



Department of  
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**Where to Find Information:**

*Project documents are available at the following locations to help the public stay informed.*

**Buffalo and Erie County Public Library**  
Crane Branch  
633 Elmwood Avenue  
(716) 883-6651

**NYSDEC Region 9 Office**  
270 Michigan Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 14203  
(716) 851-7220

**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](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html)

# FACT SHEET

## Brownfield Cleanup Program

1111 Elmwood Avenue

1111 Elmwood Avenue  
Buffalo, NY 14222

**SITE No. C915319**

**NYSDEC REGION 9**

**July 2018**

## **Report Recommends No Further Action at Brownfield Site; Public Comment Period Announced**

The public is invited to comment on a proposed no further action remedy for the 1111 Elmwood Avenue site ("site") located at 1111 Elmwood Avenue, Buffalo, Erie County. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the locations identified to the left under "Where to Find Information."

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is reviewing a report that recommends no further action at the site. The report, called the Draft Remedial Investigation/Interim Remedial Measures/Alternatives Analysis Report dated June 2018, was prepared and submitted to NYSDEC by Benchmark Environmental Engineering, PLLC.

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the report for 45 days, from **July 25** through **September 7, 2018**. The report is available for public review at the locations 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.

**Proposed No Further Action Remedy:** The no further action proposal is based on the completion of an expedited cleanup known as an Interim Remedial Measure (IRM). The completed IRM included the following:

- Removal and off-site disposal of all historic fill (contaminated with metals and semi-volatile organic compounds) down to native soil.

When the IRM was completed, post excavation soil sampling was conducted to confirm that remaining soil meets unrestricted soil cleanup objectives (SCOs). The applicant will be submitting a Final Engineering Report for NYSDEC review, to document that cleanup requirements have been achieved to fully protect public health and the environment for the proposed site use.

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**Next Steps:** NYSDEC 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, NYSDEC will issue a "Certificate of Completion" (COC) to the applicant. Upon receiving the COC, the applicant:

- would have no liability to the State for contamination at or coming from the site, subject to certain conditions; and
- 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 a 0.96-acre parcel in a mixed residential/commercial business area at 1111 Elmwood Avenue, in the Elmwood Village area of Buffalo. The site is undergoing redevelopment with a single, four story mixed use building with ground floor commercial use and upper floors for residential use. Subterranean parking will be included with the redevelopment.

The site previously contained nine two-story multi-use structures that were demolished late 2017. The site had a similar configuration for the past 100 years and was initially developed for multi-family residential use, transitioning to residential and various commercial uses over the ensuing years.

**Summary of the Investigation:** Prior to the IRM, the fill material was impacted with semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) and metals exceeding NYSDEC's restricted-residential use and commercial use SCOs. The native soil below the fill was not impacted. No impacts to groundwater

were detected. During completion of the IRM, all impacted fill soil was removed to native soil. No residual impacted soil or fill remains at the site.

**Brownfield Cleanup Program Overview:** 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

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[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](http://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 Map

