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Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):

<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915403/>

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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>

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

619 Exchange Street Site
619 Exchange Street
Buffalo, Erie County

SITE No. C915403
NYSDEC REGION 9

January 2025

Draft Investigation Work Plan for Brownfield Site Available for Public Comment

The public is invited to comment on a draft work plan being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to investigate the 619 Exchange Street Site ("site") located at 619 Exchange Street, Buffalo, Erie County. Please see the map for the site location.

Draft Investigation Work Plan: The draft investigation work plan, called a "Remedial Investigation Work Plan" (RIWP), was submitted to NYSDEC under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program. The investigation will be performed by PG Larkinville ("applicant") with oversight by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the Draft RIWP for 30 days, from **January 22, 2025 through February 21, 2025**.

- Access the RIWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:
<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915403/>
- 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.

Highlights of the Proposed Site Investigation: The investigation will define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater and any other parts of the environment that may be affected.

Previous investigations have detected semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) and metals in soil on site.

Key components of the investigation work include:

- Delineating the extent of contamination by drilling soil borings and digging test pits focused on impacted areas identified during the previous investigations;
- Collecting soil vapor samples throughout the site;
- Installing groundwater wells and collecting samples to assess the groundwater flow direction and groundwater quality conditions throughout the site;

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Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the work plan. NYSDOH must concur with the plan. After the work plan is approved, the activities detailed in the work plan will be implemented.

When the investigation is complete, a report will be prepared and submitted to NYSDEC that summarizes the results. NYSDEC will review the report, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the report.

After the investigation a proposed cleanup plan, called a "Draft Remedial Action Work Plan", will be developed. The cleanup plan will include an evaluation of the proposed site remedy or recommend a no action or no further action alternative. The goal of the cleanup plan is to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. NYSDEC will present the proposed cleanup plan to the public for its review and comment during a 45-day comment period.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

Site Description: The site is a 0.72-acre site, located in an urban area, in the City of Buffalo, Erie County. The site is bounded by Exchange Street to the north, a vacant commercial property to the south, Larkin Street to the east, and railroad lines to the west. The building was constructed in 1890 with additions made in 1924. The site was then used for mill work, planing, woodworking, and lumber storage until at least 1986. After 1986 the site was used as a bedding manufacturing facility, a sports warehouse, and a textile distribution warehouse. The site has been vacant since approximately 2018.

The site currently contains one vacant industrial structure. This structure currently consists of three sections. Section 1, a four-story structure with a subgrade basement, Section 2, a four-story slab-on-grade structure, and Section 3 which was demolished in 2022, with the concrete slab-on-grade floor remaining.

Planned redevelopment for the site involves reuse of the existing structure to provide commercial and

residential space. The Volunteer plans to remediate the property to meet restricted residential use standards.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C915403) at: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/cfm/extapps/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: <https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/brownfield>

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Site Location





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