



FACT SHEET

December 2004



Environmental Investigation Completed at Former Henrietta Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Town of Henrietta signed a voluntary agreement with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to perform an environmental investigation and cleanup at the former Wastewater Treatment Plant on Karenlee Drive in the Town of Henrietta, Monroe County (see map). This investigation and cleanup are being conducted through New York State's voluntary cleanup program (see box at right).

The Department of Environmental Conservation is providing this fact sheet to explain highlights of the site investigation, the planned cleanup, and how to get more information about the site.

About the Site:

This site is currently owned by the Town of Henrietta and it was formerly a publicly-owned waste water treatment plant (WWTP) located on Karenlee Drive. The site is bounded by a railroad to the south, the Erie Barge Canal to the north, and a residential subdivision to the east.

The site was operated as a waste water treatment plant from 1951-1981. The plant facilities were located on the western portion of the site. The eastern portion of the site was extensively filled with dried sewage sludge, gravel, asphalt, soil, and metal debris. From 1981 to 2002, the site was used for operation, maintenance, and storage area for the Town of Henrietta. Currently, the site is unused and several of the WWTP structures remain.

A Voluntary Investigation was completed at the site in June 2004. The results of the investigation did not indicate significant groundwater or

surface soil contamination. Subsurface soil sample results from the eastern portion of the site indicated low levels of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and heavy metals. PCBs were commonly used in gas pipeline systems as a lubricant, and PAHs form during the incomplete burning of oil, gas, garbage, or other organic substances. These contaminants can be typically found in wastewater treatment sludges. Generally these contaminants were encountered at depths greater than 4 feet below ground surface.

NEW YORK STATE'S VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Voluntary Cleanup Program promotes the return of contaminated property to productive use. These include sites contaminated by hazardous waste, petroleum, and solid waste.

Under this program, a person or entity (such as a corporation) agrees to pay for an investigation and/or environmental cleanup of the site. In return, this volunteer gets to develop or use the property. If the volunteer performs a cleanup of the site, the volunteer receives a limited release from liability for the past environmental damage at the site.

Upcoming Actions:

Because the contamination is greater than 4 feet below ground surface, and groundwater and surface soils have not been significantly impacted, a Soil Management Plan has been developed. The Soil Management Plan will address handling contaminated soils during any potential redevelopment of the site, detailing how the contaminated soils will be removed and where they will be disposed. This plan will require that subsurface soils be properly characterized (defined) and managed to minimize exposure to the contaminants at the site. The plan will insure the protection of public health and the environment. Deed restrictions have been filed to limit the use the site to commercial or industrial usage

What Happens Next:

No further cleanup actions are anticipated at this site. Any future site developments must comply with the soils management plan and deed restrictions.

For More Information:

Documents related to this investigation are available for you to review at:

NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
Region 8 Office
6274 E. Avon-Lima Rd.
Avon, NY 14414
Hours: Monday- Friday 8:30 - 4:45
(585) 226-5326 (Please Contact Lisa LoMaestro Silvestri for an appointment)

Town of Henrietta Public Library
455 Calkins Road
Henrietta, New York 14467

We encourage you to contact the representatives listed below with questions, comments or concerns.

