

130 Ontario

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Site No. C401087

Albany, Albany 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 130 Ontario site ("site") located at 130 Ontario St., 134 West St. & 154 West St., Albany, Albany County. Please see the provided 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 Ontario West LLC ("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 **July 8 through August 7, 2026**.

- Access the RIWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C401087/>.
- 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.

Previous investigations have detected petroleum and chlorinated solvents in groundwater and soil gas on site, as well as volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) and metals in both groundwater and soil on site.

Key components of the investigation work include:

- Drilling and sampling soil borings to identify possible on-site sources of contamination;
- Collecting soil vapor and indoor air/sub-slab soil vapor samples; and
- Installing and sampling ground water wells to monitor impacts from areas of concern both on-site and off-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 130 Ontario site is bounded by Ontario Street to the northwest; Bradford Street to the northeast; Benson Street to the southwest; Quail Street to the southeast, and is bifurcated by West Street. The site consists of three tax parcels, comprising a total of 1.55 acres. Currently, the site contains a vacant building on the northern portion and a vacant asphalt parking lot and unimproved land on the southern portion. Previously, the northern portion of the site was used as a lumber yard from 1892-1950 and various outreach services and help centers from 1965-2017. The commercial building was most recently used as an office building. The southern portion of the site was used for lumber yard storage from approximately 1934-1950 and parking lots.

Anticipated use of the site is for residential apartments and commercial space. The redevelopment of the site will include construction of a four-story building with 76 affordable housing units on the northern portion of the property. The southern portion of the property will be developed into a parking lot and non-recreational green spaces. Redevelopment will include demolition of the existing structure.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C401087) 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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<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/regional-remediation-project-information/environmental-cleanup-email-newsletters>

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC 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 locations:
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