

Railroad Right-of Way

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Site No. C203102

Bronx, Bronx County



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

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Draft Investigation Work Plan for Brownfield Site Available for Public Comment

The public is invited to comment on a draft work plan being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to investigate the Railroad Right-of Way site ("site") located at Food Center Drive East, Bronx, Bronx County. Please see the map for the site location.

Draft Investigation Work Plan

The draft investigation work plan, called a "Remedial Investigation Work Plan," (RIWP) was submitted to NYSDEC under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program. The investigation will be performed by the New York City Department of Small Business Services ("applicant") with oversight by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

How to Comment

NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the Draft RIWP for 30 days, from **June 24 through July 24, 2026**.

- Access the RIWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C203102/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified under "Where to Find Information."
- Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Contact Information" area.

Highlights of the Proposed 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.

Due to the property's historical use as part of the former Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) and results from investigations conducted on neighboring sites, it is likely the site may also contain similar MGP-related impacts, such as coal tar and purifier waste.

Key components of the investigation work include:

- Drilling and sampling soil borings to identify possible on-site sources of contamination;
- Collecting soil vapor samples; and
- Installing and sampling ground water wells to monitor impacts from areas of concern on-site.

Next Steps

NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the work plan. NYSDOH must concur with the plan. After the work plan is approved, the activities detailed in the work plan will be implemented.

When the investigation is completed, a report will be prepared and submitted to NYSDEC that summarizes the results. NYSDEC will review the report, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the report.

After the investigation, a proposed cleanup plan, called a “Draft Remedial Work Plan,” will be developed. The cleanup plan will include an evaluation of the proposed site actions, or recommend a no action or no further action alternative. The goal of the cleanup plan is to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. NYSDEC will present the proposed cleanup plan to the public for its review and comment during a 45-day comment period.

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

Site Description

The 5.3-acre site is a portion of a larger tax parcel, Block 2781 Lot 500, located in a commercial and industrial area known as the Hunts Point Food Distribution Center (HPFDC) in the Bronx. The site is irregular and linear in shape, paralleling the eastern portion of Food Center Drive and then Farragut Street, extending to the southeastern shoreline. It is surrounded by other BCP and Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) sites including Hunts Point Parcel D (C203100), 400 Food Center Drive (C203101), Hunts Point Parcel B (V00436), Hunts Point Parcel C (V00412) and 600 Food Center Drive (C203104). A Consolidated Edison Company (Con Ed) easement runs perpendicular to the northeastern corner of the site. The portion of the site adjacent to Food Center Drive is currently undeveloped land containing two inoperable railroad beds. The southern end is part of the Hunts Point Landing community park which provides fishing access to the shoreline.

Historically, the larger Hunts Point area was part of a Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP operated by Consolidated Edison Company (Con Ed) during the first half of the 20th century until it ceased production in the early 1960s and was demolished in 1966. Gas operations included a coke/oven gas plant, a carbureted water gas plant, a light oil plant, and a liquid petroleum production area. In total, the MGP facility covered approximately 182 acres with 46 structures that were actively involved in gas production. The BCP site was primarily used as a railroad with historic maps indicating the site bordered former coal and material storage areas along the central and southern portions of the site. Prior to construction of the MGP, the BCP site was primarily undeveloped marsh land, with the eastern shoreline being reinforced with a bulkhead as early as 1911. No development is planned for the portion of the site bordering Food Center Drive. The southern portion of the site will continue to be used as a park.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C203102) at:

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

Brownfield Cleanup Program

New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) encourages the voluntary cleanup of contaminated properties known as "brownfields" so that they can be reused and redeveloped. These uses may include recreation, housing, business or other uses. A brownfield site is any real property where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the soil cleanup objectives or other health-based or environmental standards, criteria or guidance adopted by NYSDEC that are applicable based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property, in accordance with applicable regulations.

For more information about the BCP, visit:

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/brownfield>

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DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access NYSDEC 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

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



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