



FACT SHEET

April 2005

Upcoming Brownfields

Site Investigation

Six Vacant Lots Site

113,117,121,125,129 & 135 Ridge Road

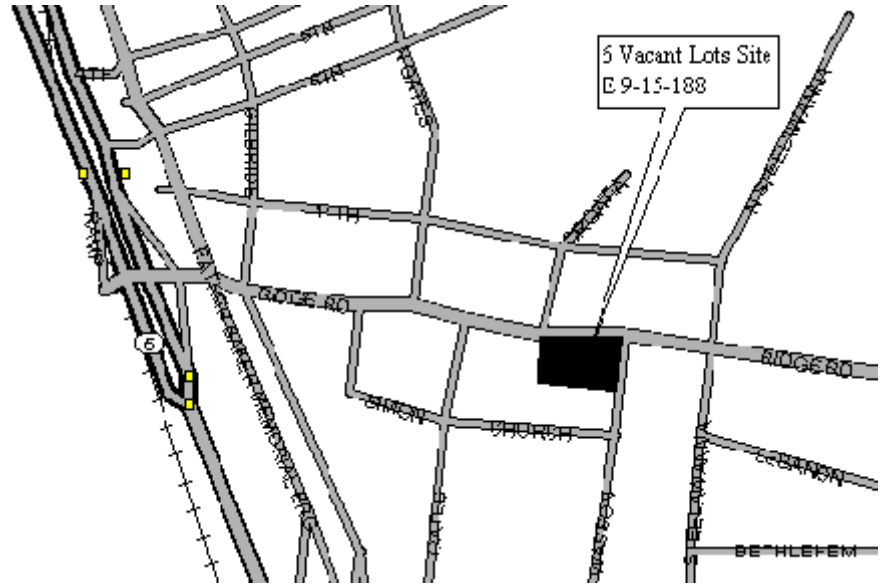


Project Start: Spring 2005

Project No. E 9-15-188

INTRODUCTION

A environmental investigation of the Six Vacant Lots Site is being conducted by the City of Lackawanna, in partnership with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The site is located at 113, 117, 121, 125, 129 and 135 Ridge Road (see drawing). The work will be done under New York State's 1996 Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act "Environmental Restoration Program". This program is designed to spur the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields like the Six Vacant Lots Site. Under the Program, the State provides grants to municipalities to reimburse up to 90 percent of eligible costs for site investigation and remediation activities.



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE INVESTIGATION?

The purpose of this investigation is to look into possible contamination at the Six Vacant Lots Site. After the investigation and potential remediation, the City of Lackawanna has identified the Site as a prime candidate for restoration and redevelopment.

BACKGROUND

The site has been used for a variety of commercial activities from at least 1915 through the 1960s. These activities came to an end in the 1970s and the on-site commercial buildings were demolished. The site has been vacant since that time. The properties were acquired by the City of Lackawanna in the 1970s. The surrounding parcels are currently used for civic, religious and commercial purposes.

DETAILS OF THE INVESTIGATION

- ▶ The investigation will focus on determining the nature and extent of possible contamination in the surface soil; subsurface soil and fill; and, groundwater.
- ▶ Test pits will be dug on each lot in areas where the building foundations are present.
- ▶ Three groundwater monitoring wells will be installed. As each well is drilled the soil will be tested to determine the condition of the fill and the subsurface soil.
- ▶ Surface soils will be collected from the six lots and off-site for background comparison.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Public understanding and involvement are important to the success of this project. To keep you informed, NYSDEC will mail you Fact Sheets, like this one as the project moves ahead. We also have all the documents available for your review at the Document Repositories listed below.

WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP?

It is estimated that it will take about four weeks to complete the investigation activities, which is scheduled to begin in Spring 2005. Upon completion of the sampling activities and receipt of the data from the laboratory, the City's consultant engineer will prepare a report (Remedial Investigation) summarizing the results. The report will be reviewed by the City, NYSDEC, NYSDOH and EPA. An Alternatives Analysis report will stipulate what remedy will be used to clean up the Site, if necessary. Copies of the Remedial Investigation report and the Alternatives Analysis report will be placed in the project repository for public review once they are complete. These documents should be available for public review in the fall of 2005.

WHO SHOULD I CALL IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SIX VACANT LOTS SITE?

<u>Project related questions</u>	<u>Environmental related questions</u>	<u>Health related questions</u>
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DEFINITIONS

Remedial Investigation Alternatives Analysis Report (RI/AAR) The RI fully defines and characterizes the type and extent of contamination at the site. The AAR, which may be conducted after the RI, uses information developed during the RI to develop alternative remedial actions to eliminate or reduce the threat of contamination to public health and the environment.

Document Repository A file of documents pertaining to a site's remedial and citizen participation programs which is made available for public review. The file generally is maintained in a public building near the Brownfield site to provide access at times and a location convenient to the public.

Citizen Participation A program of planning and activities to encourage communication among people affected by or interested in Brownfield sites and the government agencies responsible for investigating and remediating them.

DOCUMENT REPOSITORIES:

To keep you informed, the City of Lackawanna and the NYSDEC have established document repositories for this site and have placed site documents in them for your review. The local document repositories for this site are at:

Lackawanna Public Library
560 Ridge Road
Lackawanna, N.Y. 14218
(716) 823-0630

or; NYSDEC's Buffalo Office
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, N.Y. 14203
For an appointment, please contact
Mr. Thomas Biel at (716) 851-7220.