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Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C203139/>
and at these locations:

Mott Haven Library *
321 East 140th Street
Bronx, NY 10454
(718) 665-4878

Bronx Community Board 1
3024 3rd Ave
Bronx, NY 10455
(718) 585-7117

(*Repositories may be temporarily unavailable due to COVID-19 precautions. If you cannot access the online DECinfo Locator, please contact the NYSDEC project manager listed below for assistance.)

Who to Contact

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

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For more information about New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

399 Exterior Street Site
399 Exterior Street
Bronx, NY 10451

SITE No. C203139

NYSDEC REGION 2

June 2021

Remedy Proposed for Brownfield Site Contamination; Public Comment Period Announced

The public is invited to comment on a proposed remedy being reviewed 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 399 Exterior Street site ("site") located at 399 Exterior Street, Bronx, NY. Please see the map for the site location.

The remedial investigation report (RIR) and proposed remedy were developed by 399 Exterior Street LLC ("applicant") after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). Based on the findings of the investigation, NYSDEC in consultation with the NYSDOH has determined that the site does not pose a significant threat to public health or the environment.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a "Draft Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP)" for 45 days, from **June 2 through July 17, 2021.**

- Access the RIR and RAWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C203139/>
- Documents also are available at the locations 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.

Draft Remedial Work Plan: The proposed Restricted Residential Use remedy consists of:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of approximately 21,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil to depths ranging from 8 to 12 feet below surface grade across the majority of the site;
- Extracting and treating contaminated groundwater;
- Collecting and analyzing end-point soil samples and post-remedial groundwater samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy;
- Importing clean material that meets the established soil cleanup objectives (SCOs) for use as backfill;
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) during all ground intrusive activities;
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) would also be required for long-term maintenance of the remedial systems; and
- Placement of an Environmental Easement on the property to restrict the site to restricted residential use and to ensure implementation of the SMP.

Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the cleanup plan as necessary, and issue a final Decision Document. NYSDOH must concur with the proposed remedy. After approval, the proposed remedy becomes the selected remedy. The applicant may then design and perform the cleanup action to address the site contamination, with oversight by NYSDEC and NYSDOH.

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

Remedial Investigation Report: The RIR describes the results of the site investigation and recommends development of a remedy to address the contamination that was found. The RIR was submitted by 399 Exterior Street LLC ("applicant").

Highlights of the Remedial Investigation Report: Semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) and metals were found in subsurface soils at concentrations above restricted residential soil cleanup objectives and in groundwater above standards. The SVOCs and metals are present at depths up to 11 feet below grade and are likely the result of past site uses and historic fill, which is present throughout the site.

Site Description: The site is 1.34-acres and is bordered on the west by Harlem River, on the east by Exterior Street, on the south by 355 Exterior Street, and on the north by 441 Exterior Street. It is currently developed with asphalt paved parking used for parking school buses. The site was used as train support facility until circa 1975 and was vacant from 1975 to the early 1990s. The proposed redevelopment is a mixed commercial and residential building.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C203139) at:

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

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://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

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Sign up to receive site updates by email:

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

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DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>

BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM

Site Location

