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**Site Name:** Former Ogilvie Foods Company  
**DEC Site #:** C623028  
**Address:** 148 North Pleasant Street  
 Watertown, NY 13601

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### **No Further Action Remedy Proposed for Brownfield Site Public Comment Period Announced**

The public is invited to comment on a no further action remedy proposed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for the Former Ogilvie Foods Company site (“Site”) located at 148 N Pleasant Street, Watertown, Jefferson County. The site was remediated by the City of Watertown under New York State’s Brownfield Cleanup Program with oversight by the NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH). Please see the map for the site location.

Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location identified below under “Where to Find Information.”

**How to Comment**

NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan for 45 days, from **February 7, 2018** through **March 26, 2018**. The proposed plan is available for review at the location identified below under “Where to Find Information.” Please submit comments to the NYSDEC Project Manager listed under Project Related Questions in the “Who to Contact” area below.

**Proposed Remedy**

Based on the results of the investigations at the site, the cleanup that has been performed, and the Department's evaluation, the NYSDEC is proposing No Further Action with Institutional and Engineering Controls as the remedy for the site. The NYSDEC believes that this remedy is protective of human health and the environment and satisfies the remediation objectives for the site.

The elements of the cleanup already completed and the proposed institutional and engineering controls are listed below:

- Soil Excavation – Surface and subsurface soil from the parcels along North Pleasant Street and California Avenue that exceeded levels allowable for residential use or contained visual signs of contamination were excavated and transported offsite for disposal. Approximately 800 tons of soil were removed. Clean fill was brought in to replace the excavated soil.

- Site Cover – A site cover exists over the central portion of the site and the former railroad right-of-way and will be maintained to allow for commercial use of those areas. Any site redevelopment will maintain the existing site cover.
- An environmental easement will be placed on the central portion and former railroad right-of-way of the controlled property which will restrict the use to commercial and industrial use, restrict the use of untreated groundwater as a source of potable or process water, and require compliance with the Department approved Site Management Plan.

### **Next Steps**

NYSDEC will consider public comments as it finalizes the no further action remedy for the site. The final decision document will be made available to the public (see “Where to Find Information” below).

### **Background**

**Location:** The Former Ogilvie Foods site is located at 148 North Pleasant Street in the City of Watertown, Jefferson County. It is in a predominately residential area of the City. The site is bounded by North Pleasant Street to the west, California Avenue to the east, residential properties to the south, and a former railroad line to the north.

**Site Features:** Historically the site was dominated by factory buildings. These buildings were demolished in 2003 by the City of Watertown. The building foundations and concrete debris were removed from the site in 2014 as part of an interim remedial measure (IRM), described below, to access contaminated soil underneath the building foundation and to aid in redevelopment. Currently, the site is largely covered by vegetation comprised of grass with some trees and shrubs along the perimeter. Portions of the former railroad right-of-way to the north are lined with stone to promote drainage.

**Current Zoning/Use:** The site is now vacant and was previously used for manufacturing. The site is zoned for light-industrial use. The City of Watertown plans to re-zone street side portions of the site for single-family residential use and the remainder (central portion) of the site for commercial use (green space).

**Site History:** The site was used for dairy/food operations for over 90 years. The eastern portion of the property was occupied by the National Biscuit Company from the early 1900s until approximately 1960. Ogilvie Foods, Inc. produced whey for the food industry at the site until they closed in the late 1990s.

The site’s buildings were demolished in 2003. At that time, several chemical and milk product storage tanks were reportedly removed. After demolition, the site was covered with rock armoring to limit trespassing, help prevent vegetation growth, and allow water to drain more quickly. All building slabs, foundations, and basements were later removed as part of the IRM in 2014. A rail line also ran along the northern portion of the property beginning in the late 1800s. The former rail bed is now a drainage ditch.

In the winter of 2011, while exploring the site for former building foundations, the City of Watertown DPW crews discovered a 10,000-gallon underground fuel oil storage tank. Discovery of the tank was reported to NYSDEC and was assigned Spill #1010788. The tank was removed during the IRMs conducted in 2014. No other tanks were located during the remedial investigation.

