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Where to Find Information

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

[InfoLocator Site No. 401059](#)

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For more information about New York's State Superfund Program, visit:

[State Superfund Sites](#)

FACT SHEET

**State Superfund Program
Former Damshire Cleaners**
1205 Central Avenue
Albany, NY 12205

Site No. 401059

January 2021

NYSDEC REGION 4

Revised Remedy Proposed for State Superfund Site

- Public Comment Period Announced -

The public is invited to comment on an amended remedy being proposed 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 Former Damshire Cleaners site (Damshire or site) located at 1205 Central Ave., Albany County. Please see the map for the site location. The estimated cost to implement the remedy is \$1,440,000.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments regarding the proposed amendment to the February 2018 Record of Decision (ROD) for 30 days, from January 20, 2021 through February 18, 2021.

- Access the proposed ROD Amendment and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: [InfoLocator Site No. 401059](#).
- 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.

The site is listed as a class "2" site in the State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites (list of State Superfund sites). A class 2 site represents a significant threat to public health or the environment; where action is required. NYSDEC is proposing the following remedy to address these threats:

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Site Description: The site is located in a residential and commercial area at the intersection of Rooney Avenue and Central Avenue in the Town of Colonie. The site is approximately 0.39 acres in size and contains a 3,600 sq. ft. one-story masonry block building with a concrete slab-on-grade foundation. The site was a residential property until 1951. The current on-site building was constructed in 1968 and is believed to have been used as a dry cleaner from that time until operations ceased in 2001. The building is currently unoccupied but used for storage by the owner. The building is surrounded by an asphalt parking lot to the northwest and southwest, a grassy area and dirt/gravel driveway to the southeast, and a wooded area to the northeast.

NYSDEC developed the proposed amendment to the previously selected remedy after reviewing the detailed 2019 pre-design investigation of the site and evaluating the previously selected remedy in light of the current site conditions.

New Information Obtained: Implementation of the remedy selected in February 2018 began in 2019 with a pre-design investigation (PDI). Additional monitoring wells were installed on the site and groundwater samples and groundwater elevations were collected. It was determined through this investigation that groundwater was too close to the ground surface to implement the selected remedy – Air Sparge and Soil Vapor Extraction (AS/SVE). Because of the high groundwater conditions found at the site, there is insufficient unsaturated soil depth to install the piping network necessary for a SVE system to work effectively. Without a sufficient depth of unsaturated soil to install the SVE piping, which collects the vapors generated by the air sparge system, the SVE system would not capture the volatilized contaminants, resulting in the potential for fugitive emissions which may impact air at and near the site. In addition to the limited thickness of soil above groundwater, the AS/SVE technology would be significantly hindered by the presence of the existing structure, underground utilities and newly documented large subsurface anomalies thought to be the former septic system and an underground storage tank. After evaluating the current and newly revealed site conditions, an alternative to the AS/SVE remedy was developed.

Proposed Amendment to the February 2018 Record of Decision: The amended remedy proposed for the site includes:

- Implementation of a remedial design program to inform the selection of the most appropriate subsurface remedial amendment;
- Removal of subgrade structures and/or Underground Storage Tanks (USTs), if found;
- Limited excavation and off-site disposal of impacted soils, if found;
- Treatment contaminated groundwater and saturated soils through injection of chemicals to break down contaminants;
- Collecting and analyzing end-point soil samples and post-remedial groundwater samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy;
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities;
- Establishment of a site cover meeting the criteria for Commercial use;
- Implementing a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long term maintenance of the remedial systems; and
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of the site may be necessary.

Next Steps: NYSDEC will consider public comments as it finalizes the amended remedy for the site. The selected remedy will be described in a document called an "Amended Record of Decision" that will explain why the amended remedy was selected and respond to public comments. A detailed design of the selected remedy will then be prepared, and the cleanup will be performed.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database by entering the Site No. 401059 at:

[Environmental Site Remediation Database Search](#)

State Superfund Program: New York's State Superfund Program (SSF) identifies and characterizes suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites. Sites that pose a significant threat to public health and/or the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup and monitoring.

NYSDEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination before committing State funds for investigation and cleanup.

