



FACT SHEET Brownfield Cleanup Program

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Site Name: 1360 Niagara Street
DEC Site #: C915302
Address: 1336, 1340 and 1360 Niagara Street
Buffalo, NY 14213

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Remedial Investigation/Interim Remedial Measure Proposed Public Comment Period Announced

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is proposing an expedited cleanup for the 1360 Niagara Street site ("site") located at 1336, 1340 and 1360 Niagara Street, Buffalo, Erie County. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information."

NYSDEC is conducting a public comment period because this Remedial Investigation/Interim Remedial Measure Work Plan (RI/IRM WP) is likely to represent a significant part of the cleanup for this site.

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

http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=C915302

How to Comment

NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed RI/IRM WP for 45 days, from February 14, 2017 to March 31, 2017. The proposed plan is available for review at the location(s) 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.

Draft Remedial Investigation/Interim Remedial Measure Work Plan

An IRM is a cleanup activity that may be performed when a source of contamination or exposure pathway (the way in which a person may contact contamination) can be effectively addressed without extensive investigation and evaluation.

The draft RI/IRM work plan describes the proposed investigation and cleanup activities that include:

- Site investigation will include sample collection from 26 soil borings spread over the site and sampling of 5 existing groundwater wells as noted below in "Summary of the Investigation."

- Excavation and offsite disposal of approximately 4,000 cubic yards of contaminated fill material down to uncontaminated native soil;
- Dewatering and treatment/disposal of excavation related groundwater as necessary;
- Clean fill meeting the requirements of 6 NYCRR Part 375-6.7(d) will be brought in to replace the excavated soil or complete the backfilling of the excavation and establish the designed grades at the site; and
- Mitigation of asbestos and lead-based paint within the existing on-site building.

Summary of the Investigation

Using a 50 by 50 foot grid across the Site, 26 soil borings will be advanced up to 16 feet below the ground surface (bgs) to assess fill and native soil site conditions. Soils from the borings will be continuously assessed for visible or olfactory indications of impairment, and/or indication of detectable volatile organic compounds (VOCs) with a photo ionization detector (PID).

To characterize groundwater conditions at the Site, two (2) rounds of sampling will be performed at five (5) existing monitoring wells.

Next Steps

NYSDEC will consider public comments, have the plan revised as necessary, and approve the RI/IRM work plan in consultation with New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH). The approved work plan will be made available to the public (see “Where to Find Information” below). After the work plan is approved, the activities detailed in the work plan will be implemented. Upon completion of the work, a Construction Completion Report will be prepared that documents the activities that were performed.

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

Background

Location:

The 1360 Niagara Street Site is a 1.83 acre site located in an urban area near the intersection of Niagara Street and Lafayette Avenue in the City of Buffalo.

Site Features:

The site is relatively flat and includes one un-occupied four-story commercial building, a small attached storage structure to the north, and paved parking lots. The site is bisected by City owned Brace street which is underlain by utilities.

Current Zoning and Land Use:

The site is currently inactive and is zoned commercial use. The surrounding parcels are currently used for a combination of light industrial, commercial, residential and utility right-of-ways.

Past Use of the Site:

Until 2016 the site was used for residential purposes, a lubricating factory, planning mill, pharmaceutical production (Mentholatum Company) and most recently leather operation (Garrett Leather).

Groundwater contamination at the site appears to be migrating from the ChemCore Superfund Site to the North. Prior uses that appear to have led to site contamination include the use of fill throughout the site, fuel USTs, a CSX rail line to the west and the 1318 Niagara Street BCP Site (PCBs) to the south.

Site Geology and Hydrogeology:

The Site contains 3 to 4 feet of urban fill underlain by native clay. Groundwater is 30-50 feet below ground surface (fbgs) and flows toward the southwest.

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 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: <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.

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library
Attn: Carol Ann Batt
Buffalo & Erie County Public Library System
1 Lafayette Square
Buffalo, NY 14203
phone: 716-858-7191
(battc@buffalolib.org)

NYS DEC
Attn: Anthony Lopes
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14203
phone: 716-851-7220

Project documents are also available on the NYSDEC website at:
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/37554.html>

Who to Contact

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

Project Related Questions

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Division of Environmental Remediation
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Site-Related Health Questions

