



FACT SHEET

Environmental Restoration Program

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Site Name: Former Randolph Foundry Site
DEC Site #: E905030
Site Address: 2-8 Sheldon Street
Randolph, NY 14772

March 2012

No Further Action Remedy Proposed for Municipal Brownfield Site; Public Comment Period and Public Meeting Announced

Public Meeting, Wednesday, 4/18/2012 at 7:00 PM

Town Of Randolph Town Hall/Court Room

NYSDEC invites you to a public meeting to discuss the no further action remedy proposed for the site. You are encouraged to provide comments at the meeting, and during the 45-day comment period described in this fact sheet.

The public is invited to comment on a no further action remedy proposed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC or Department) related to Former Randolph Foundry Site ("site"). Please see the map for the site location.

Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information."

How to Comment

NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed remedial action plan for 45 days, from March 22, 2012 through May 7, 2012. The proposed plan is available for review at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information." Please submit comments to the project manager listed under Project Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area below.

Proposed Remedial Action Plan

Based on the results of confirmation sampling, a site investigation, and the Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) that has been performed, the Department is proposing No Further Action and the implementation of Institutional Controls and a Site Management Plan as the proposed remedy for the site. The Department believes that this remedy is protective of human health and the environment and satisfies the remediation objectives.

Environmental Restoration Program:

New York's Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) reimburses municipalities for their costs to investigate and clean up municipality owned contaminated properties. Once cleaned up, the properties may be redeveloped for commercial, industrial, residential or public use.

A brownfield is any real property that is difficult to reuse or redevelop because of the presence or potential presence of contamination.

For more information about the ERP, visit:
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8444.html>

The elements of the remedy includes institutional and engineering controls as listed below:

Institutional Control

Imposition of an institutional control in the form of an environmental easement for the controlled property that:

- requires the remedial party or site owner to complete and submit to the Department a periodic certification of institutional and engineering controls in accordance with Part 375-1.8 (h)(3);
- allows the use and development of the controlled property for commercial and industrial uses as defined by Part 375-1.8(g), although land use is subject to local zoning laws;
- restricts the use of groundwater as a source of potable or process water, without necessary water quality treatment as determined by the NYSDOH or County DOH;
- prohibits agriculture or vegetable gardens on the controlled property; and
- requires compliance with the Department approved Site Management Plan.

Site Management Plan

A Site Management Plan (SMP) is required, which includes the following:

- an Institutional and Engineering Control Plan that identifies all use restrictions and engineering controls for the site and details the steps and media-specific requirements necessary to ensure the following institutional and/or engineering controls remain in place and effective:
- Engineering Controls are not required for the former foundry parcel and the railroad right-of-way if used for restricted commercial or industrial purposes.

The SMP includes, but may not be limited to:

- an Excavation Plan which details the provisions for management of future excavations in areas of remaining residual contamination and cover over exposed residual contamination;
- descriptions of the provisions of the environmental easement including any land use and groundwater use restrictions; and
- the steps necessary for the periodic reviews and certification of the institutional and/or engineering controls.

NYSDEC developed the proposed remedy after reviewing the detailed investigation of the site and evaluating the remedial options in the “analysis of alternatives” submitted under New York’s Environmental Restoration Program by Cattaraugus County and CCAS Southern Tier Extension Railroad Authority.

Next Steps

NYSDEC will consider public comments as it finalizes the no further action remedy for the site. The selected remedy will be described in a document called a "Record of Decision" that will explain why the remedy was selected and respond to public comments.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

Background

Location:

The Randolph Foundry Site is located at 2-8 Sheldon Street in the Village of Randolph, Cattaraugus Co. at the northwest corner of Sheldon and Washington Streets. The site directly abuts residential properties to the west and north, Sheldon St. to the south, and an active rail line to the east.

Site Features:

The site is situated in a mixed residential/commercial/light industrial area on a lot approximately 179 feet by 229 feet. The lot gently slopes to the northeast where it levels off mid-way through the parcel. The site contained a former foundry and machine shop operation situated in a dilapidated complex of concrete block/steel structures. The ERP site consists of two parcels, the former foundry

parcel approximately 0.52 acres in area and an encroachment onto a 0.39 acre section of an adjoining railroad right-of-way (ROW) owned by the Southern Tier Extension Railroad Authority (STERA). The site is situated in the Conewango Creek drainage shed where the creek is located approximately 1800 feet east of the site. A lowland/wetland area and pond are also located east of the site between 800 and 1300 feet in distance. Battle Creek, a tributary to Conewango Creek, is located approximately 950 feet west of the site.

