



FACT SHEET

December 2006

Cleanup Plan Proposed for Six Vacant Lots Site in Lackawanna



NYS Department of Environmental Conservation

Site No. E-9-15-188

You are invited to attend a
PUBLIC MEETING

Regarding the
Six Vacant Lots Site
to be held

January 11, 2007

at
7:00 PM

at
Lackawanna City Hall
2nd Floor Council Chambers
714 Ridge Road
Lackawanna, NY 14218

At the meeting, DEC will discuss and answer questions regarding the proposed cleanup plan for the Six Vacant Lots Site. The meeting is also an opportunity for you to input your comments on proposed cleanup activities.

INTRODUCTION

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and The City of Lackawanna are pleased to announce that a proposed cleanup plan for the Six Vacant Lots site in Lackawanna, Erie County, has been developed and is now available for public review. The proposed cleanup plan, called the "Proposed Remedial Action Plan" (PRAP) is available for your review at the library identified on the back of this page. Public comments on the PRAP will be accepted for 45 days, from December 22, 2006 through February 5, 2007.

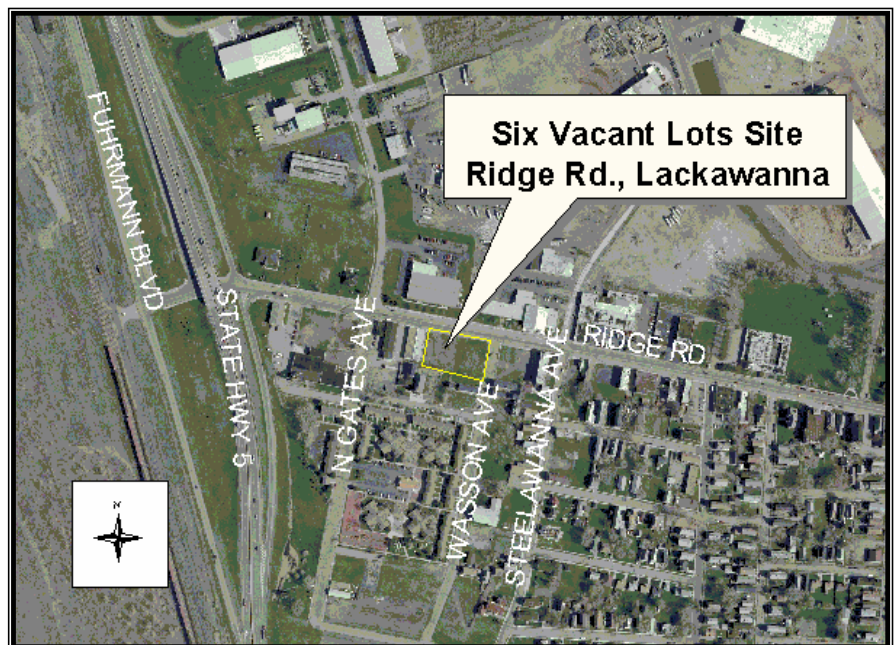
In addition, you are invited to attend a public meeting regarding proposed cleanup activities at the Six Vacant Lots Site. (See meeting box at left for meeting details.) At the meeting, representatives from DEC and the City of Lackawanna will present a proposed cleanup plan for the site and be available to answer questions from the public.

Cleanup work at the Six Vacant Lots Site will be performed under New York State's 1996 Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act "Environmental Restoration Program" (ERP). Through the ERP, DEC provides financial assistance to local governments for the cleanup and restoration of brownfield sites. A brownfield is a property that may have been used for industrial purposes in the past, but is currently unused or underutilized due to the presence of real or perceived environmental contamination.

SITE BACKGROUND

The Six Vacant Lots Site is a vacant 0.77 acre parcel of property located at 113, 117, 121, 125, 129 and 135 Ridge Road near the intersection of Ridge Road and Wasson Avenue in the City of Lackawanna. (See map at right for details.)

The site was used for a variety of commercial activities from at least 1915 through the 1960s. In the 1970s, commercial activities at the site ceased, and the on-site commercial buildings were demolished. Since that time, the site has remained vacant. The Six Vacant Lots properties were acquired by the City of Lackawanna in the 1970s. Currently, the site consists of a vacant lot covered with dirt and gravel with no above ground structures.



To determine the type and location of contamination at the site, a Remedial Investigation (RI) was conducted by the City of Lackawanna in 2005, and a Remedial Alternatives Report (RAR) was completed to evaluate potential cleanup alternatives. These reports are available for your review at the locations listed on the last page of this fact sheet.

The RI documented the presence of fill material throughout the site. The fill was found to contain contaminants such as semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) and metals. SVOCs are chemicals that are commonly produced during the combustion of fossil fuels and do not readily evaporate. Environmental investigations indicated that groundwater at the site was not significantly contaminated.

An Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) was conducted to remove two small areas of fill material that were found to contain elevated concentrations of the metal chromium. Upon completion of this action, the excavations were backfilled with clean fill material. This cleanup measure eliminated the potential for exposure.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED CLEANUP ACTIVITIES

To address the contamination present at the site, DEC has prepared a cleanup plan called a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP). The cleanup activities proposed in the PRAP include:

- Implementing a site management plan to address residual contamination by requiring that the surface area of the site to be covered during development by buildings, roads, or vegetated soil (12 inches of clean soil), and maintaining the soil cover for areas not covered by buildings or parking lots;
- Limiting the future use of the site to commercial or industrial use;
- Imposing an environmental easement that will restrict future site use to commercial and industrial purposes; and
- Periodically certifying that cleanup remedies are still effective.

The goal of the proposed cleanup activities is to clean up the site for the protection of human health and the environment.

OPPORTUNITIES TO COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED PLAN

DEC will accept comments on the proposed cleanup plan for the Six Vacant Lots at the public meeting to be held on **January 11, 2007** (see front page for meeting details) as well as in writing from **December 22, 2006** until **February 5, 2007**.

Please send written comments to:

Mr. Thomas Biel, Project Manager
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14203

LOCATIONS TO VIEW PROJECT-RELATED DOCUMENTS

DEC welcomes your input on the proposed cleanup plan. You may review the PRAP, as well as other site-related documents at the locations identified below.

Lackawanna Public Library
560 Ridge Road
Lackawanna, NY 14218
(716) 823-0630

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14203
(716) 851-7220
(Please call for an appointment.)

WHO SHOULD I CALL IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SITE?

Questions regarding this project are welcome. Please contact the following representatives.

Site-related environmental questions

Mr. Thomas Biel, Project Manager
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14203
(716) 851-7220

Site-related health questions

Mr. Cameron O'Connor, Public Health Specialist
NYS Department of Health
584 Delaware Ave.
Buffalo, NY 14202
(716) 847-4385

Site-related project questions

Mayor Norman Polanski
City of Lackawanna
714 Ridge Rd.
Lackawanna, NY 14218
(716) 827-6464