

Gibson Scrapyard

State Superfund Program

Site No. 851058

Town of Corning, Steuben County



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

January 2026

Cleanup Proposed for State Superfund Site; Public Comment Period and Public Meeting Announced

Public Meeting, Monday 01/26/2026 at 5:00 PM

Southeast Steuben County Library, 300 Nassar Civic Center Plaza, Corning NY, 14830

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) invites you to a public meeting to discuss the cleanup plan 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.

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The public is invited to comment on a proposed cleanup plan by the DEC, in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), to address contamination related to the Gibson Scrapyard site ("site") located at 2972 Main Street, town of Corning, Steuben County. Please see the map for the site location. The estimated cost to implement the cleanup is \$1,050,515.

Concurrently, the EPA has proposed approving a polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) cleanup plan submitted by the NYSDEC under the EPA's PCB Cleanup Program. This EPA program, governed by the Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976 (TSCA), focuses on cleaning up contaminated sites and returning them to beneficial use, where possible. If issued as drafted, EPA's approval will allow for the Department to issue its proposed remedy.

How to Comment

DEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP), and the PCB Cleanup Plan for 30 days, from **January 14** through **February 13, 2026**.

- Access the PRAP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/851058/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified under "Where to Find Information."
- Please submit comments to the DEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Contact Information" area.

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. DEC is proposing the following cleanup to address these threats.

Proposed Remedial Action Plan

The proposed cleanup for the site includes:

- Construction of a temporary vehicle traffic bridge to provide physical access to the site;
- Placement of a demarcation layer and site cover of at least two feet of soil that meets established soil cleanup objectives across the entire site;
- Installation of a security fence to control access to the site;
- Implementing a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long term maintenance of the remedial systems; and
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of the site.

DEC developed the proposed cleanup after reviewing the detailed investigation of the site and evaluating the cleanup options in the "Feasibility Study" submitted under New York's State Superfund Program by EA Engineering, P.C. and Its Affiliate EA Science and Technology.

Next Steps

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

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

Site Description

The site is 3.2 acres and is located at the north end of Main Street in the Hamlet of Gibson within the town of Corning, Steuben County. It is currently unoccupied and contains a concrete slab associated with a former weigh station. The site is adjacent to a railroad track to the west, Narrows Creek to the south, vacant residential property to the southeast, and a steep wooded hillside to the north and east. The site operated as an industrial waste landfill from about 1940-1950, and a scrap metal dump from 1950 to 1985.

The site is currently zoned as commercial and is vacant.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 851058) at:

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

Summary of the Investigation

The primary contaminants of concern at the site are polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), metals, and semi-volatile organic compounds, primarily polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). These contaminants are present site-wide in soil and groundwater. Small munitions debris and unexploded ordnance was also observed buried throughout the site during previous investigations, which could pose a hazard to onsite workers and trespassers.

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.

DEC 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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Sign up to receive site updates by email:

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

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://dec.ny.gov/maps/interactive-maps/decinfo-locator>

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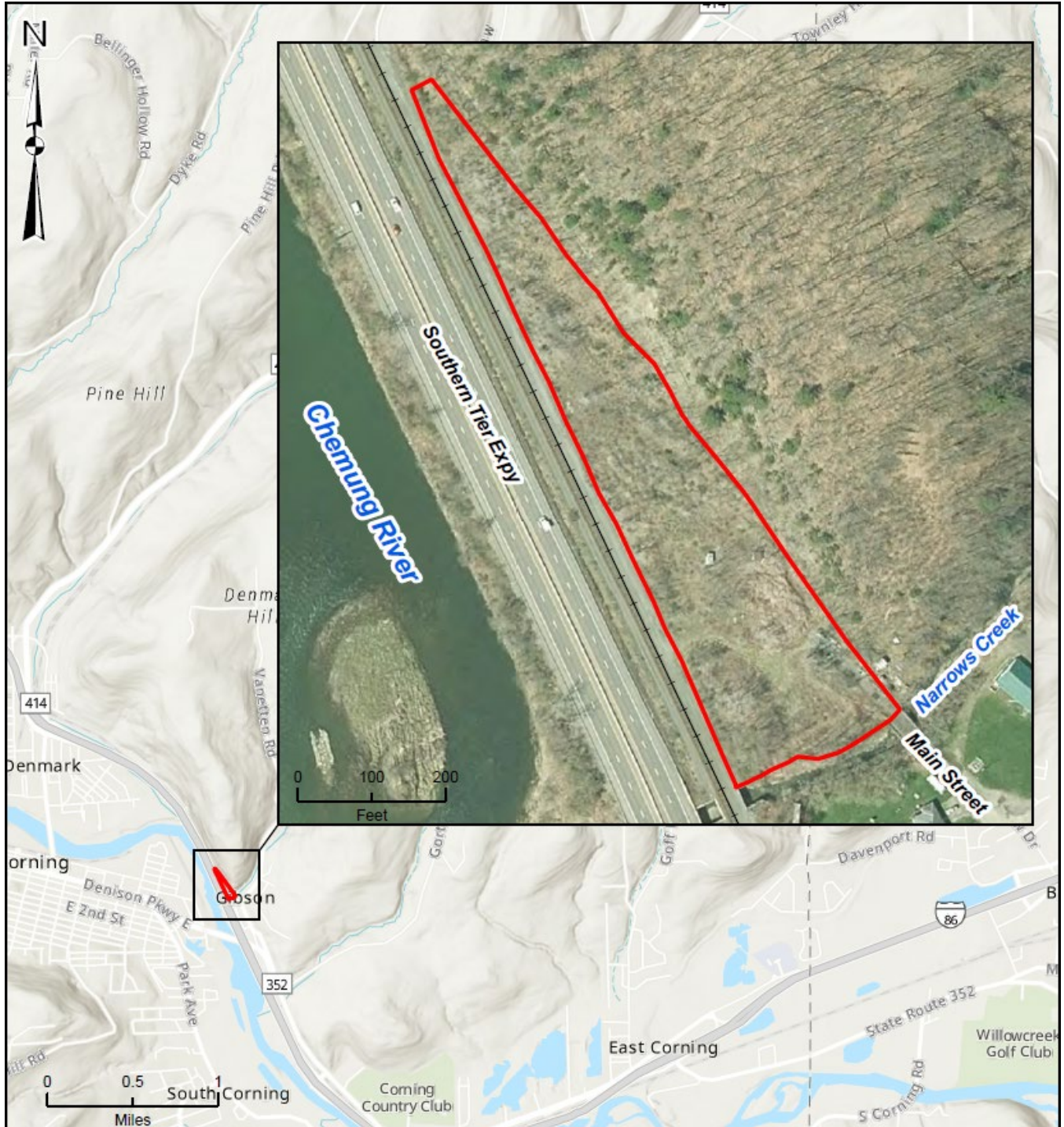
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