

# 291 Wallabout Street Site

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Site No. C224416

291 Wallabout Street

Brooklyn, NY 11206



Department of  
Environmental  
Conservation

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## Cleanup 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 291 Wallabout Street site (“site”) located at 291 Wallabout Street, Brooklyn, NY. Please see the map for the site location.

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. This decision is based on the nature of the existing contaminants identified at the site and the lack of potential for off-site migration of contaminants in the groundwater. To address this site, NYSDEC has developed the proposed cleanup plan summarized below.

### How to Comment

NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a “Draft Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP)” for 45 days, from **August 21 through October 5, 2025**.

- Access the RI/AAR, RAWP, and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224416/>.
- 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.

### Draft Remedial Action Work Plan

The proposed Track 1 Unrestricted Use cleanup plan consists of:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated soil to approximately 7.5 feet below ground surface across the majority of the site;
- Removal of any Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) encountered;
- Collecting and analyzing post-cleanup soil, groundwater, and indoor air samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the cleanup;
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan (HASP) and Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) during all ground intrusive activities;
- If an Unrestricted Use cleanup is not achieved, implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) would also be required for long-term maintenance of the remedial systems; and
- If an Unrestricted Use cleanup is not achieved, recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of the site may be necessary.

The proposed cleanup plan was developed by 291 Wallabout Realty LLC (“applicant”) after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York’s Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP).

## Next Steps

NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the remedy plan as necessary, and issue a final Decision Document. NYSDOH must concur with the proposed cleanup. After approval, the proposed cleanup becomes the selected cleanup. 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 0.11-acres and is bordered on the west by a vacant lot, to the south by Wallabout Street followed by residential buildings, on the east by a multi-family residential building, and on the north by a one-story industrial building. From 1998 through 2025 the site was developed with industrial building and is currently vacant. The on-site building has been demolished. The site had been used for various industrial purposes including automotive repair, woodworking, and plastics manufacturing.

The anticipated clean up will be to unrestricted use. The redevelopment plan is to improve the site with two multi-story multi-unit residential buildings.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC’s Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C224416) at:

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

## Summary of the Investigation

The primary contaminants of concern at the site are volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), metals, and per & polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) which are present site-wide in soil, groundwater, and soil vapor.

## 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 (SCOs) 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

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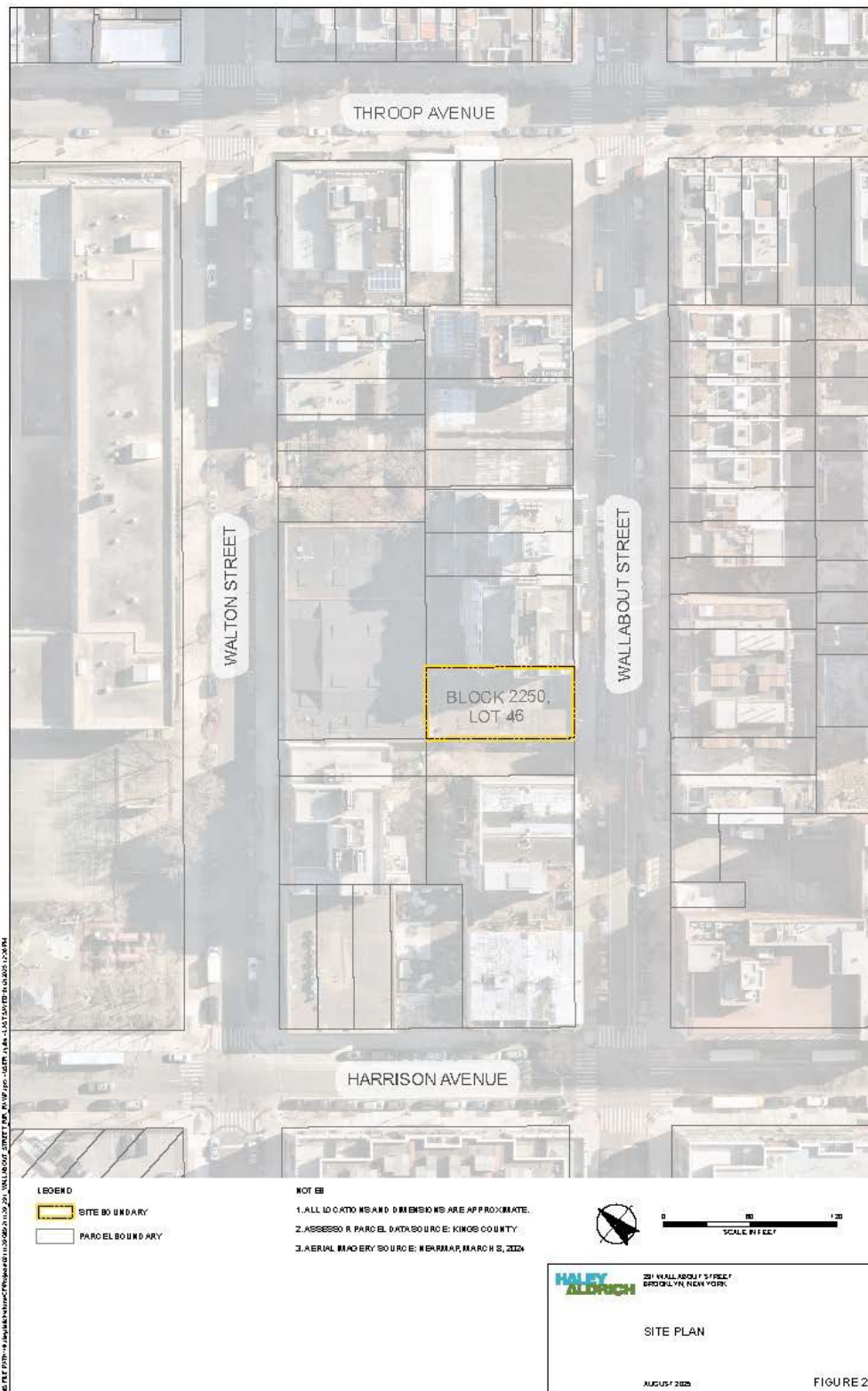
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