



Department of  
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# FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

**1550 Harlem Road Site**

1550 Harlem Road  
Cheektowaga, NY 14206

**SITE No. C915321**

**NYSDEC REGION 9**

**December 2018**

## Cleanup Action Completed at Brownfield Site

Action has been completed to address the contamination related to the 1550 Harlem Road Site ("site") located at 1550 Harlem Road in the Town of Cheektowaga, Erie County under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). Please see the map for the site location.

Cleanup activities were performed by American Tire, Inc. ("applicant") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). The applicant has submitted a draft Final Engineering Report (FER) for NYSDEC review which states that cleanup requirements have been or will be achieved to fully protect public health and the environment for the proposed site use.

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

- Removal and off-site disposal of 8,000-gallon and 5,000-gallon underground storage tanks, and 415 cubic yards of petroleum impacted soil.
- Removal and off-site disposal of approximately 14,200 gallons of petroleum impacted groundwater.
- Excavation and off-site disposal of 63 cubic yards of soil/fill impacted by metals and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) exceeding the Restricted Residential Soil Cleanup Objectives. Clean fill was brought in to replace the excavated soil and to establish the design grades at the site.
- Development of a Site Management Plan (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) soil/fill management and (2) 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.

### **Where to Find Information:**

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

### **Document Repository Name**

East Clinton Branch Library  
1929 Clinton Street  
Buffalo, NY 14206

### **Who to Contact:**

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

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### **Project-Related Questions**

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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)

# BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM

**Next Steps:** When NYSDEC approves the FER, it will be made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information" at left). NYSDEC then will issue a Certificate of Completion (COC) that will be announced in a fact sheet. The applicant(s) would be able to redevelop the site after receiving a COC. In addition, the applicant(s):

- Will have no liability to the State for contamination at or coming from the site, subject to certain conditions; and
- Will be eligible for tax credits to offset a portion of the costs of performing cleanup activities and for redevelopment of the site.

A COC may be modified or revoked if, for example, an applicant does not comply with the terms of its Brownfield Cleanup Agreement with NYSDEC.

**Site Description and Background:** This 0.43-acre site is located in a mixed residential and commercial business area in the Town of Cheektowaga. The site currently is vacant with no structures.

The site was used as a gasoline station from at least 1950 to 1970s and then a nursery/garden center from the mid-1980s to early 2014. The site is planned to be developed as a tire distribution center with potential for limited restricted residential use.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C915321) at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/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:

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

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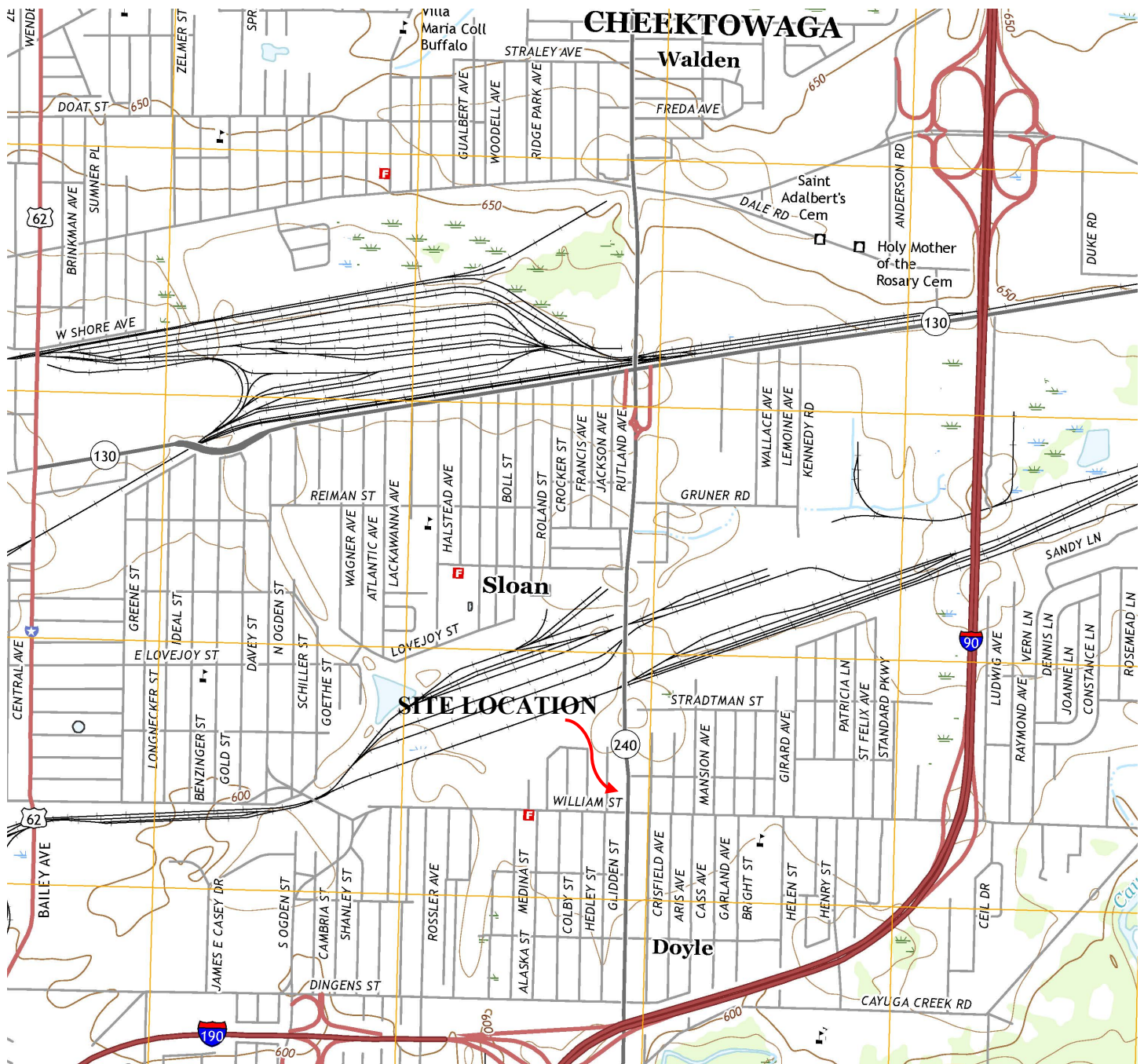
## Receive Site Fact Sheets by Email

