NEW YORK STATE | Department of Environmental Conservation

FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

Former Air Force Plant No. 51
4777 Dewey Avenue
Greece, Monroe County

SITE No. 828156
NYSDEC REGION 8

September 2023

Remedy Proposed for State Superfund Site; Public Comment Period Extended

The public is invited to comment on a remedy being proposed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) to address contamination related to the Former Air Force Plant No. 51 site ("site") located at 4777 Dewey Avenue, Greece, Monroe County. Please see the map for the site location. The estimated cost to implement the remedy is $31,000,000. This fact sheet is to announce an extension of the comment period.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for 60 days, from **August 09** through **October 9, 2023**.

- Access the PRAPs and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/828156/ .
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."
- Two PRAPS are available for this site – one for the former plating pond area known as Operable Unit 1 and one for both the remaining on-site area (Operable Unit 2) and the off-site upland/wetland area to the west of the site (Operable Unit 3)
- Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area at left.

The site is listed as a Class "2" site in the State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites (list of State Superfund sites). A Class 2 site represents a significant threat to public health or the environment; action is required. NYSDEC is proposing the following remedy to address these threats:

Proposed Remedial Action Plan: The remedy proposed for the site includes:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of approximately 15,800 cubic yards of contaminated soil;
- Importing clean material that meets the established soil cleanup objectives for use as backfill
- For both the Former Septic system/Leach Field Area and the Stormwater System the removal of infrastructure and contaminated soil;
- Maintaining of a site cover that currently exists in areas not occupied by buildings, including the concrete slabs, surface parking areas, and/or soil where the upper one foot of exposed surface soil is meeting the soil cleanup objectives for commercial use;

Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator (https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/828156/) and at these location(s):

Greece Public Library
2 Vince Tofany Blvd
Greece, NY 14612
Phone: 585-225-8951

Who to Contact

Comments and questions are welcome and should be directed as follows:

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- Treatment of contaminated groundwater by injecting a chemical reducing agent into the subsurface in a 25,000 square foot area located in the southwestern portion of the site, and a second 19,000 square foot area located in the western portion;
- Installation of a Permeable Reactive Barrier (PRB) via linear injections along the southern end of the site;
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities;
- Implementing a Site Management Plan (SMP) which will include monitoring and inspection requirements to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy.
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of the site and a provision for the evaluation of potential soil vapor intrusion for any building that may be developed either on the site or any occupied buildings adjacent to the site.

NYSDEC developed the proposed remedy after reviewing the detailed investigation of the site and evaluating the remedial options in the "Feasibility Study" for OU1 (July 2021), OU2 (December 2021), and OU3 (February 2022).

Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments as it finalizes the remedy for the site. The selected remedy will be described in a document called a "Record of Decision" that will explain why the remedy was selected and respond to public comments. A detailed design of the selected remedy will then be prepared, and the cleanup will be performed.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

Site Description: The site is 38.2-acres is located just north of the Lake Ontario State Parkway, with surrounding land consisting of commercial and residential use to the east, undeveloped wooded upland areas to the south and wooded upland area leading to wetlands and Round Pond Creek to the west. The Monroe County Water Authority Shoremont Treatment Plant is located north of the site. The main building and several of the smaller buildings were demolished in 2015, with only their concrete slabs now remaining. Four smaller buildings remain on the site. None of which are occupied at this time. An outparcel, considered an off-site property, adjoins the site and was reportedly a part of the historic WWII Odenbach shipbuilding facility.

The site originally was the WWII Odenbach Shipbuilding plant. And after WWII was used by the Department of Defense for the production of B-52 bulkheads. It was declared excess by the United States government in 1959, and since 1963 the facility spaces have been leased to a variety of businesses including scrap metal recycling and metal plating.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 828156) at:
https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern at the site are volatile organic compounds (VOCs), particularly trichloroethene (TCE) and associated degradation products in groundwater, semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), particularly polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), PCBs, and metals, including arsenic, cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, mercury, nickel, and zinc in the soil.

State Superfund Program: New York's State Superfund Program (SSF) identifies and characterizes suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites. Sites that pose a significant threat to public health and/or the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup and monitoring.

NYSDEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination before committing State funds for investigation and cleanup.

Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs) are those who may be legally liable for contamination at a site. This may include past or present owners and operators, waste generators, and haulers. The PRPs for the site declined to implement the full remedial program when requested by the Department. After the remedy is selected, the PRPs will again be contacted to assume responsibility for the remedial program. If an agreement cannot be reached with the PRPs, the Department will evaluate the site for further action under the State Superfund. The PRPs are subject to legal actions by the state for recovery of all response costs the state has incurred.

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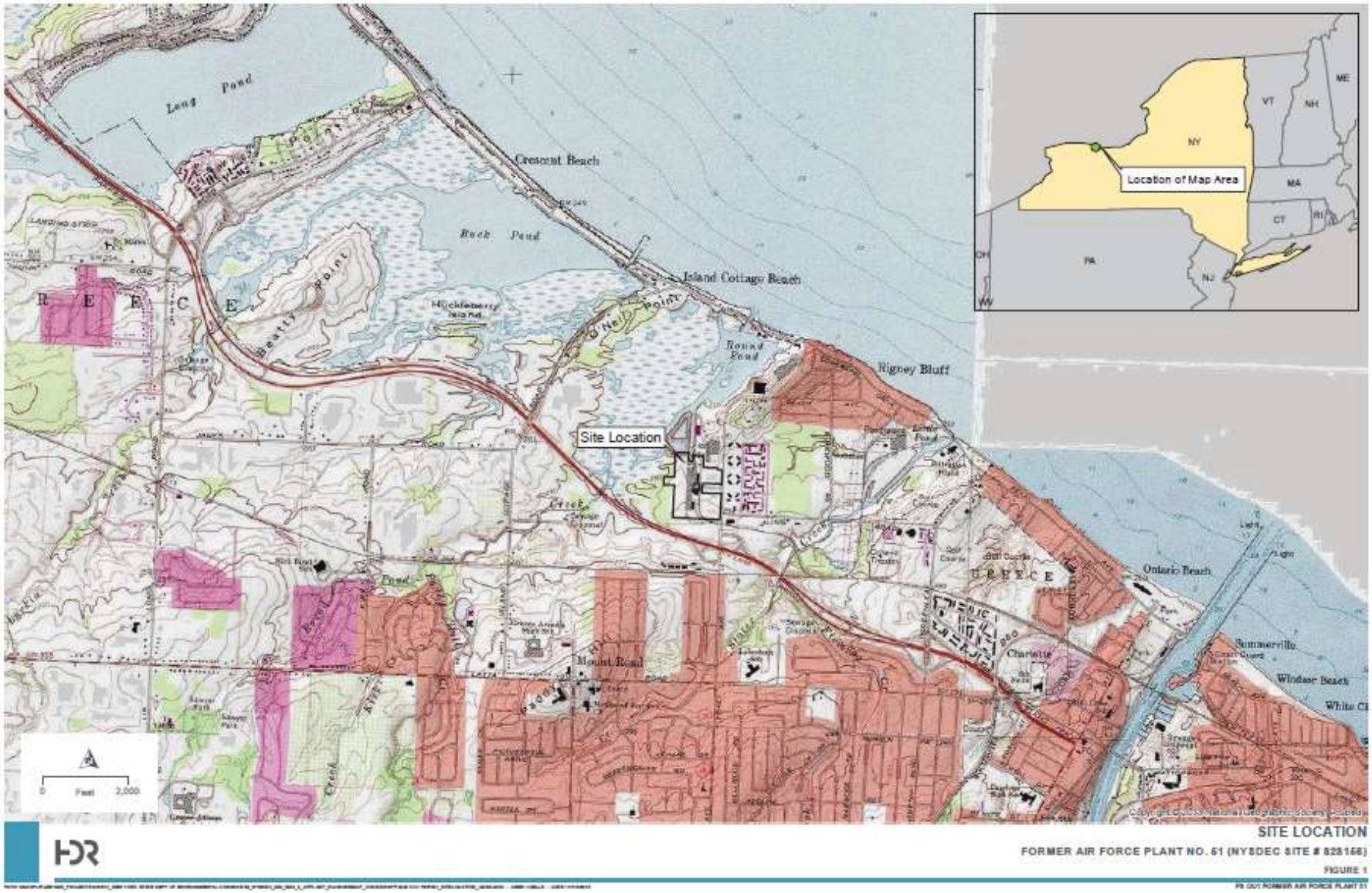
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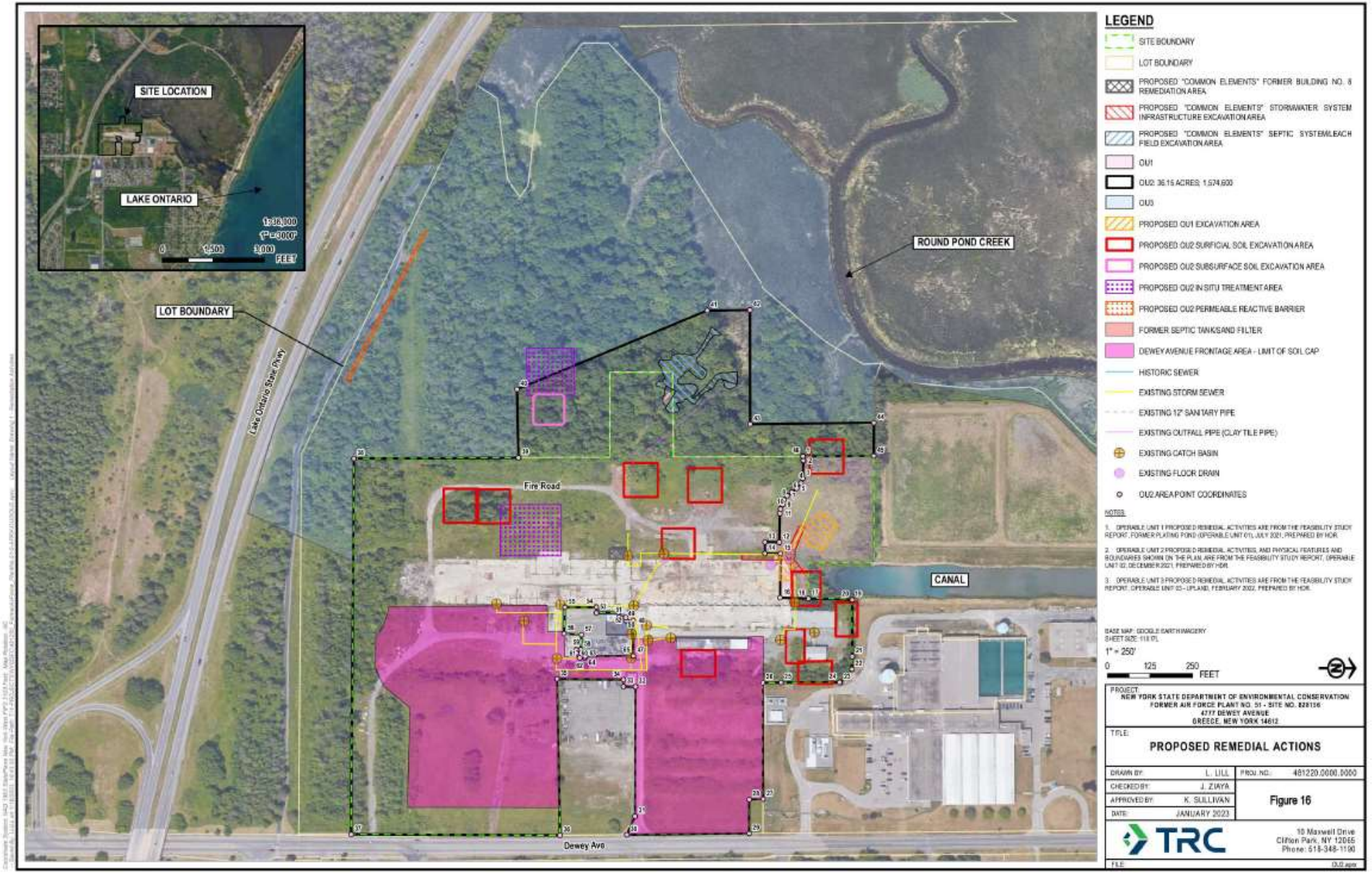
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Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html

Site Location Map



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