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FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

366 Rockaway Ave. Cabinet
Furniture Manufacturing
366 Rockaway Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11212

June 2024

SITE No. C224357
NYSDEC REGION 2

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 366 Rockaway Ave. Cabinet Furniture Manufacturing site ("site"), located at 366 Rockaway Avenue in the Brownsville neighborhood of Brooklyn, New York. Please see the map for the site location.

A Remedial Investigation Report (RIR), which describes the results of the site investigation, was submitted by Brownsville Arts Owner LLC (the applicant) concurrently with the Draft Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP), which proposes a remedy to address the contamination that was found. Based on the findings of the investigation, NYSDEC in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (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 Draft RAWP for 45 days, from **June 27 through August 11, 2024**.

- Access the RIR, RAWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224357>.
- Documents also are available 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.

Draft Remedial Work Plan: The proposed Unrestricted Use remedy consists of:

1. Preparation and implementation of a Pre-Design Investigation (PDI) work plan, in order to collect soil samples to confirm the remedial excavation depths across the site;
2. Excavation and offsite disposal of approximately 21,500 cubic yards of on-site soil exceeding the Unrestricted Use Soil Cleanup Objectives (UUSCOs). Most of the site will be excavated to 6 feet below grade (ft-bg) with select hotspot excavations ranging from 1 to 17 ft-bg.
3. Collection and analysis of site-wide post remedial soil samples confirming that the SCOs were met.
4. Importation of clean fill that meets the established cleanup objectives for use as backfill, and
5. As part of the Unrestricted Use cleanup, a soil vapor intrusion (SVI) evaluation will be completed to document that the remedial objectives have been met. SVI is not expected to be a concern for the site and mitigation measures are not currently proposed.

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6. Implementation of a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities;
7. If an Unrestricted Use cleanup is not achieved, implementation of a Site Management Plan would also be required for long term maintenance institutional or engineering controls (e.g., remedial systems).
8. If an Unrestricted Use cleanup is not achieved, recording of an Environmental Easement (institutional control) to ensure proper use of the site may be necessary.

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.

Site Description: The site is 1.31-acres and is bordered by a 14-story mixed use building followed by East New York Avenue to the north, Chester Street to the west, Rockaway Avenue to the east, and several one to two-family residences followed by Pitkin Avenue to the south. The site is vacant and fenced off with a chain-linked fence. The majority of the site is heavily vegetated, and the northern portion paved with concrete.

The planned redevelopment for the site includes the construction of a mixed-use affordable housing development with approximately 290 affordable housing units, community facility space accommodating an arts and media center, performance arts school, music school, multipurpose theater/rehearsal/instruction space, and administrative office space for non-profit organizations.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C224357) at:

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

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern in soil at the site are VOCs, SVOCs (exclusively petroleum based), metals, pesticides, and PCBs, likely due to fill material materials across the site. Groundwater is not significantly impacted, and soil vapor intrusion is not a concern for the site. The site will be redeveloped through the construction of a mixed-use affordable housing development.

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:

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Site Location

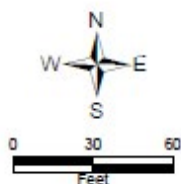


Figure 1
Site Map

366 Rockaway Avenue
Brooklyn, Kings County
Site No. C244357



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