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FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

April 2025

Williams Street Park
Dunbar St. & Hillvue Ave.
Corning, Steuben County
SITE No. 851055
NYSDEC REGION 8

Pre-Design Investigation to Begin at State Superfund Site

The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) will soon begin a detailed environmental study at the Williams Street Park site ("site") located at Dunbar St. & Hillvue Ave. Corning, Steuben County. Please see the map for the site location.

Pre-Design Investigation (PDI) Work Plan: The PDI work plan was developed by Parsons Engineering of New York, Inc. (Parsons) as NYSDEC's consultant under New York's State Superfund Program. 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 and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) will oversee the investigation.

- Access Pre-Design Investigation Work Plan other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/851055/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."

Highlights of the Site Investigation: The investigation will define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater and any other parts of the environment that may be affected.

Past investigations in the area have determined that metals (namely, arsenic, cadmium, and lead) and semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) are present site-wide in the soil. This contamination is due to the presence glass manufacturing waste, also known as, ash, brick, and/or glass (ABG) which was formerly used as fill in many areas throughout Corning, NY.

Key components of the investigation work include:

- Sampling of soil in a 75-ft by 75-ft grid pattern across the site, to identify contamination and to understand what areas of the site already contain two feet of clean soil at the surface.

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Next Steps: The information collected during the investigation will be summarized in a PDI report. After the site investigation is complete, NYSDEC will develop a draft remedial design and work plan for an Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) that includes placement and confirmation of a 2-foot cover across the site. NYSDEC anticipates that the IRM will take place in 2026.

The goal of the IRM will be to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. NYSDEC will announce the availability of the draft cleanup plan in a future fact sheet and will present it to the public for its review and comment during a 30-day comment period and at a community availability session.

Site Description: The site is located south of Dunbar St and Hillvue Ave and north of the Chemung River and is comprised of two parks, William Street and Hillvue Park. The total site is 28 acres and is used for community recreational purposes as a City park. The park features include a pavilion, two playground areas, recreational areas including a basketball court and a horseshoe pit, grass lawn areas, several buildings as well as flood control levy running east to west along the Chemung River. City of Corning Parks Department personnel have reported that glass has been encountered at the ground surface and has to be removed each spring. One piece of glass cullet was identified on the ground surface by DEC. Analysis of 1938 through 1968 aerial photographs identified areas of extensive disturbance along the length of William Street Park that are consistent with landfilling activities.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 851055) at:

<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/cfm/extapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pag eid=3>

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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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