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## Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/828204/>

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**Central Library of Rochester and Monroe County**  
115 South Avenue, Rochester NY 14604  
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## Who to Contact

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

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**For more information about New York's Manufactured Gas Plant Program, visit:**

[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/24904.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/24904.html)

# FACT SHEET

Manufactured Gas Plant Program

RG&E - East Station Former  
Manufactured Gas Plant  
(MGP) Site  
Suntru Street  
City of Rochester, NY 14604

**SITE No. 828204**  
**NYSDEC REGION 8**

**MARCH 2022**

## Remedy Proposed for Former Manufactured Gas Plant Site; Public Comment Period and Public Meeting Announced

**Virtual Public Meeting, Wednesday 04/13/2022 at 7:00 PM**

**To join via computer:**

<https://meetny.webex.com/meetny/onstage/g.php?MTID=ed8674347175d239c2e2d55ad2398f0c2> and use event password: **Welcome1**

**To join by phone, call: 1-518-549-0500 and use access code: 161 766 3165**

NYSDEC invites you to a public meeting to discuss the remedy proposed for the site. You are encouraged to provide comments at the meeting, and during the 30-day comment period described in this fact sheet.

DEC will provide interpreter services for hearing impaired persons and language interpreter services for individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English at no charge upon written request submitted no later than 2 weeks prior to meeting date.

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 Rochester Gas and Electric (RG&E) East Station Former Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) site ("site") located at Suntru Street, City of Rochester, Monroe County. Please see the map for the site location. The estimated cost to implement the remedy is \$47,747,000.

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for 30 days, from **March 30 through April 28, 2022.**

- Access the PRAP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/828204/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."
- Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area at left.

The site is the subject of a multi-site Order on Consent between RG&E and NYSDEC.

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

- Excavating sediment containing MGP contamination from the Genesee River;
- Excavating MGP-impacted soil to approximately 30 feet below ground surface (ft bgs) at MGP source areas on the Former MGP Site;
- Excavating MGP-impacted soil to approximately 24 ft bgs at an MGP-impacted area of the adjacent B&L Property;
- Stockpiling and sampling the upper 10 feet of soil to confirm compliance with applicable regulations for reuse on-site, with the concurrence of NYSDEC;
- Treating or disposing of contaminated soil and sediment off-site;
- Importing clean material that meets the established Soil Cleanup Objectives for use as backfill and the installation of a two-foot vegetated clean soil cover on-site;
- Implementing monitored natural attenuation of groundwater;
- Continuing non-aqueous phase liquid (NAPL) monitoring and recovery;
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities;
- Implementing a Site Management Plan (SMP); and,
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to document the engineering controls, to require compliance with the SMP and to ensure proper use of the site in the future.

The remedy also includes implemented interim remedial measures (IRMs) completed previously at the site. These IRMs included: excavation of a former tar well and associated NAPL and contaminated soil; excavation of cyanide contaminated soil; in-situ solidification of subsurface NAPL contaminated soil and installation of a slurry wall to form a barrier wall to prevent further NAPL migration; installation of a collection trench and associated NAPL collection wells and installation of a 2-foot thick clean soil cover.

NYSDEC developed the proposed remedy after reviewing the detailed investigation of the site and evaluating the remedial options in the "Feasibility Study submitted under New York's Manufactured Gas Plant Program by RG&E.

**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 RG&E East Station Former MGP site is located in the City of Rochester, Monroe County on the eastern bank of the Genesee River, at the foot of Suntru Street, north of the Inner Loop Highway. A coal carbonization plant was constructed at the Former MGP site in 1872 by Citizen's Gas Works, and coal gas manufacturing at the Former MGP site ceased around 1952. A catalytic reforming process was used at the Former MGP site from around 1951 until 1976. Manufactured gas operations ceased at the Former MGP site in 1976. The former MGP had several gas holders and gas manufacturing plant buildings which have since been demolished and the foundations filled in. The site is currently unoccupied, except for a natural gas regulator station. The adjacent B&L Property and New York State-owned property are also unoccupied.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 828204) at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/x/xtapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

**MGP Program Overview:** New York's MGP Program oversees the investigation and cleanup of former MGP sites. Sites where contamination has been released to the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup and monitoring.

