



Department of  
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Conservation

# FACT SHEET

## Brownfield Cleanup Program

DCA 1 Apartments  
495 Howard Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11233

November 2016

SITE No. C224162  
NYSDEC REGION 2

### Where to Find Information:

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

#### **Brooklyn Public Library**

Brownsville Branch  
61 Glenmore Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11212  
(718) 498-9721  
Call for hours

#### **NYSDEC, Region 2 Office**

47-40 21st Street  
Long Island City, NY 11101  
Call in advance: (718) 482-4900  
Hours: Mon. to Fri. 8AM to 4 PM

### Who to Contact:

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

#### **Project-Related Questions**

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For additional information on the New York's  
Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:  
[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html)

## NYSDEC Certifies Cleanup Requirements Achieved at Brownfield Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has determined that the cleanup requirements to address contamination related to the DCA 1 Apartments site ("site") located at 495 Howard Avenue in Brooklyn, NY, under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) have been or will be met. Please see the map for the site location.

The cleanup activities were performed by DCA 1 L.P. ("Volunteer") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). NYSDEC has approved a Final Engineering Report (FER) and issued a Certificate of Completion (COC) for the site. Copies of the FER and Notice of the COC are available at the location(s) identified under "Where to Find Information."

**Completion of the Project:** The following activities have been or will be completed to achieve the remedial action objectives:

- Construction and maintenance of site cover consisting of asphalt driveways, concrete walkways, concrete pavers and metal grating around an existing tree to prevent human exposure to soil contamination remaining at the site;
- Recording of an Environmental Easement, including Institutional Controls, to prevent future exposure to contamination remaining at the site; and
- Publication of a Site Management Plan for long term management of remaining contamination as required by the Environmental Easement, including plans for: (1) Institutional and Engineering Controls, (2) monitoring, and (3) reporting.

### **Final Engineering Report Approved**

NYSDEC has approved the FER, which:

- 1) Describes the cleanup activities completed.
- 2) Certifies that cleanup requirements have been or will be achieved for the site.
- 3) Describes any institutional/engineering controls to be used. An institutional control (IC) is a non-physical restriction on use of the site, such as a deed restriction, when contamination left over after the cleanup action makes the site suitable for some, but not all uses. An engineering control (EC) is a physical barrier or method to manage contamination such as a cap or vapor barrier.
- 4) Certifies that a site management plan for any engineering controls used at the site has been approved by NYSDEC.

The following institutional controls have been put in place on the site:

- Site Management Plan
- Monitoring Plan
- IC/EC Plan
- Environmental Easement

The following engineering controls have been put in place on the site:

- Cover System

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## Next Steps

With its receipt of a COC, the applicant is eligible to redevelop the site. In addition, the applicant:

- Has no liability to the State for contamination at or coming from the site, subject to certain conditions; and
- Is eligible for tax credits to offset the costs of performing cleanup activities and for redevelopment of the site.

A COC may be modified or revoked if, for example, there is a failure to comply with the terms of the order or agreement with NYSDEC.

**Site Description and Background:** The site is a rectangular area of 818 square feet located at the intersection of Howard Avenue and Sterling Place. The site address is 495 Howard Avenue (aka 485 Howard Avenue) and is located in the East New York section of Brooklyn. The site is the former location of a dry cleaning building. The site is a small portion of Block 1467, Lot 1. The site is part of a larger residential development.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C224162) at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/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:

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

*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.*

### 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 available at the following web page:

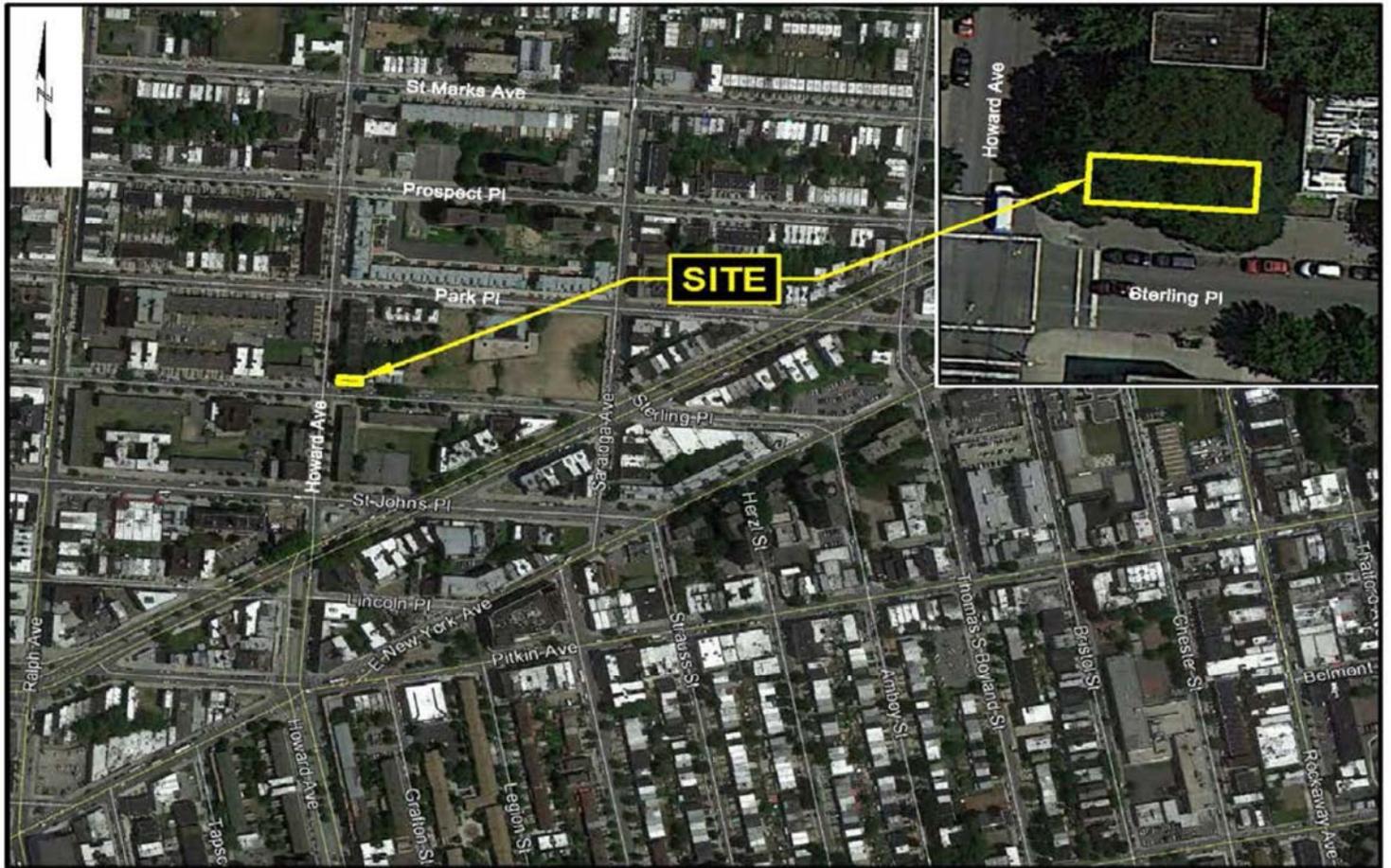
[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html)

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



SITE LOCATION MAP