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 at:

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

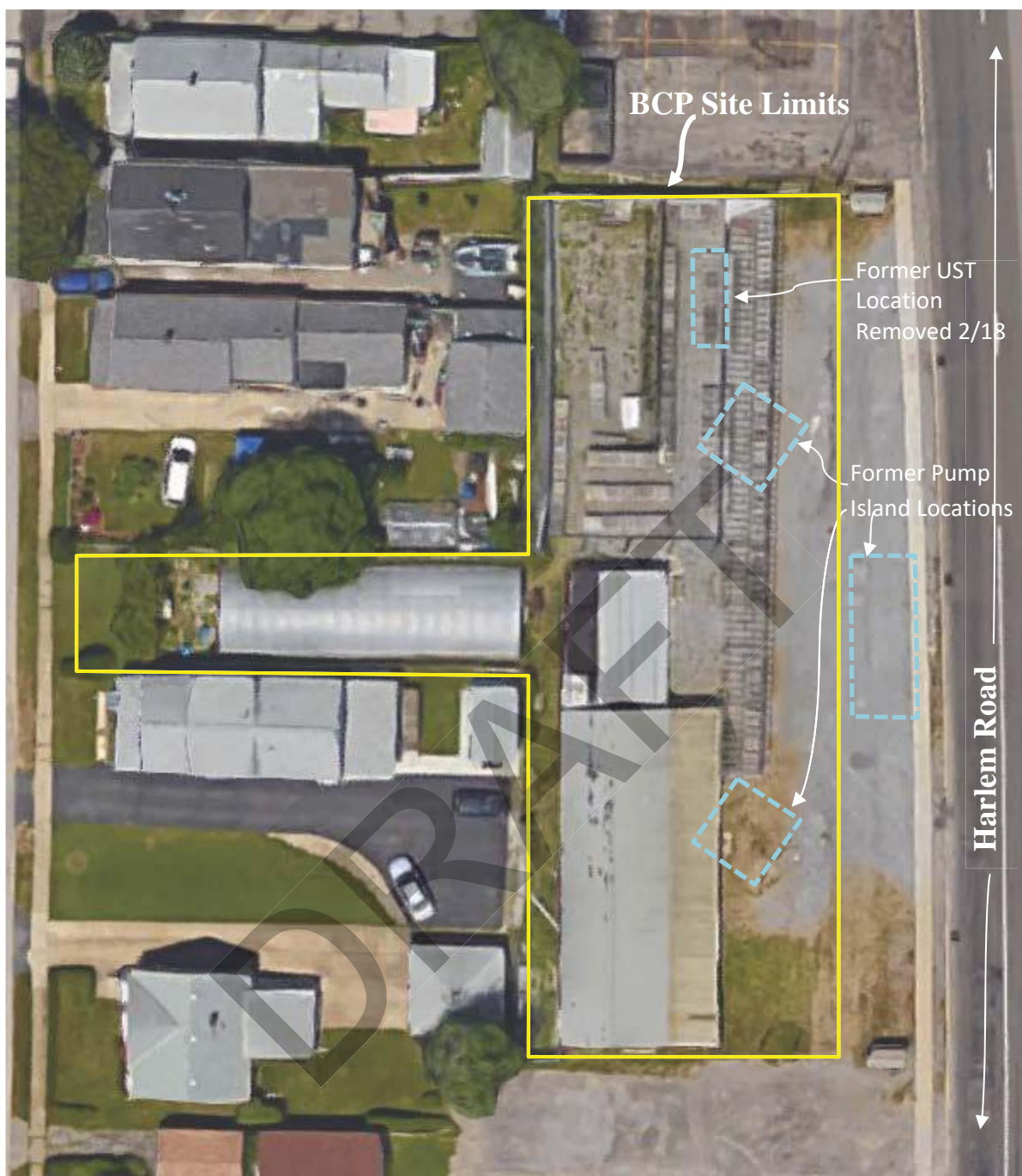
It's quick, it's free, and it will help keep you better informed. As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.



WITTMAN GEOSCIENCES, PLLC	Date: 10/2018	Site Location Map	Project: 18-102
	Scale: not to scale	1550 Harlem, Cheektowaga, NY	Figure: 1





WITTMAN GEOSCIENCES, PLLC	Date: 10/20/2018	Site Limit Plan 1550 Harlem Road, Cheektowaga, NY	Project: 18-102 Figure: 2
	Scale: 1' = 40'		