

Former Silver Cleaners

State Superfund Program

Site No. 828186

Rochester, Monroe County



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

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Cleanup Action to Conclude at State Superfund Site

This year, a final phase of cleanup activities will address contamination related to the Former Silver Cleaners site ("site") located at 245 Andrews Street, Rochester, Monroe County under New York's State Superfund Program. Please see the map for the site location. The cleanup activities will be performed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC).

Remedial activities will occur in May 2026 and will continue intermittently through the end of 2026. 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.

- Access project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:
<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/828186/>
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified under "Where to find information."

Highlights of the Upcoming Cleanup Activities

The goal of the cleanup action for the site is to achieve cleanup levels that protect public health and the environment. The key components of the continued cleanup are:

- Installation of 3 additional injection wells.
- Completion of a second round of full-scale In-Situ Chemical Oxidation (ISCO). ISCO is a technology that involves the injection of a liquid into wells to destroy contaminants in soil and groundwater below the former dry cleaner building. This final phase will be focused on a deeper groundwater bearing unit, and will be comprised of the 4 injection wells previously installed along with the 3 new injection wells.
- Groundwater monitoring before and after injections to evaluate the impacts of the ISCO treatment to assist in the planning of future ISCO event(s), as required to meet the target contaminant reduction in the soils and groundwater.

A site-specific health and safety plan (HASP) and a Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) will be implemented during cleanup activities. The HASP and CAMP establish procedures to protect on-site workers and off-site sensitive receptors (residents, students, workers) and include required air monitoring as well as dust and odor suppression measures.

Next Steps

After cleanup activities are completed, NYSDEC will prepare a Final Engineering Report (FER). The FER will describe the cleanup activities completed and certify that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved.

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

Site Description

The site was used as a dry cleaner from 1949 to 2011 and consists of 3 adjacent parcels located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Andrews Street and North Clinton Avenue. The site is 0.3 acres of paved vacant land currently used as a parking lot. The dry cleaner building was demolished in 2023.

The remedy allows for the future development of the controlled property for commercial use.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 828186) at:

<https://appfactory.dec.ny.gov/DERExternalSearch/ERDSearch>

Summary of the Investigation

The primary contaminants of concern at the site are chlorinated volatile organic compounds which has impacted soil, groundwater, and soil vapor, primarily in the area around the footprint of the former site building. A sub-slab depressurization system (SSDS) has been installed in an adjacent offsite building to address the potential for inhalation of site-related contaminants via vapor intrusion.

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.

For more information about the SSF, visit:

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/state-superfund-sites>

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<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/regional-remediation-project-information/environmental-cleanup-email-newsletters>

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DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <https://dec.ny.gov/maps/interactive-maps/decinfo-locator>

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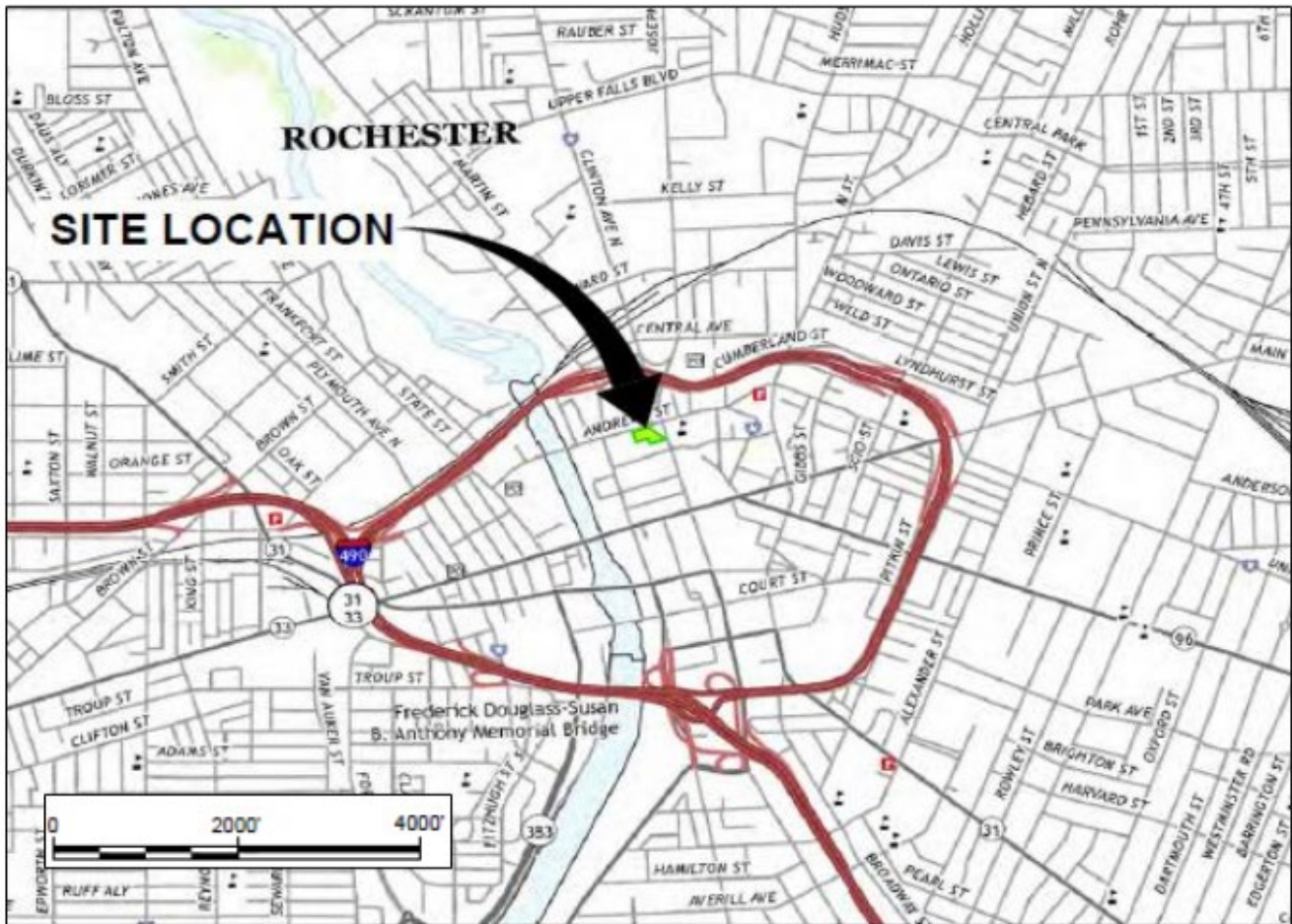
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