



FACT SHEET

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Environmental Cleanup Activities to Begin at One Bristol Avenue Site Lockport, NY



Environmental Restoration Program

Project No. E-932125

INTRODUCTION

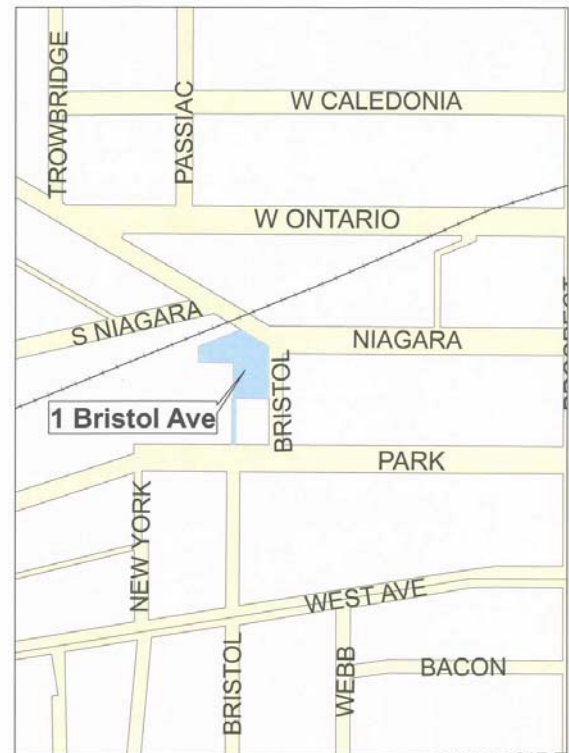
New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the City of Lockport are pleased to inform you about upcoming environmental cleanup activities at the One Bristol Avenue Site in the City of Lockport.

Based on prior environmental investigation, it has been determined that cleanup work is necessary to address an immediate environmental concern caused by petroleum-contaminated soil at the site.

To address this concern, a cleanup effort called an Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) is expected to begin in March or April 2008. An IRM is a cleanup action that can be conducted at a site relatively quickly in order to minimize risks to peoples' health and the environment.

Cleanup work at the site will be performed under the Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) established by New York State's 1996 Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act.

The ERP provides financial assistance to local governments for the cleanup of brownfield sites. A brownfield is currently unused or under-used property that may have been used for industrial purposes in the past and no longer contributes to the tax base of a municipality. Brownfields may be, but are not necessarily, environmentally contaminated. Under the ERP, the City will perform the necessary cleanup work (subject to DEC approval), and up to 90% of the cleanup expenses will be reimbursed by the DEC.



SITE BACKGROUND

The currently vacant property at One Bristol Avenue, now owned by the City of Lockport, was used for agricultural retail as a former grain and feed store for more than 80 years. Associated with these operations were two oil tanks situated along the southern border of the property that were removed prior to 1948. In addition, a gasoline tank was formerly located on-site but was removed prior to 1969. The site is approximately an acre in size and is currently an open field overgrown with weeds and brush. Investigations conducted on the site indicate that some of the soil, and possibly groundwater, is contaminated with petroleum products.

WHAT WILL THE UPCOMING CLEANUP WORK INVOLVE?

DEC recently approved the City's engineering plans and specifications describing the required actions to remove the petroleum-contaminated soil. The City will perform the following IRM cleanup activities:

- Excavating petroleum-contaminated soil and properly disposing it at an off-site location;
- Backfilling excavated areas with certified clean soil from an off-site source; and
- Replanting the site with native vegetation.

The upcoming IRM cleanup activities are described in greater detail in the IRM Work Plan, which is available for public review at the locations listed at the end of this fact sheet.

NEXT STEPS

Cleanup activities will begin toward the end of March or shortly thereafter. The site cleanup work is expected to be completed by late Spring or Summer 2008.

Following completion of the Interim Remedial Measures, an engineering report will be prepared that describes the remedial activities and the results of the work. Draft copies of the reports will be available for public viewing at the locations listed below. If additional remedial actions are necessary to protect public health and the environment, NYSDEC will notify you with fact sheets similar to this one.

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LOCATIONS TO VIEW PROJECT RELATED DOCUMENTS

Public understanding and involvement are important to the success of the New York Brownfields program. To keep you informed, the City of Lockport and NYSDEC have set up two locations at which you may review project related documents. The locations include:

Lockport Public Library
23 East Aveune
Lockport, N.Y. 14094
(716) 433-5935

NYSDEC's Buffalo Office
270 Michigan Avenue
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(Please call for appointment)