The gas manufacturing process involved the heating of coal and/or petroleum products to produce a gas mixture. Once cooled and purified, the gas was distributed through a local pipeline network. The gas was used for heating and cooking much like natural gas is used today. In the early years, the gas was also used for lighting in homes and in streetlights. A dense, oily liquid known as coal tar would condense out of the gas at various stages during its production, purification and distribution, and be discharged to the subsurface.

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

For more information about the MGPs, visit:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8430.html>

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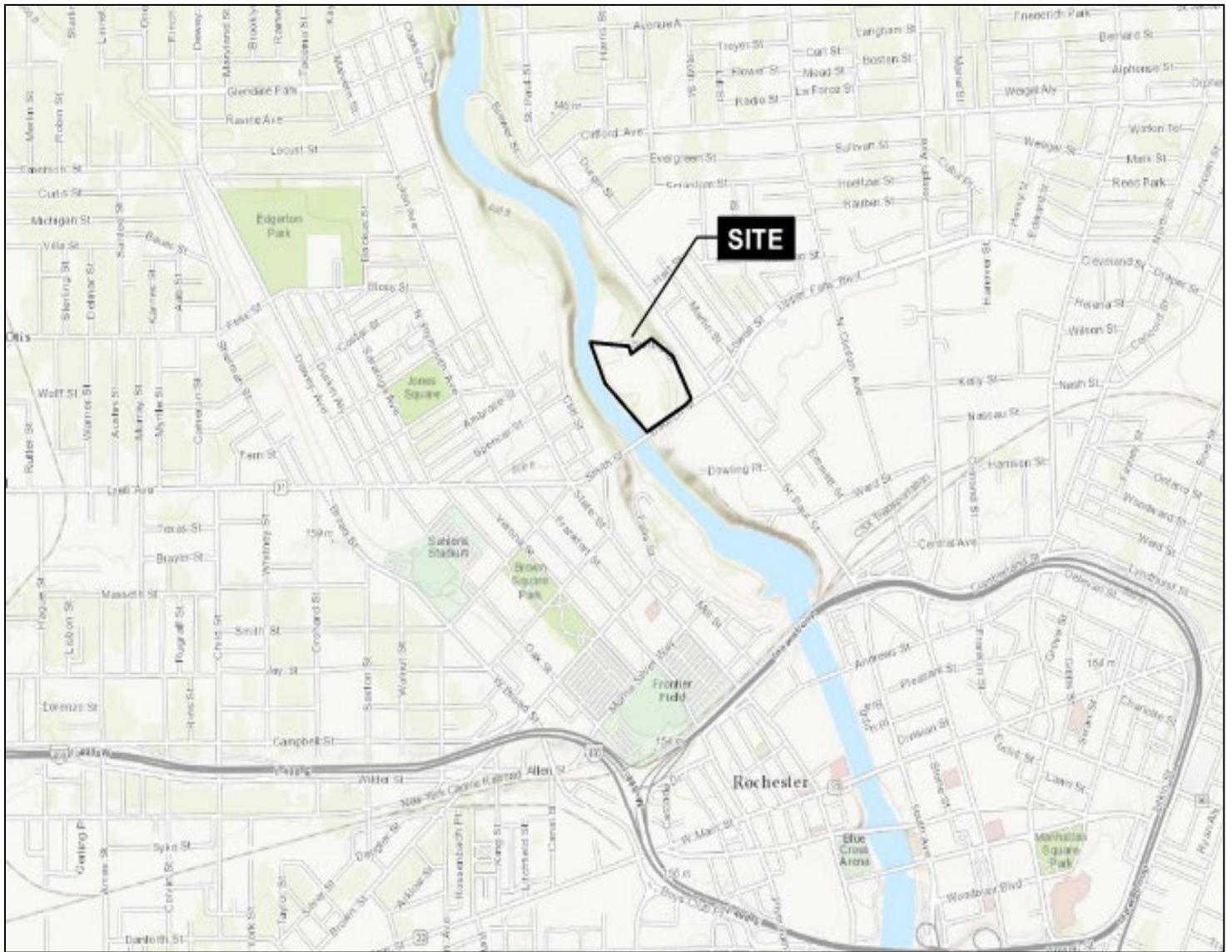
[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html)