Site Geology and Hydrogeology: The site topography is varied, with higher elevations to the south and south-east. Bedrock at the site has been encountered from 2.5 to 16 feet below grade. Groundwater is encountered between 5 and 24 feet below grade and appears to flow to the north or northwest towards the Black River. The soil type is comprised of a mixture of fill and native soil. A majority of soil encountered during the 2014 IRMs was historic fill. The site does not lie in or near a wetland.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's website at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=C633084>

**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 the 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>

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

### Where to Find Information

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

City Hall  
245 Washington Avenue  
Watertown, NY 13601  
Phone: 315-785-7730

### Who to Contact

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

#### Project Related Questions

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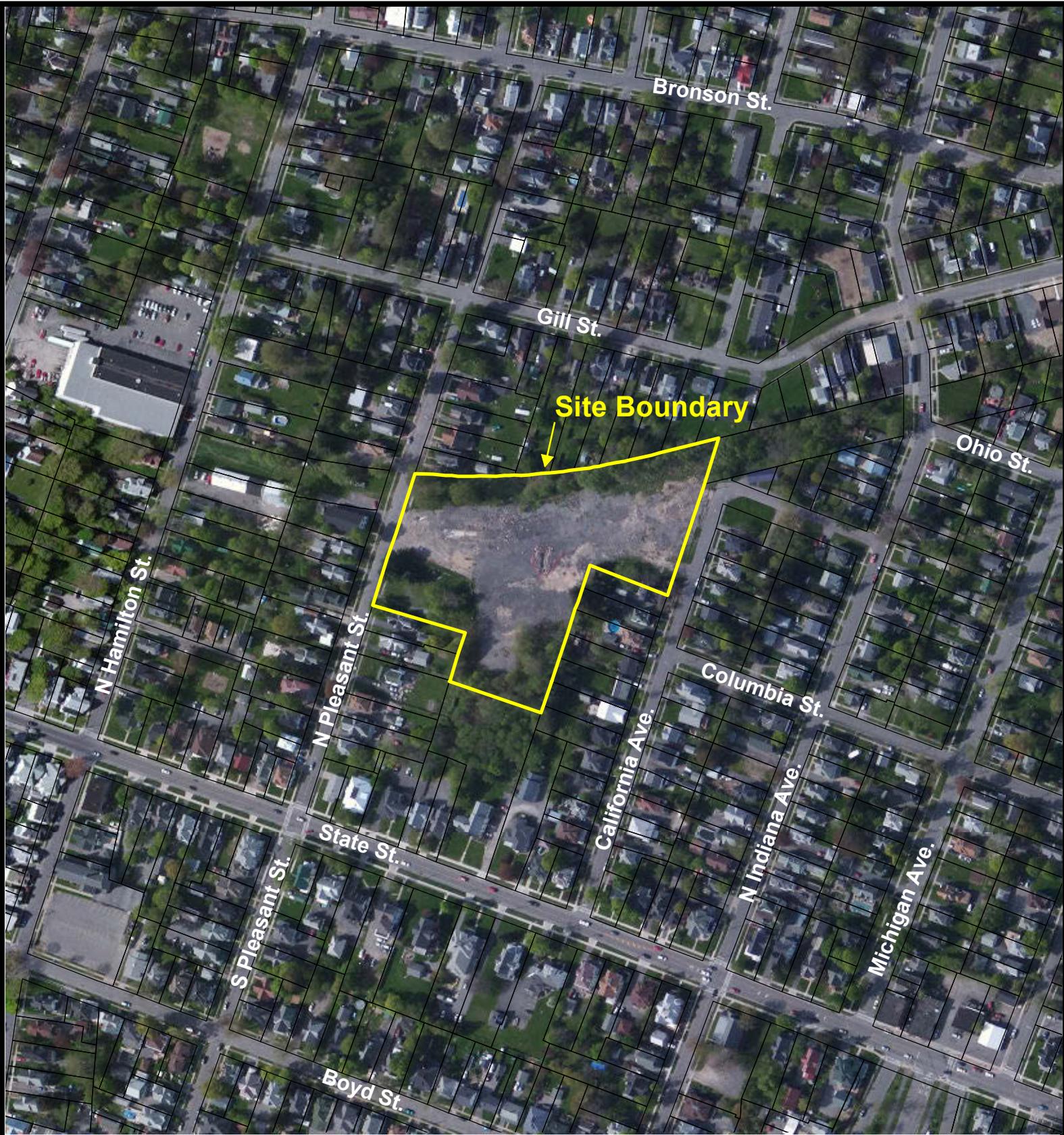
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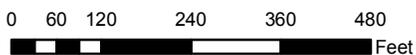


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## Location Map

Former Ogilvie Foods  
Site No. C623028  
City of Watertown  
Jefferson County



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