

# 1681-1689 Main Street

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Site No. C915378

City of Buffalo, Erie County



Department of  
Environmental  
Conservation

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## Interim Remedial Measures Completed and No Further Action Required at Brownfield Site Public Comment Period Announced

The public is invited to comment on a proposed no further action cleanup for the 1681-1689 Main Street site ("site") located at 1681-1689 Main Street, Buffalo, Erie County. Please see the map for the site location.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), is reviewing a report that recommends no further action at the site. The report, called a Draft Remedial Investigation/Interim Remedial Measures Alternatives Analysis Report (RI/IRM/AAR), was prepared and submitted to DEC by 1681-1689 Main Street, LLC (applicant) dated February 2026.

### How to Comment

DEC is accepting written comments about the Draft RI/IRM/AAR for 45 days, from **May 18 through July 1, 2026**.

- Access the RI/IRM/AAR and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915378/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified under "Where to Find Information."
- Please submit comments to the DEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area.

### Proposed No Further Action Cleanup

The no further action proposal is based on the completion of expedited cleanups known as Interim Remedial Measures (IRMs). The IRMs were conducted in conjunction with the Remedial Investigation and the scope of work presented in the RI/AAR.

The completed IRMs included:

- Demolishing the existing on-site structures;
- Removing four existing on-site underground storage tanks (USTs);
- Removing seven existing in-ground hydraulic lift systems; and
- Removing and disposing of on-site contaminated soils attributed to the UST areas, hydraulic lift areas and sitewide non-hazardous impacted fill soils exceeding USCOs.
- Applying two rounds of groundwater amendments to address residual groundwater impacts on-site.

When the IRMs were completed, post cleanup samples were collected to confirm that remaining soil meets unrestricted soil cleanup objectives. The applicant will be submitting a Final Engineering Report for DEC review, to document that cleanup requirements have been achieved to fully protect public health and the environment for the proposed site use.

## Next Steps

DEC will consider public comments, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the report and the 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, DEC will issue a "Certificate of Completion" (COC) to the applicant. Upon receiving the COC, the applicant 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 an approximately 2.035-acre property in a mixed residential/commercial area at 1681 Main Street in the City of Buffalo. The site was developed with four adjoining buildings and associated asphalt and gravel covered parking areas. All four of these buildings were demolished in March 2023 in preparation for the Remedial Investigation. The site was as an automotive repair facility from the 1930s until the early 2020s.

Redevelopment of the site will be for affordable multi-family housing.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C915378) at:

<https://appfactory.dec.ny.gov/DERExternalSearch/ERDSearch>

## 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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## 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>

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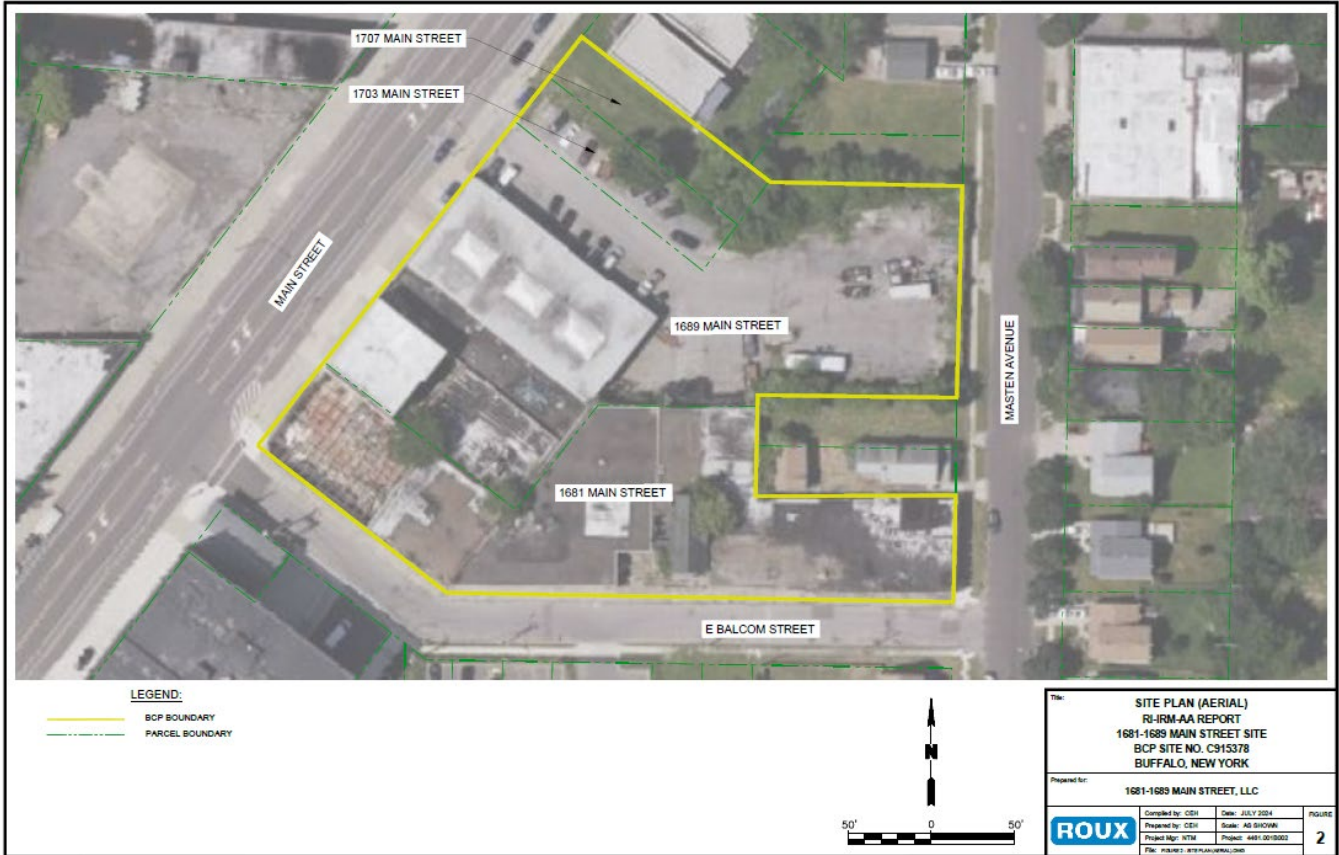
## WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION

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### Buffalo and Erie County Library

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# Site Location





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