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

## **DECinfo Locator**

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





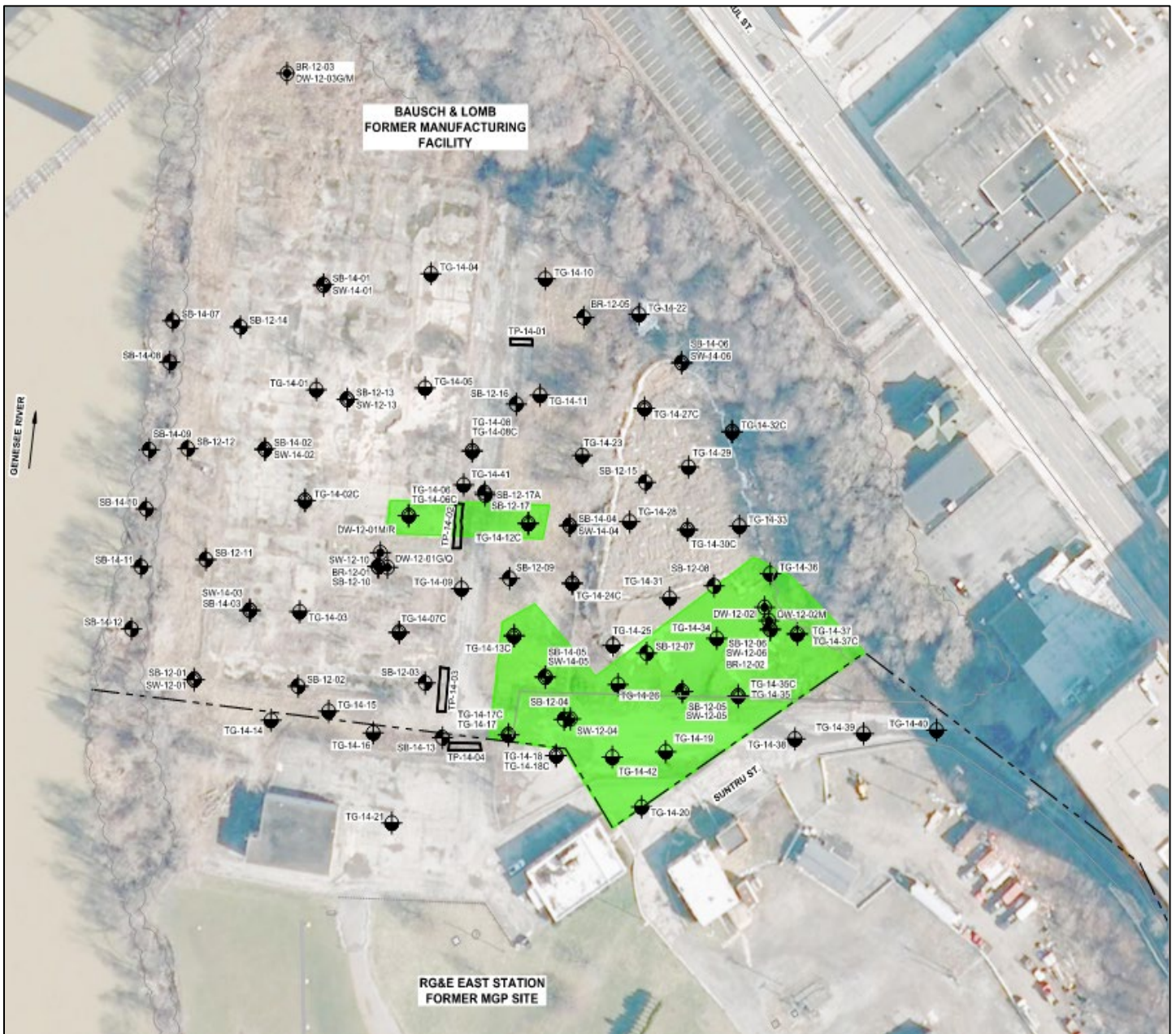
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## On-site Remedy