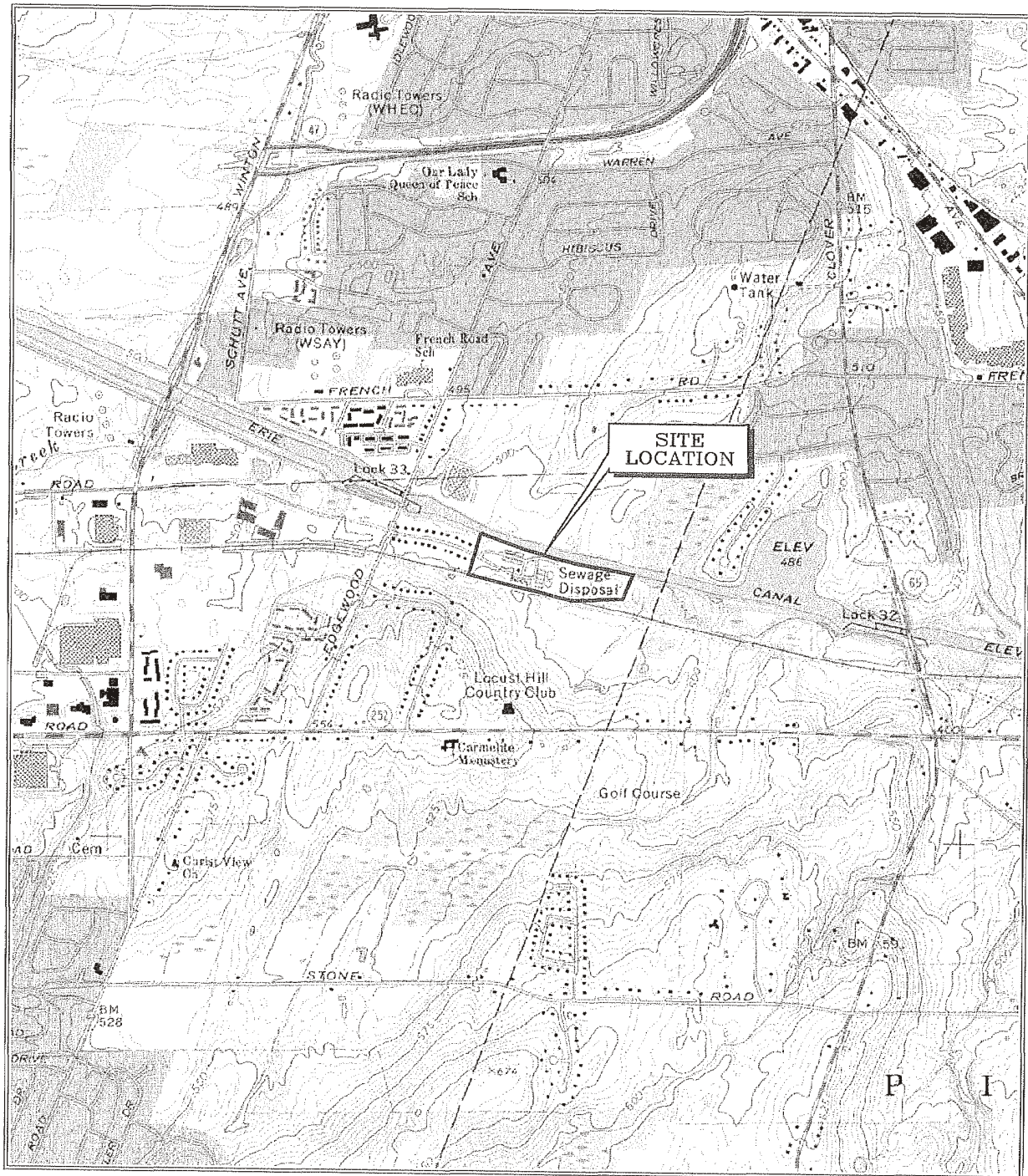
➤ For Questions About the Investigation, Contact:

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Lisa A. LoMaestro Silvestri, Citizen Participation Specialist (*for media inquiries*) (585)226-5326
NYS Department of Environmental Conservation
6274 East Avon-Lima Road
Avon, NY 14414-9519

➤ For Site-Related Health Questions, Contact:

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Matt Forcucci
584 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, New York 14202
(716) 847-4385

Joseph Albert
Monroe County Health Department
111 Westfall Road - PO Box 92832
Rochester, NY 14692
(585) 274-6904



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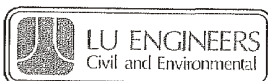


FIGURE 1. SITE LOCATION MAP

FORMER HENRIETTA TREATMENT PLANT
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

DATE: JULY 2002

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