



FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Dobbs Ferry Waterfront Park
Site Number V00628
Village of Dobbs Ferry, NY

December 29, 2004

at Dobbs Ferry Waterfront Park
Under the Voluntary Cleanup Program.
Village proposes reuse of the site for public recreation.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health approved a detailed Site Investigation Work Plan (SIWP) for the Dobbs Ferry Waterfront Park Site. The fieldwork, detailed in the SIWP, will start in January 2005. The investigation will characterize the sources of contamination in order to assess the need for a site cleanup.

The Dobbs Ferry site is the historical location of an unlined and uncapped municipal landfill operated by the Village from approximately 1950 to 1970. It is presently a vacant parcel that adjoins Village parklands, the Hudson River shoreline and the commuter railroad station. See the following site location map.

The depth of fill material covering the site exceeds ten feet. Previous Investigations noted the presence of poly-aromatic hydrocarbons and six (6) inorganic contaminants (chromium, copper, lead, mercury, nickel, and zinc) which exceed cleanup guidelines in surface and subsurface soils.

Highlights of the Upcoming Site Investigation

The site investigation has several goals:

Brownfield Cleanup Program: New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) encourages the voluntary cleanup of contaminated properties known as "brownfields" so that they can be reused and redeveloped. These uses include recreation, housing and business.

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 BCP, visit:
www.dec.state.ny.us/website/der/bcp

- 1) define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, subsurface soil, groundwater and any other impacted media;
- 2) identify the source(s) of the contamination;
- 3) assess the impact of the contamination on public health and/or the environment; and
- 4) provide information to support the development of a Remedial Action Work Plan to address the contamination.

The investigation will be performed by Potomac Hudson Environmental under contract to the Village of Dobbs Ferry with oversight by NYSDEC.

The upcoming investigation will be limited to:

- installation of three (3) groundwater sampling sites;
- excavation and study of four test pits to the depth of the water table;
- ambient air monitoring for particulates and volatiles during test pit excavation;
- analysis of groundwater samples, and subsurface soil samples for the full spectrum of target compounds; and
- preparation of an investigation report.

It is estimated that the investigation process will take three months. The Village has proposed reuse of the site for public recreation once the cleanup is complete.

Next Steps

A Remedial Investigation Report will be developed that summarizes the results of the site investigation. Once complete, the Village will develop a remedial action plan based on the conclusions of the site investigation. NYSDEC will continue to keep the public informed during the investigation and development of a remedial plan. A Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) will be drafted, and public comments will be solicited.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Document Repository

A local document repository has been established at the following location to help the public to review important project documents. These documents presently include the SIWP, and this fact sheet.

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