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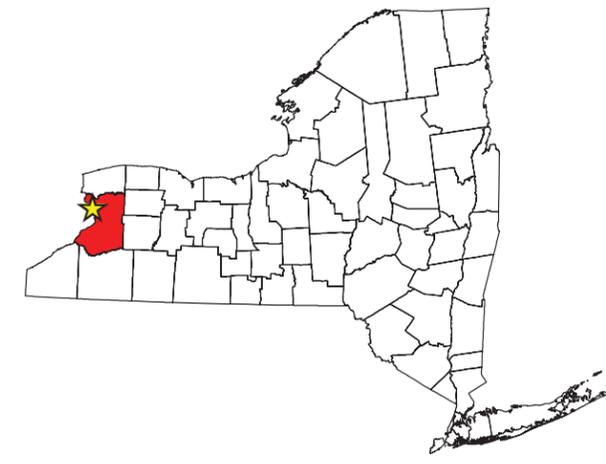
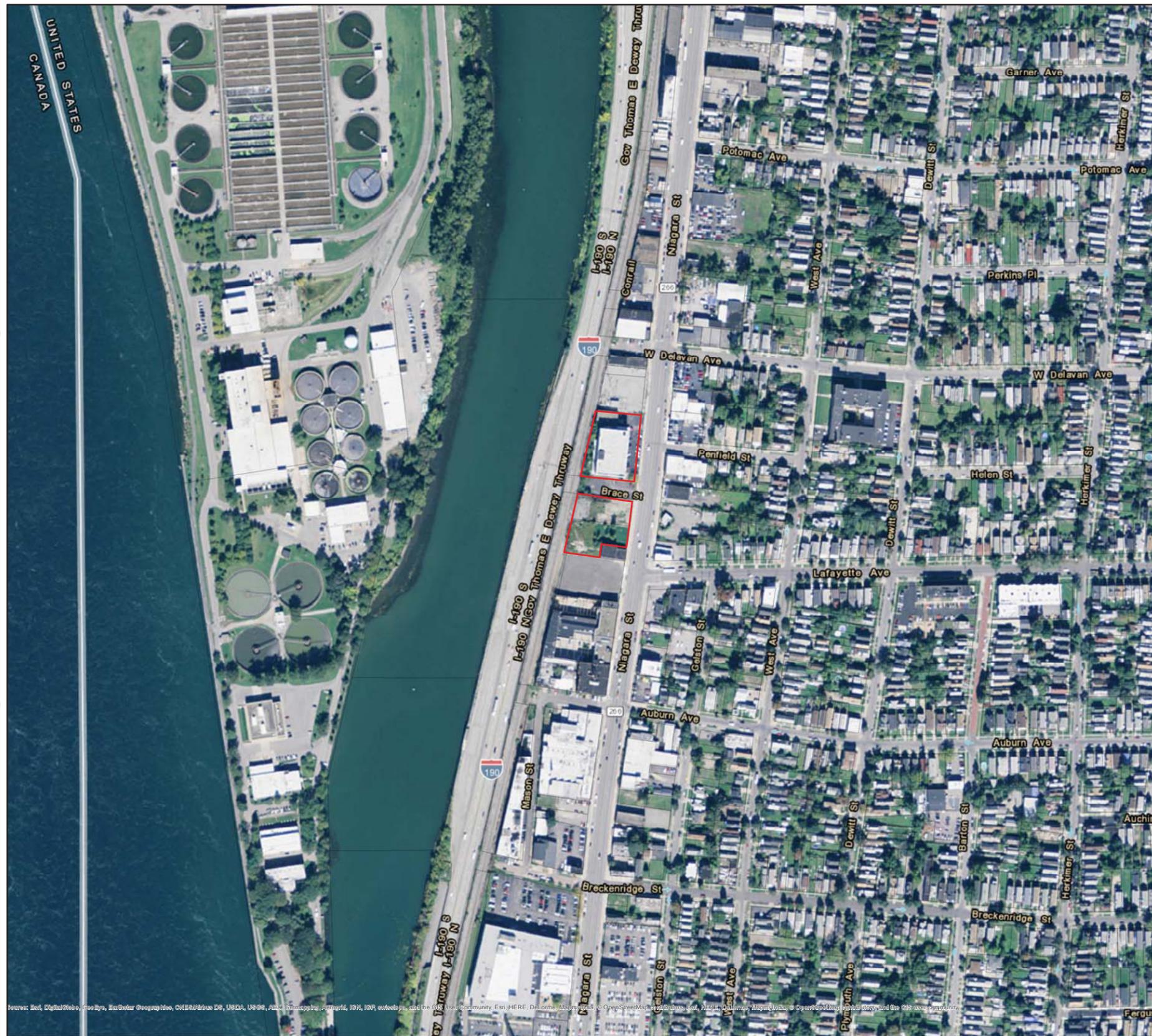
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As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

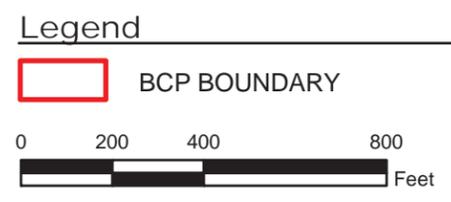


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 APRIL 2016

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SITE LOCATION

FIGURE 1