\* Green shaded areas denote areas of proposed excavation of on-site soil

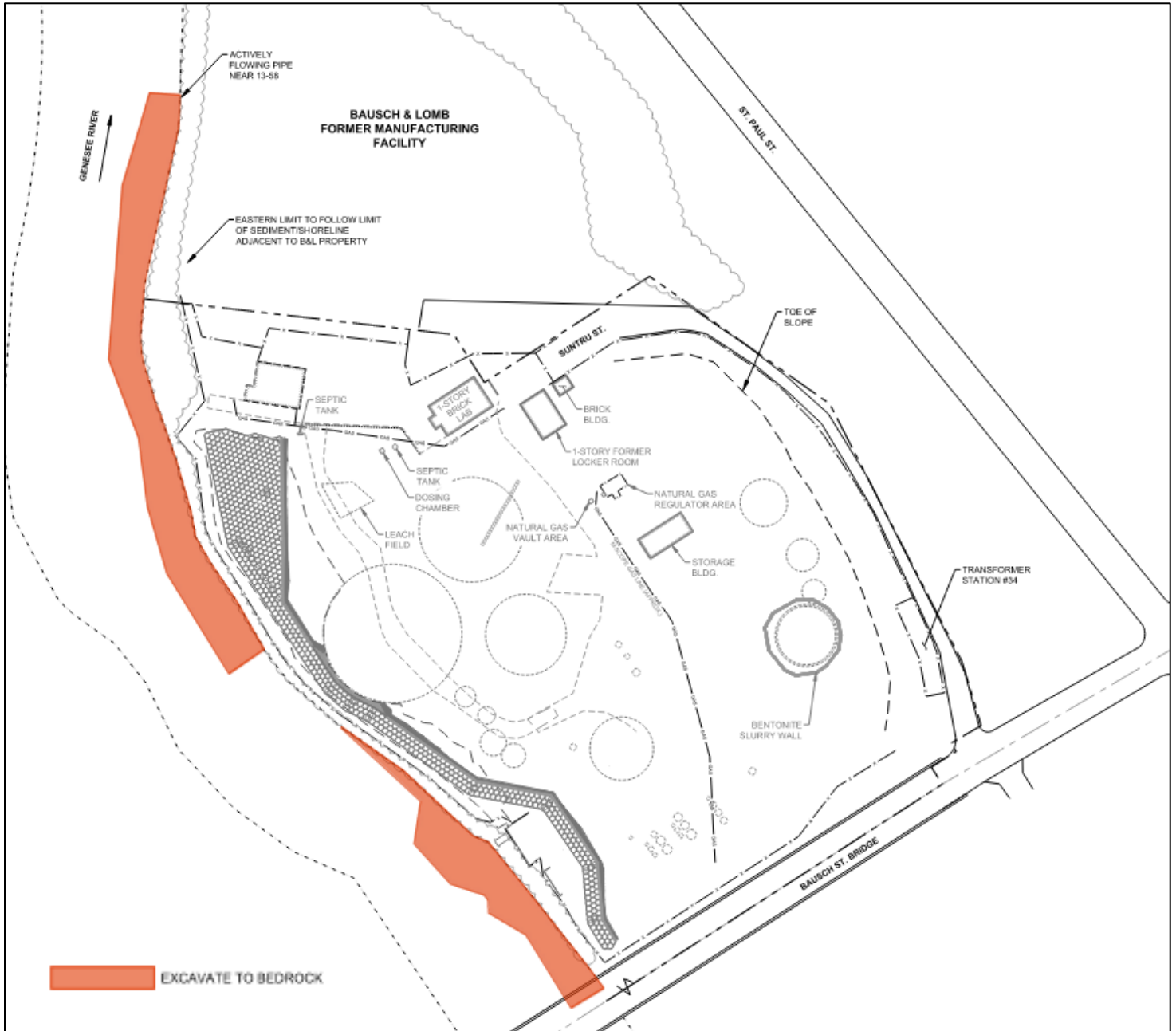
## Off-site Remedy (Bausch & Lomb) Property



\*Green shaded areas denote MGP wastes proposed to be excavated on B&L property

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## Sediment Remedy







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