

Coventry Commons

State Superfund Program

Site No. 859036

Newark, Wayne County



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

May 2026

Interim Remedial Measure Proposed Public Comment Period Announced

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is proposing a second expedited cleanup action to address contamination at the Coventry Commons site (“site”) located at 130-132 Harrison Street, Newark, Wayne County. Please see the map for the site location. DEC is conducting a public comment period because the draft Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) represents a significant part of the cleanup for the site. The expedited cleanup activities are expected to begin in June 2026 and last about 3 months. The activities will be performed by Coventry Commons Housing Development Fund Corporation / Coventry Commons, LLC (the “remedial party”) with oversight provided by DEC. This is the second expedited cleanup action for the site with the first one being completed in March and April of 2026.

How to Comment

DEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan for 30 days, from **May 13** through **June 12, 2026**.

- Access the Draft IRM Work Plan and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/859036/> .
- 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 “Who to Contact” area.

The site is listed as a Class “P” potential Inactive Hazardous Waste Site. This classification is used for sites where preliminary information indicates that a site may have contamination that makes it eligible for consideration for placement on the Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites (commonly referred to as the list of State Superfund Sites).

Draft Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) Work Plan

An IRM is a cleanup activity that may be performed when a source of contamination or exposure pathway (the way in which a person may contact contamination) can be effectively addressed without extensive investigation and evaluation.

The draft IRM work plan describes the proposed cleanup activities that include:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of near-surface soils that are contaminated with Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)
- Collection and analysis of post excavation soil and groundwater samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the cleanup
- Import of clean material that meets the established soil cleanup objectives for use as backfill
- Construction of a site-wide cover system consisting of either two feet of clean soil or hardscape (asphalt or concrete)
- Implementation of a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities.

Next Steps

DEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the IRM work plan in consultation with the New York State Department of Health. The approved work plan will be made available to the public (see “Where to Find Information” on front page).

Upon completion of the expedited cleanup activities, a Construction Completion Report will be prepared that documents the activities that were performed.

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

Site Description

The site is 5.31-acres and is bordered on the west by Colacino Industries, Inc, on the south by Harrison Street, on the east by Blackmar Street, and on the north by Phoenix Automotive Group. It is currently developed with two on-site structures.

The buildings are currently vacant and being redeveloped as part of a 100% affordable housing project through New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR).

The site consists of a three-story 1903 brick factory building that will contain 96 apartments and a two-story brick office building that will contain 5 additional apartments. The development of Coventry Commons is supported by Newark’s Downtown Revitalization Initiative Strategic Investment Plan.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC’s Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 859036) at:

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

Summary of the Investigation

The primary contaminants of concern at the site are chlorine containing volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), and heavy metals, which are present site-wide in soil. VOCs are also present in groundwater, primarily on the north half of the site.

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>

Stay Informed with DEC Delivers

We encourage you to share this fact sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or post this fact sheet in a prominent area of your building for others to see.

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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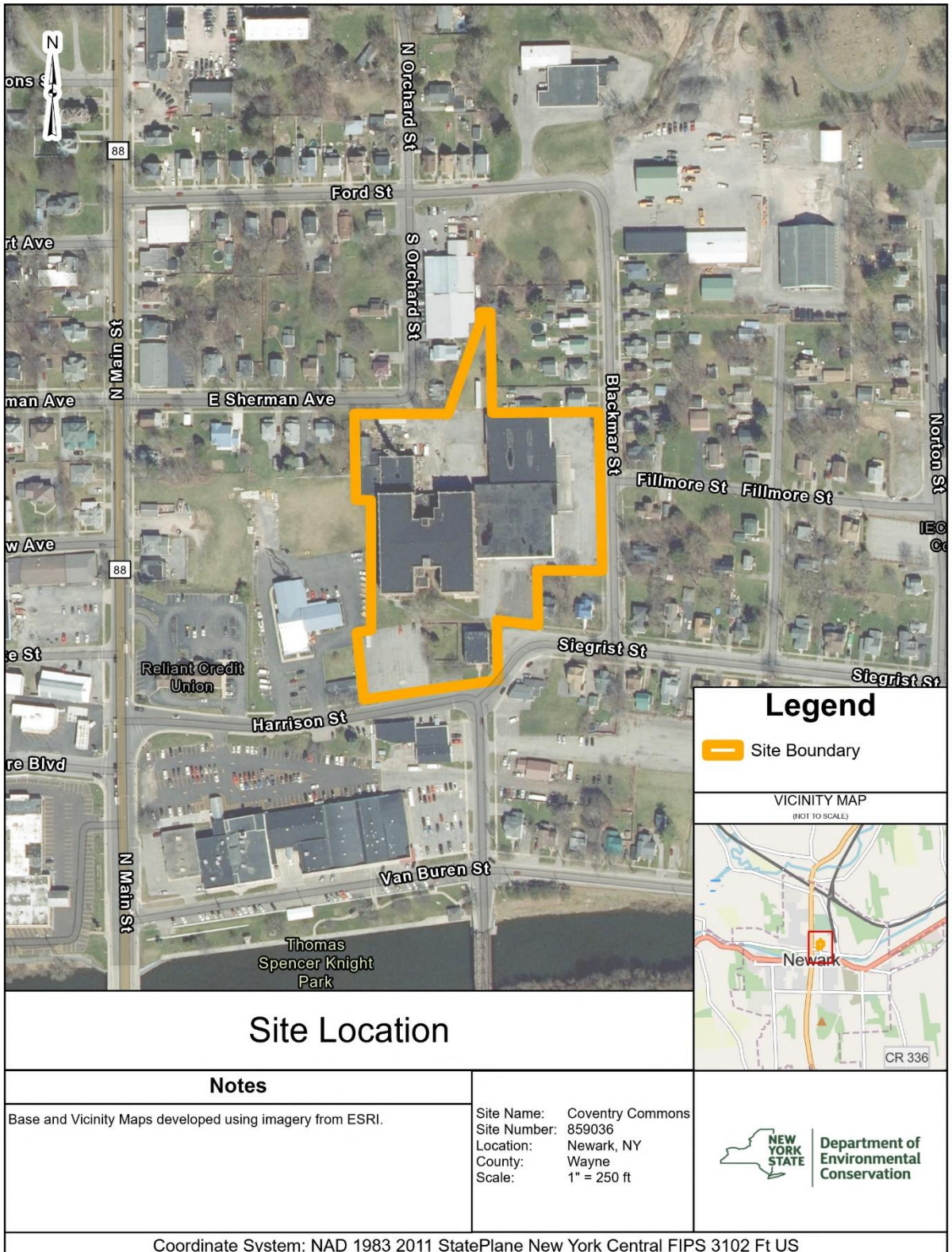
WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION

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Document Repository

Newark Public Library

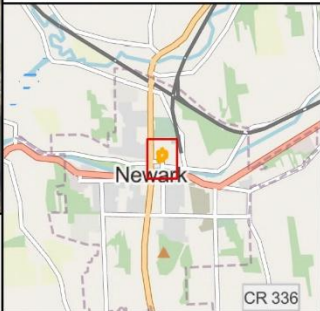
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Legend

 Site Boundary

VICINITY MAP
(NOT TO SCALE)



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Site Location

Notes

Base and Vicinity Maps developed using imagery from ESRI.

Site Name: Coventry Commons
 Site Number: 859036
 Location: Newark, NY
 County: Wayne
 Scale: 1" = 250 ft



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