



Department of  
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# FACT SHEET

## Brownfield Cleanup Program

Former Bernzomatic Facility  
1 Bernzomatic Drive  
Medina, Orleans County

**SITE No. C837018**  
**NYSDEC REGION 8**

November 2024

## Cleanup Action Completed at Brownfield Site

### Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):  
<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C837018/>

**Document Repository -  
Lee-Whedon Memorial Library**  
620 West Avenue  
Medina, NY  
(858) 789-3430

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#### For more information about New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/brownfield>

Action has been completed to address the contamination related to the Former Bernzomatic Facility site ("site") located at 1 Bernzomatic Drive, Medina, New York, Orleans County, under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). Please see the map for the site location.

Cleanup activities were performed by Newell Operating Company and B360 Holdings LLC ("applicants") with oversight by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). The applicants have submitted a proposed Final Engineering Report (FER) to NYSDEC for review stating that cleanup requirements have been or will be achieved to fully protect public health and the environment for the proposed site use.

- Access project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:  
<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C837018/>.
- Documents are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."

**Highlights of the Site Cleanup:** The following activities have been or will shortly be completed to achieve the remedial action objectives:

- **Demolition** – The eastern machining building was demolished, and the concrete slab was removed. Following removal, the building footprint was backfilled with clean fill.
- **Excavation** - Excavation and off-site disposal of about 23.3 tons of contaminated soil exceeding the Restricted Commercial Use soil cleanup objectives (RCUSCOs) was performed. The excavations were backfilled with clean fill.
- **In-Situ (in-place) Reductive Chlorination** – Groundwater at the site is impacted with Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs). To prevent groundwater contamination from migrating off-site, Liquid Activated Carbon was injected into the ground surface. Biological amendments were also injected into the ground surface to increase the breakdown VOCs.
- **Site Cover System** - The site cover system includes hard cover (building foundations, asphaltic pavement, and concrete sidewalks), and 1-foot of clean soil cover in landscaped areas, including the area of the former eastern machining building. The soil cover was placed over a demarcation layer, with the upper 6 inches of the soil of sufficient quality to maintain a vegetation layer.
- **Site Management Plan (SMP)** - Development of a SMP for long-term management of residual contamination as required by the Environmental Easement, including plans for: (1) Institutional and Engineering Controls (IC/ECs); (2) monitoring; (3) operation and maintenance; and (4) reporting.
- **Easement** - An Environmental Easement was recorded to prevent future exposure to any contamination remaining at the site and to ensure implementation of the SMP.

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**Next Steps:** When NYSDEC approves the FER, it will be made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information"). NYSDEC then will issue a Certificate of Completion (COC) that will be announced in a fact sheet. The applicants would be able to redevelop the site after receiving a COC. In addition, the applicants will be eligible for tax credits to offset a portion of the costs of performing cleanup activities and for redevelopment of the site.

**Site Description:** The site is located at 1 Bernzomatic Drive, in the Village of Medina, in the towns of Ridgeway and Shelby, Orleans County, New York. The site is about 15 acres and is bound by New York Central Railroad and a vacant commercial property to the north, vacant wooded land to the south, Bernzomatic Drive to the east, and wooded land and commercial property to the west. Historic site use includes canneries and food processing starting in 1915. From 1969 through 2014 operations involved the machining, assembly, packing, and shipping of hand-held torches by the Bernzomatic Corporation.