Zoning/Land Use:

The property zoning for the former foundry parcel was changed from Village Residential to Commercial in 2010. There is no current zoning classification for the STERA railroad right-of-way.

Historic Uses:

Historic maps indicate that a foundry and machine shop was located on the property as early as 1902. Local records indicate the last business that occupied the site went out-of-business around 1986. The property and facilities were subsequently abandoned. The site was unsecured and vacant for nearly two decades. Cattaraugus Co. acquired the property in a property tax foreclosure in 2005.

Interim Remedial Measure

An IRM for the site was completed between August 2008 and September 2008. The IRM included the following activities:

- Staging and removal of chemical products and chemical wastes.
- Removal of industrial debris and universal wastes.
- Controlled building demolition to remove asbestos containing building materials, balance of building demolition, and removal of concrete floor slabs and foundation walls,
- Excavation of approximately 333 tons of foundry sand and contaminated fill. Excavated material was transported off-site for disposal as non-hazardous industrial waste, and
- Restoration of the foundry site and railroad right-of-way through regrading to promote positive surface water drainage, placement of 6 inches of cover/topsoil and hydroseeding of the foundry parcel, placement of 6 inches of run-of-bank gravel along the railroad right-of-way. Ground surface restoration was completed in November 2009.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information:

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

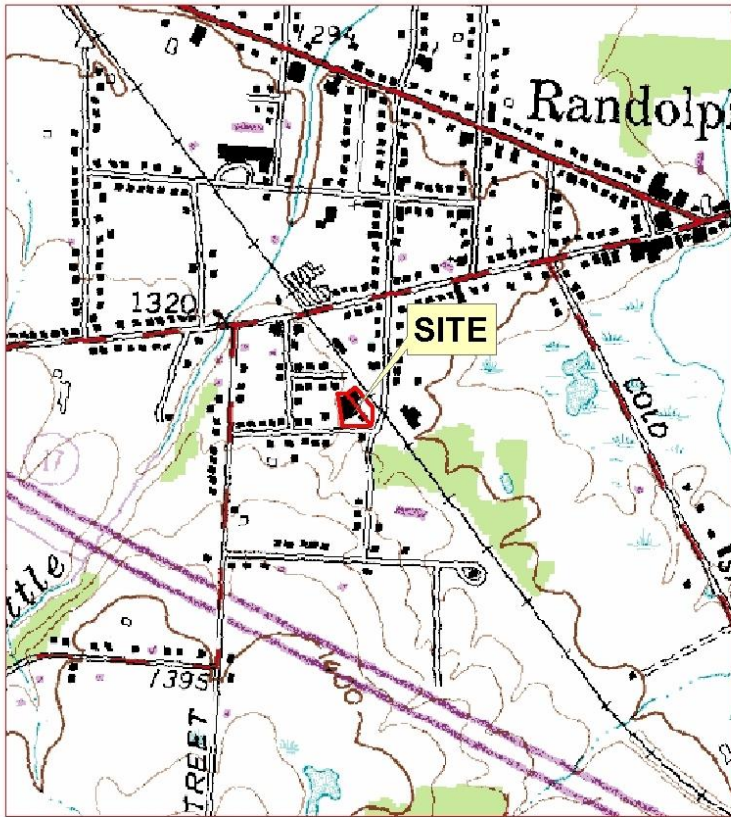
Town of Randolph
Attn: Town Clerk
72 Main Street
Randolph, NY 14772
phone: 716-358-9701 extension 202
Project documents are also available on the NYSDEC website at:
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/37554.html>

Who to Contact:

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

Project Related Questions
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Division of Environmental Remediation
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Site Location Map



Site Plan

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As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

You may continue also to receive paper copies of site information for a time after you sign up with a county listserv, until the transition to electronic distribution is complete.

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.