



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

Robert Moses Parkway -
South Site

Intersection of John B. Daly
Boulevard and Buffalo Avenue
Niagara Falls, NY 14303

SITE No. 932166

NYSDEC REGION 9

February 2019

Where to Find Information:

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

De Veaux Woods State Park
3180 De Veaux Woods Drive East
Niagara Falls, NY 14305

Who to Contact:

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

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**For more information about New York's
State Superfund Program, visit:**

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html

**Public Meeting, Tuesday February 26, 2019 at 6:00 PM
De Veaux Woods State Park Office Building, Room 104, 3180 De
Veaux Woods Drive East, Niagara Falls, NY 14305**

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.

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

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 Robert Moses Parkway-South Site ("site") located at the southwest corner of the intersection of John B. Daly Boulevard and Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, Niagara County. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified to the left under "Where to Find Information".

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan for 30 days, from **February 6** through **March 8, 2019**. The proposed plan is available for public review 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.

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

- The interim remedial measures already completed at the site, consisting of the excavation and off-site disposal of 32,400 tons of contaminated soil and wastes;
- Construction of site covers over areas of residual contamination to allow for passive recreational use;
- Implementing a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long term maintenance of the site; and
- Recording of a Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions to ensure proper long-term use of the site.

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 State Superfund Program by New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation [NYSOPRHP] ("remedial party").

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. The remaining elements of the final cleanup plan will then be performed.

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

Site Description: The site is 16.11 acres and comprises the eastern end of Niagara Falls State Park, which is operated by NYSOPRHP. The site is bounded to the north by Buffalo Avenue and Riverside Drive (beyond which are residential properties) and a hotel, to the east by New York Power Authority property, and to the south by the Niagara River. Niagara Falls State Park property continues west of the site towards Goat Island. The site and former Robert Moses Parkway were recently redeveloped to enhance park features. The site currently is used for passive recreation and consists of open green space, walking paths, gardens, and a man-made pond.

New York State has owned the property since 1885 when the Niagara Reservation was created to preserve the land surrounding Niagara Falls. The north-eastern portion of the site historically contained the Port Day Pond, which was gradually filled starting in the 1930s. Southern portions of the site were created by the placement of large rock and other fill material into the Niagara River during the construction of the Robert Moses Power Project in the 1960s. Contamination in the former pond area was initially discovered in 2013 prior to the reconfiguration the Robert Moses Parkway interchange. Additional areas of contamination were discovered in 2015 during utility installation and site grading work south of the former Robert Moses Parkway.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, 932166) at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern at the site are chlorinated volatile organic compounds and semi-volatile organic compounds, pesticides, mercury, and arsenic, which were primarily located in distinct 'hot spots' where past disposal occurred. All known hot spots were addressed by previously conducted interim remedial measures. Limited pesticide contamination remains in on-site groundwater, but this contamination is expected to decrease over time. No drinking water supplies are impacted by this groundwater.

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 and require cleanup before committing State funds.

For more information about the SSF, visit:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html>

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Receive Site Fact Sheets by Email

Have site information such as this fact sheet sent right to your email inbox. NYSDEC invites you to sign up with one or more contaminated sites county email listservs at:

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

It's quick, it's free, and it will help keep you better informed. As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/ announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

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

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Site Location Map