Current site activities include dry goods storage and material assembly, packaging, and shipping of air duct components. There is no current plan to add additional buildings to the site.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C837018) at:  
<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/cfm/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 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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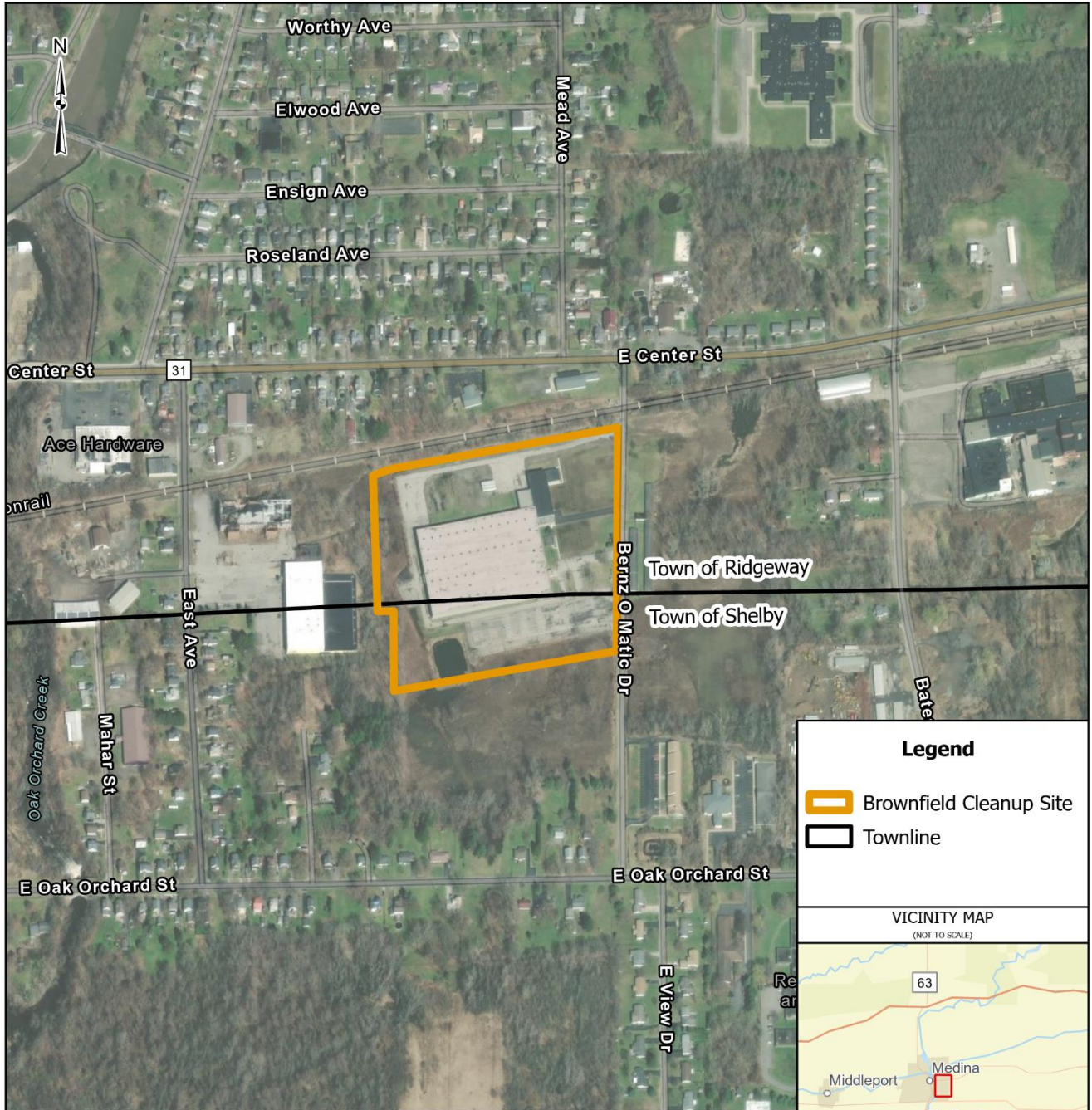
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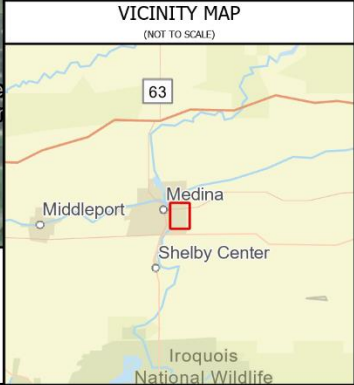
## DECinfo Locator

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>



**Legend**

-  Brownfield Cleanup Site
-  Townline



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**Notes**

1. Base and Vicinity Maps developed using aerial imagery from ESRI and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Site Name: Former Bernzomatic Facility  
 Site Number: C837018  
 Location: Village of Medina  
 County: Orleans County, NY  
 Scale: 1" = 500 ft



Coordinate System: NAD 1983 2011 StatePlane New York West FIPS 3103 Ft US





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