

65 Trowbridge Street Site

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Site No. C828217

Rochester, Monroe County



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

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Interim Remedial Measure Completed and No Further Action Proposed at Brownfield Site; Public Comment Period

The public is invited to comment on a proposed no further action cleanup for the 65 Trowbridge Street site (“site”) located at 65 Trowbridge Street in the city of Rochester, Monroe County. Please see the map for the site location.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (DOH), is reviewing reports that recommend no further action at the site. The reports, available at the links below, are called the draft ‘Remedial Investigation Report’ (RIR) and draft Interim Remedial Measure Construction Completion Report’ (IRM-CCR). These reports were prepared in June 2025 and submitted to NYSDEC by William B. Morse Lumber Co. (the “applicant”).

How to Comment

NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the draft RIR and IRM-CCR for 45 days, from **July 2 through August 18, 2025**.

- Access the RIR and IRM-CCR and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C828217/>.
- 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 “Who to Contact” area.

Proposed No Further Action Cleanup

The no further action proposal is based on the completion of expedited cleanups known as Interim Remedial Measures (IRMs). The IRMs were conducted in conjunction with the Remedial Investigation. The completed IRMs included:

- Removal of approximately 3,135 tons of soils and other material, including soils with elevated levels of TCE.
- Removal of approximately 514 tons of construction and debris-related material (asphalt, abandoned railroad spurs).
- Installation of a 1-foot cover system consisting of aggregate and either a porous pavement system, or a minimum of 4 inches of topsoil that was seeded and mulched.

When the IRMs were completed, post-removal samples were collected to confirm that remaining soil meets soil cleanup objectives for industrial use.

Next Steps

DEC will consider public comments, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the report and its no further action recommendation. The approved report will be made available to the public under “Where to Find Information” on Page 1 of this fact sheet.

When the report and other final documents are approved, DEC will issue a "Certificate of Completion" (COC) to the applicant. Upon receiving the COC, the applicant would be eligible for tax credits to offset the costs of performing cleanup activities and for redevelopment of the site.

Site Description

The site is approximately 1.2 acres and encompasses the northern and eastern portion of a former manufactured gas plant (MGP) facility that operated in the late 1890s. The site contains an active railroad track which is exclusively utilized for deliveries to the applicant's business. The site is utilized as the applicant's lumberyard. The site is in an urban area zoned by the City of Rochester as "Center City District" which allows for commercial and industrial uses. The site is bordered by commercial properties to the west, south, and east, with railroad tracks to the north and a homeless service to the northeast.

The anticipated future use of the site is anticipated to be continued industrial use.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C828217) 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 DEC 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>

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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>

CONTACT INFORMATION

Project-Related Questions

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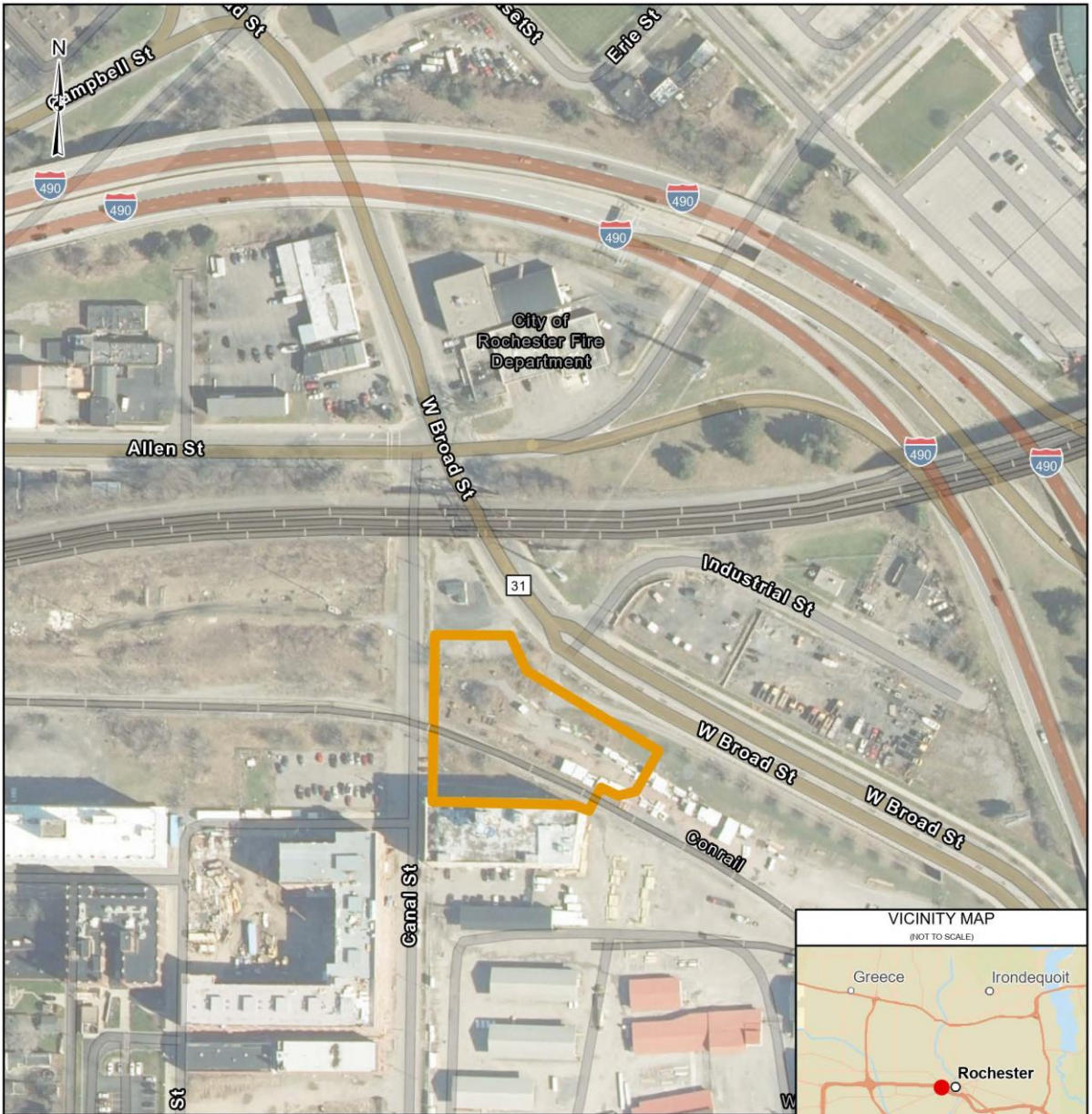
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WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):
<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C828217/>

Document Repository

Central Library of Rochester & Monroe County
115 South Avenue, Rochester, NY, 14604
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