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Where to Find Information:

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

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library
1 Lafayette Square
Buffalo, NY 14203

Who to Contact:

Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:

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

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Main and East Balcom Street
1661 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14209

SITE No. C915306
NYSDEC REGION 9

July 2018

Remedy 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) to address contamination related to the Main and East Balcom Street site ("site") located at 1661 Main Street, Buffalo, Erie County. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified to the left under "Where to Find Information."

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan for 45 days, from **July 25** through **September 10, 2018**. The proposed plan is available for public review at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information." Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area at left.

Draft Remedial Work Plan: The proposed Restricted Residential Use remedy consists of:

- Collect sub-slab soil vapor and indoor air samples during the 2018/2019 heating season to evaluate the potential for volatile contaminants from contaminated soils or contaminated groundwater from underneath the building to enter the structure via soil vapor intrusion and affect the indoor air quality;
- Further assessment of groundwater at one site location (monitoring well MW-4) which reported elevated levels of volatile contaminants and, if necessary, the in-place treatment of the groundwater;
- Excavation and off-site disposal of soil/fill from two separate locations ("hot spots") where elevated concentrations of metals and petroleum odors were reported;
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities;
- Placement of a site wide cover system, including a demarcation layer underlying a 2-feet of clean, imported soil for areas without hardscape (building, asphalt and concrete) to address remaining contamination above restricted residential soil cleanup objectives;
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP); and
- Recording an Environmental Easement with Erie County, which ensures the proper use and management of the site.

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The proposed remedy was developed by 1665 Main Street Group LLC ("applicant") after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). The *Remedial Investigation / Interim Remedial Measures / Alternatives Analysis Report* describes the results of the site investigation and the assessment leading to the proposed remedy. The report is available for review at the public library identified on Page 1.

Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the cleanup plan as necessary, and issue a final Decision Document. NYSDOH must concur with the proposed remedy. After approval, the proposed remedy becomes the selected remedy. The applicant(s) 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 located at the corner of Main and East Balcom Streets in the City of Buffalo. The site is bordered by Main Street to the west, East Balcom Street and commercial properties to the north, and commercial property (Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority bus garage) to the south and west.

The site is currently developed with a six-story warehouse, which is being renovated for a mix of residential and commercial uses. The now vacant parts of the site were once occupied by homes, a gas station and a donut bakery.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C915306 at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern at the site are petroleum related volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) and metals which are present site-wide in the soil. Chlorinated VOCs are of concern in the groundwater.

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:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

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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 available at the following web page:

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.

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Site Location

