



Department of
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FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Hope on Main
954 Main Street
Buffalo, Erie County

SITE No. C915393

NYSDEC REGION 9

May 2024

Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):
<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915393/>

**Buffalo & Erie County Public Library
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Buffalo, NY 14203
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Who to Contact

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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>

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), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), to address contamination related to the Hope on Main site ("site") located at 954 Main St., Buffalo, Erie County. Please see the map for the site location.

Based on the findings of the investigation, NYSDEC in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has determined that the site does not pose a significant threat to public health or the environment. This decision is based on the nature of the contaminants identified at the site and the limited potential for off-site migration of contaminants.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a "Draft Alternatives Analysis and Remedial Action Work Plan (AA-RAWP)" for 45 days, from **May 22, 2024 through July 6, 2024**.

- Access the AA-RAWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915393/>
- Documents also are available 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 Unrestricted Use remedy consists of:

- Removing soil and material which is impacted at concentrations greater than Unrestricted Soil Cleanup Objectives ;
- Collecting and analyzing post-remedial soil and groundwater samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy;
- Importing clean material that meets the established cleanup objectives for use as backfill; and
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities.

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The proposed remedy was developed by SAB Hope, LLC (“applicant”) after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). A “Remedial Investigation Report”, which describes the results of the site investigation was submitted concurrently with the Remedial Action Work Plan and is also available for review at the locations 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 applicants 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 an approximately 2.88 acre site, consisting of two parcels, located in an urban area bounded by North St. to the north, Main St. to the east, North Pearl St. to the west, and Allen St. to the south. The site consists of three structures, two three-story buildings and a one-story building with surrounding asphalt parking lots. The site was initially occupied by residential homes, then between 1930-1960, a gas station and auto repair shop existed in two different locations on-site. After 1960, the gas station at was demolished and a hotel operated on the parcel from 1964 to 1998. The auto repair shop was demolished sometime after 1951. The office and day care building at 1000 Main Street was constructed in 2001.

Redevelopment of the site includes replacing the existing emergency homeless shelter as well as constructing low-income and affordable apartments and townhouses, a courtyard, parking, and related improvements. The Volunteer plans to remediate to property to meet Unrestricted Use Soil Cleanup Objectives.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C915393) at:

<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/cfm/extapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

Summary of the Investigation: Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and metals were found in subsurface soils at concentrations above use-specific soil cleanup objectives. The PAHs and metals are present at depths up to six feet below grade and are likely the result of past site uses and historic fill, which is present throughout the site. On-site groundwater in a limited portion of the site is affected by an assumed off-site chlorinated volatile organic compounds source.

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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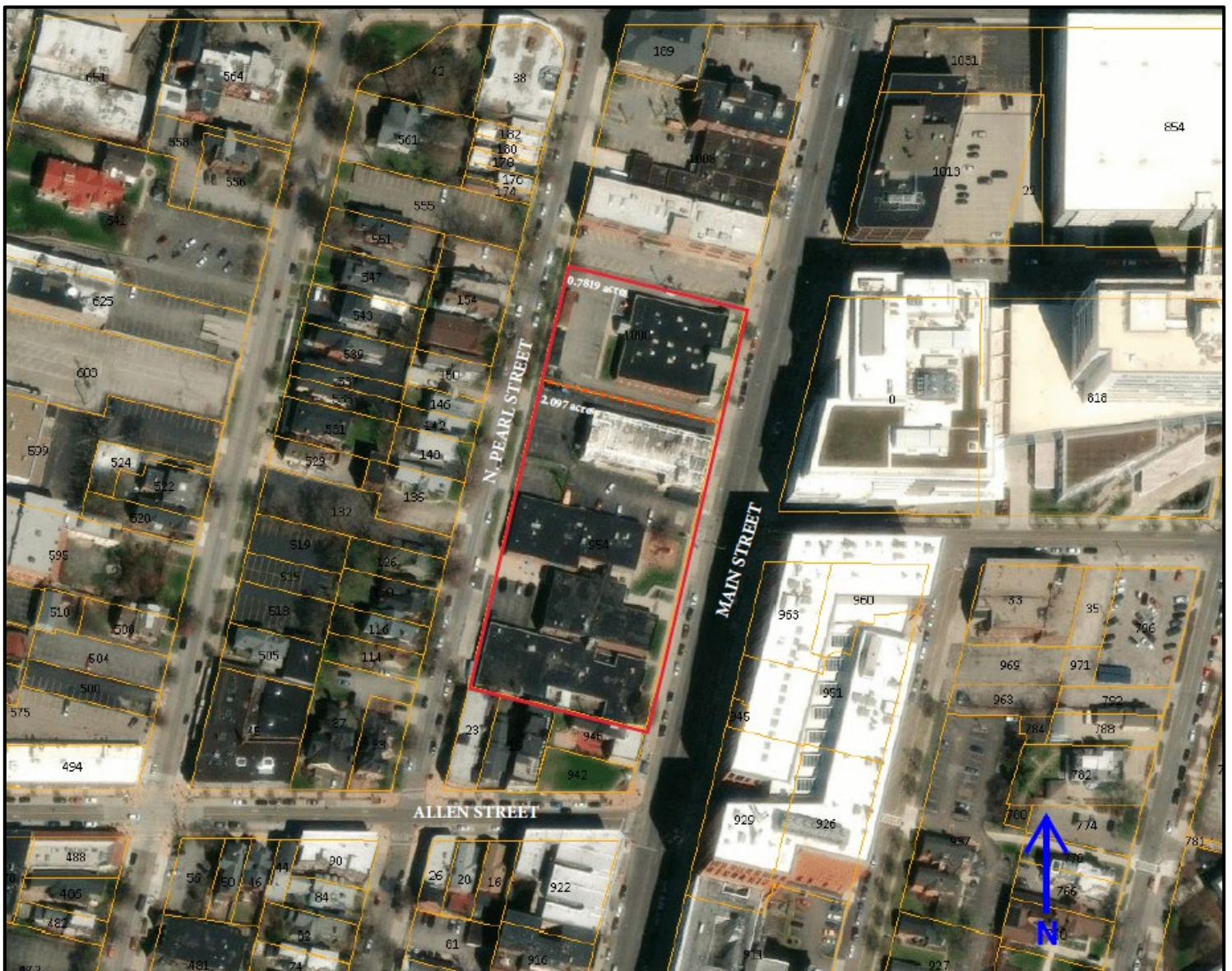
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