NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF



ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

This Fact Sheet is to inform you about the clean up plans for the vacant parcel site located in the Village of Dobbs Ferry, N.Y in Westchester County. If you have any questions on the Voluntary Cleanup Agreement or Site Investigation, please do not hesitate to contact:

> Ms. Kathryn Eastman Project Manager NYSDEC 625 Broadway Albany, NY 12233-7014 (518) 402-9662

or Mr. Michael Knipfing Citizen Participation Specialist NYSDEC 21 South Putt Corners Road New Paltz, NY 12561 (845) 256-3154

For site related health questions, please contact the following New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) representatives:

Mr. Joseph Crua Public Health Specialist NYSDOH Center for Environmental Health Flanigan Square, Room 300 547 River Street Troy, NY 12180 (800) 458-1158 ext 27850 (518) 402-7580

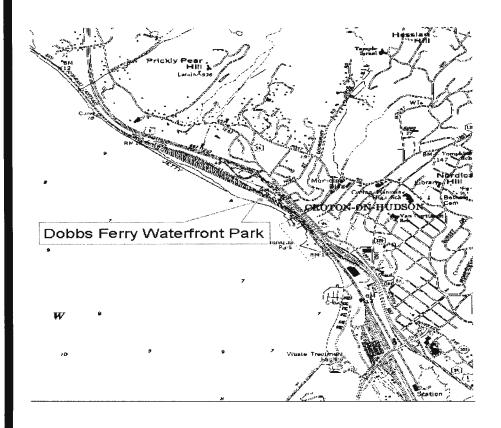
FACT ŠHEET

Dobbs Ferry Waterfront Park

Village to Begin Site Investigation Dobbs Ferry Waterfront Park Site # V00628-3 January 2005

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in cooperation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is initiating the investigation and remediation of a vacant parcel in the Dobbs Ferry Waterfront Park that was formerly utilized as a municipal landfill.

The field investigation will be performed in January 2005 under the NYSDEC's Voluntary Cleanup Program. It will include analysis of soil, fill material, groundwater samples and ambient air monitoring. The data created will be used to determine sources of contamination on-site, the nature and extent of the contaminated media and the possible impacts on public health and the environment.



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BACKGROUND

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.

The depth of fill material covering the site exceeds ten feet. Previous investigations noted the presence of poly-aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and six (6) inorganic contaminants (chromium, copper, lead, mercury, nickel, and zinc) which exceed cleanup guidelines for surface and subsurface soils. There is no indication that the contamination has "migrated" off the site.

COMPONENTS OF INVESTIGATION

The investigation is being performed by an environmental consulting firm under contract to the Village of Dobbs Ferry with oversight by NYSDEC. It is estimated that the entire investigation process will take three months. The site investigation will include:

- installation of groundwater sampling sites;
- excavation and study of test pits to the depth of the water table;
- ambient air monitoring for particulates and for volatile compounds (during test pit excavation);
- analysis of groundwater and subsurface soil samples for the full spectrum of target compounds.

A Remedial Investigation Report will be developed that summarizes the results of the site investigation. The Village will develop a remedial action plan based on the conclusions of the site investigation, and public comments will be solicited. NYSDEC will continue to keep the public informed during the investigation and development of a remedial plan. The Village proposes limited development of the remediated site as a fenced public area containing playing fields with no underground utilities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like more information about this project, you are invited to visit document repositories listed below. The Voluntary Agreement and the Investigation Work plan are currently available.: When additional documents are created, they will be placed in the repositories for your review. The repositories are located at:

Dobbs Ferry Public Library 55 Main Street Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522 (914) 693-6614 NYSDEC Regional Office 21 South Putt Corners Road New Paltz, NY 12561 (845) 256-3154

Hours: Mon, Wed 1-8pm Tues, Thurs 10am -6pm Fri, Sat 10am -5 pm Sun 1-5 pm Hours: Mon-Fri 8:30am to 4:30 pm

Your understanding and involvement in this project will help insure its effectiveness. You are encouraged to contact the staff members of NYSDEC or NYSDOH listed on the front of this Fact Sheet with your questions and concerns.

ABOUT THE VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM

The Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) was developed to enhance private sector cleanup of properties by enabling volunteers to remediate sites using private rather than public funds, and to reduce the development pressures on "greenfield" sites. Under the VCP, a volunteer agreed to investigate and remediate a site to a level that is protective of human health and the environment for the present or intended use of the property. Investigation and remediation is carried out under the oversight of the NYSDEC and the NYSDOH. When the volunteer satisfactorily completes the work, the State provides a release from State liability for the work done, thus providing an incentive to return the site to productive use. For more information regarding New York State's VCP, please visit the NYSDEC's web site at:

http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/der/vcp/index/.html