



Department of
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Conservation

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Former Geneva Foundry

23 & 44 Jackson St.
Geneva, NY 14456

SITE No. C835027

NYSDEC REGION 8

March 2019

NYSDEC Certifies Cleanup Requirements Achieved at Brownfield Site

Where to Find Information:

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

Geneva Free Library

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**For more information about New York's
Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:**
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has determined that the cleanup requirements to address contamination related to the Former Geneva Foundry Site ("site") located at 23 & 44 Jackson Rd, Ontario County, under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program have been or will be met.

This fact sheet pertains specifically to the cleanup activities performed by the City of Geneva ("applicant") at 23 and 44 Jackson St., where the former foundry buildings were located. Please see the map for the site location. Separately, there is a State-funded cleanup of the surrounding neighborhood underway which is designated as Operable Unit 3 (OU3) with a site number C835027A. Work on OU3 is scheduled to resume in April.

The cleanup activities on the foundry site were performed by the City of Geneva with oversight provided by the 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 to the left under "Where to Find Information."

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

- Excavation - Excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated soil exceeding the restricted residential use soil cleanup objectives (SCOs), the site-specific cleanup criteria. Clean fill was brought in to replace the excavated soil and to establish the design grades at the site.
- Site Cover System - Construction of a cover system consisting of pavement or two feet of clean soil to prevent human exposure to remaining contaminated soil/fill.
- Development of a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long-term management of remaining contamination, including: (1) Institutional and Engineering Controls (IC/ECs); (2) monitoring; and (3) reporting.
- Recording of an Environmental Easement as an IC to prevent future exposure to any contamination remaining at the site and to ensure implementation of the SMP.

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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* 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* 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
- Groundwater Use Restriction
- Land Use Restriction to Restricted Residential (including Active Recreation), Commercial or Industrial Use
- Environmental Easement

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

- Cover System

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 former foundry consists of two parcels totaling about 2.5 acres at 23 Jackson Street and 44 Jackson Street in a mixed urban residential/commercial neighborhood. The former foundry buildings, slabs, and foundations were removed. The site is currently inactive and is zoned for commercial and industrial use. A railroad and commercial property border the site to the south and west with an automotive repair garage and residential properties to the east and north. A foundry was present at the site since the late 1800s and part of the site was a coal yard until expansion of the foundry in the 1940s. Foundry operations ceased in 1988. The site was divided into two onsite operable units. An operable unit represents a portion of a remedial program for a site that for technical or administrative reasons can be addressed separately to investigate, eliminate or mitigate a release, threat of release or exposure pathway resulting from the site contamination. Operable Unit 1 (OU 1) is defined as 23 Jackson which was the primary area for past industrial operations. OU 2 is defined as 44 Jackson Street. OU 2 was previously occupied by a warehouse and support operations.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C835027) at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/x/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>

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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 at:

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.

Site Location Map

