



# FACT SHEET

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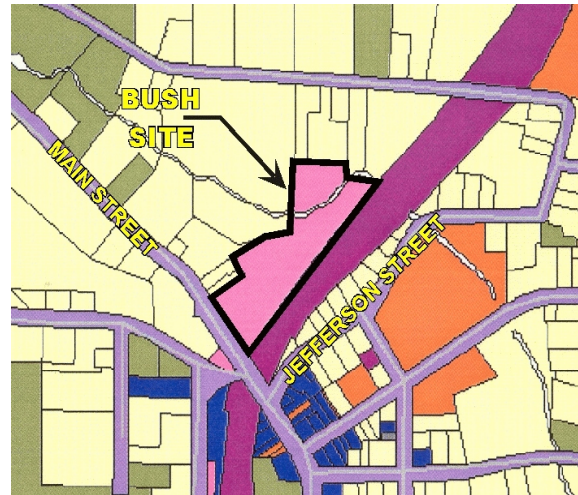
## Environmental Investigation to Begin at Bush Industries Site - Village of Cattaraugus Project Site # E905029

Project Start: Fall 2005

Completion: Summer 2006

### INTRODUCTION

An environmental site investigation of the former Setter Brothers/Bush Industries property (Bush Industries Site) located at 1 North Main Street in the Village of Cattaraugus will begin in October of 2005. The investigation is being conducted by the Village of Cattaraugus, in partnership with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The project is funded in part by the Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) under New York State's 1996 Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act Brownfields program.



The Environmental Restoration Program provides financial assistance to local governments for the cleanup and restoration of brownfields sites. A brownfield is a currently unused or under-used property which may have been used for industrial purposes in the past, but is no longer contributing to the tax base of a municipality. Brownfields may be, but are not necessarily, environmentally contaminated.

This fact sheet is being provided to explain why the site investigation is happening, what the investigation activities will involve, and how to obtain more information.

### SITE BACKGROUND

The 4.4 acre site is the location of the former Setter Brothers/Bush Industries veneer manufacturing facility. (See map above.) The former manufacturing facility has been mostly demolished. A portion of the Setter Brothers/Bush Industries property was at one time the location of a Standard Oil facility, an apple evaporator and gasoline service facility. Nothing is left on the surface of the site relative to these former uses.

### WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE INVESTIGATION?

The Village's consultant, Panamerican Environmental, Inc. will investigate the Bush Industries site to assess its environmental condition, and to determine if there is any environmental contamination present. If the investigation reveals any contamination, a remedial alternatives report will be developed that will examine various ways of cleaning up contamination at the site. It is important to note that at this point there is no evidence that the site is a health risk; however, if contaminants are found they will be evaluated to determine if they pose a risk to human health or the environment. An environmental investigation of the site is a necessary step in order for the site to be considered for redevelopment. Although the exact final re-use plan is unknown at this time, a portion of the property is anticipated to be considered as part of the rails-to trails program and the remainder is anticipated for commercial or retail use.

### WHAT IS INVOLVED IN THIS INVESTIGATION?

The site investigation will begin in October of 2005 and continue through the spring of 2006. Specific objectives of the site investigation are to:

- ▶ Excavate test pits in areas not covered by concrete or debris to collect surface and subsurface soil samples and inspect soil conditions
- ▶ Drill soil borings through concrete-covered areas to collect soil samples for testing and inspect soil conditions
- ▶ Install groundwater monitoring wells and sample groundwater

During the Site Investigation, you may see crews and equipment on site. Personnel on site may be wearing protective equipment, as required by health and safety regulations.

### **WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP?**

Using the results of the site investigation, a remedial alternatives report will be developed. The report will examine various ways of addressing and cleaning up any environmental problems found at the site. All of these documents will be available at the document repository for your review. (Document repository locations are listed below.)

### **WHO SHOULD I CALL IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BUSH INDUSTRIES SITE?**

For more information about activities at the Bush Industries site, we encourage you to contact the representatives listed below with any questions, comments or concerns. If you know of anyone who would like to be put on the mailing list to receive project updates, have them contact one of the State representatives listed below. Please do not hesitate to contact the following staff if you have questions about:

#### **Project related questions**

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#### **Health related questions**

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### **DOCUMENT REPOSITORIES**

Public understanding and involvement are important to the success of New York Brownfields program. To keep you informed about the Bush Industries Site, the Village of Cattaraugus and DEC will distribute fact sheets such as this one. Site documents are also available for your review at a local document repository. The document repositories for this site investigation are located at:

Village of Cattaraugus  
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by appointment only  
DEC's Buffalo Office  
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Cattaraugus Free Library  
23 Main Street  
Cattaraugus, NY 14719  
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