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Sign up to receive site updates by email:

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DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>

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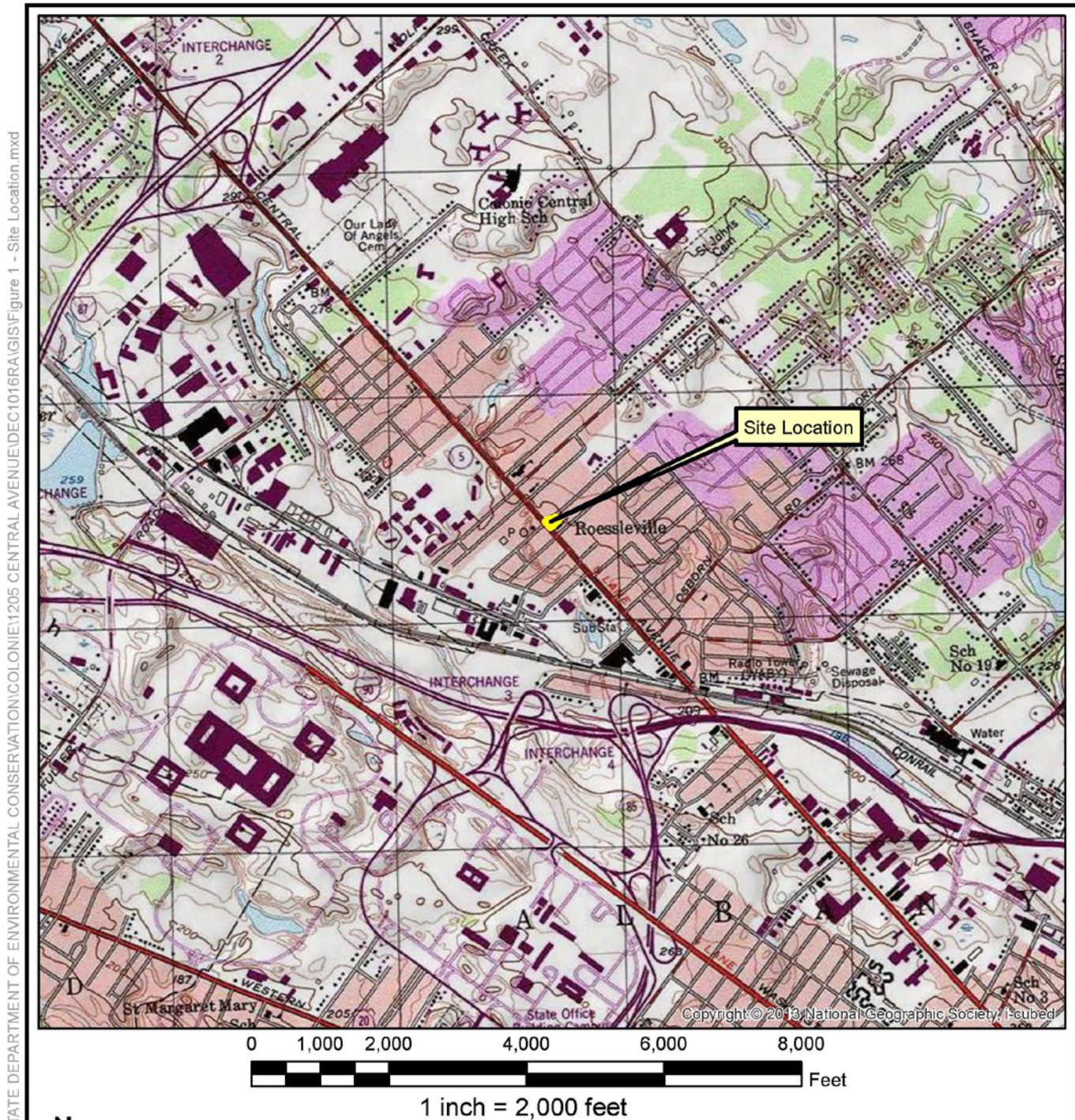


Figure 1
Site Location
Former Damshire Cleaners Site
NYSDEC Site #401059
Town of Colonie, New York
HRP # DEC1016.RA
Scale 1" = 2,000'

USGS Quadrangle Information
Quad ID: 42073-F7
Name: Albany, New York
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