375-6.8. Soil in the southern portion of the Western Accessway, Island, and Raceway areas were removed to bedrock or until restricted-residential SCOs were achieved. Approximately 2,652 tons of contaminated soil and 327 tons of concrete were removed from the site. Post-IRM soil screening conducted in October 2016 identified an approximately 600 square foot area of contaminated surficial soil in a steeply sloped area that was subsequently removed in April 2017.

Cover System – A site cover was constructed in the northern portion of the Western Accessway and the Former Walkway to replace excavated soil, establish design grades, and allow for restricted-residential, commercial or industrial uses of the site. In these areas, a minimum of two feet of soil cover material meeting the requirements of 6 NYCRR Part 375-6.7(d) was placed over a demarcation layer. Erosion control mats were used over the surface topsoil and the areas were revegetated.

Institutional and Engineering Controls

Institutional controls and engineering controls are designed to reduce or eliminate exposure to contaminants of concern. An *institutional control* is a non-physical restriction on use of the site, such as a deed restriction, when contamination left over after the cleanup action makes the site suitable for some, but not all uses. An *engineering control* is a physical barrier or method to manage contamination such as a cap or vapor barrier.

The following institutional controls will be put in place on the site:

- Environmental Easement
- Site Management Plan
- Groundwater Use Restriction
- Land Use Restriction
- Soil Management Plan
- Institutional Control/Engineering Control Plan
- Operation and Maintenance Plan

The following engineering control has been put in place on the site:

- Cover System

Where to View the ROD:

The site ROD with Responsiveness Summary can be reviewed at the following locations:

Tompkins County Public Library
101 East Green Street
Ithaca, NY 14850
phone: 607-272-4557
(askalibrarian@tcpl.org)

Project documents are also available on the NYSDEC website at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/37558.html#Tompkins>

Who to Contact

Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:

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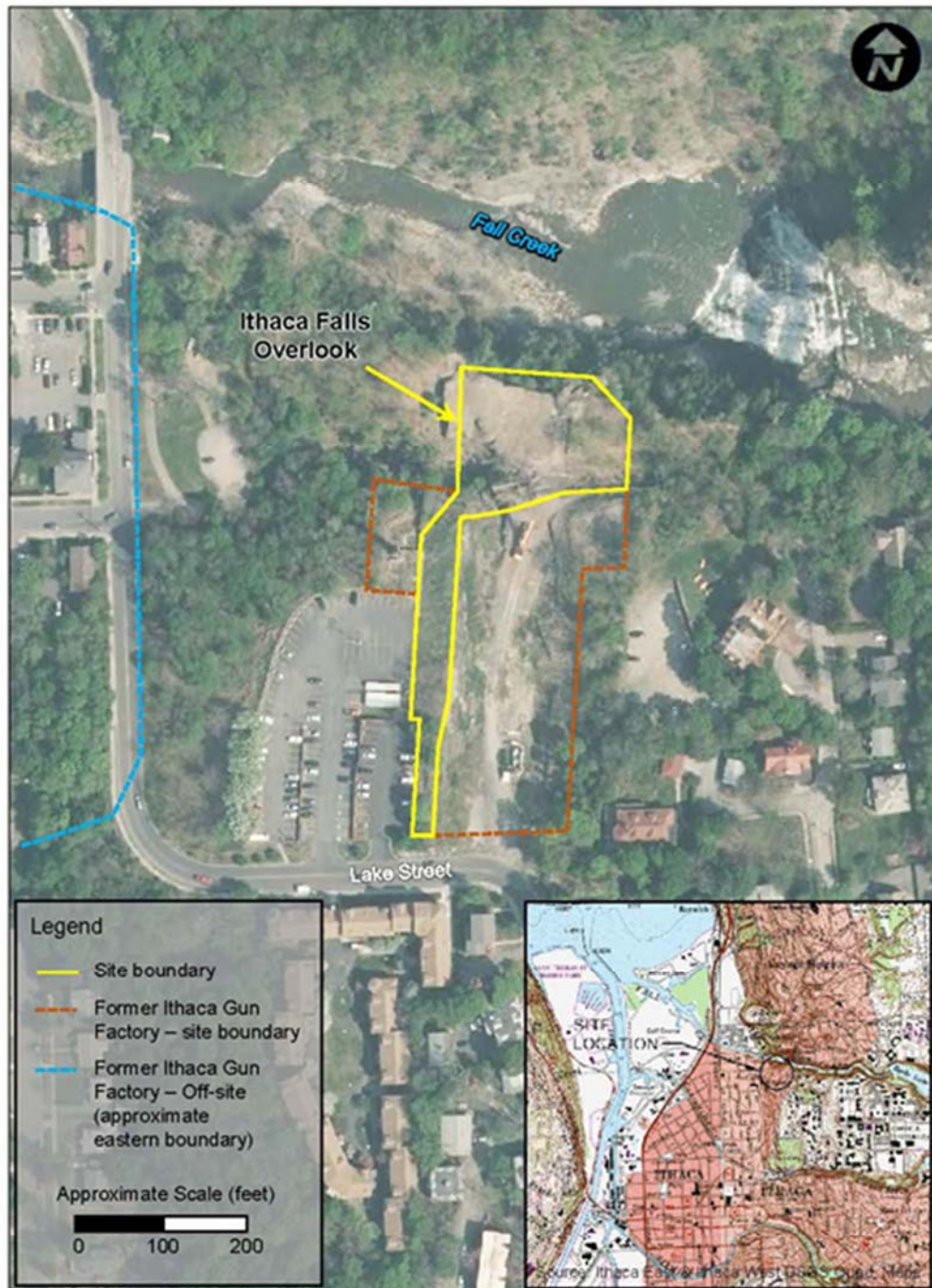


FIGURE 1 – SITE LOCATION MAP

Ithaca Falls Overlook, E755018
City of Ithaca, Tompkins County

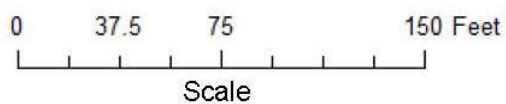


FIGURE 2 – SITE AREAS
Ithaca Falls Overlook, E755018
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