



# FACT SHEET

## Brownfield Cleanup Program

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**Site Name:** 399 Ohio Street Site  
**DEC Site #:** C915287  
**Address:** 399 Ohio Street; Buffalo, NY 14204  
**Website:** <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/103381.html>

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Below

### Remedy Proposed for Brownfield Site Contamination; Public Comment Period Announced

The public is invited to comment on a proposed remedy being reviewed by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) to address contamination related to the 399 Ohio Street Site ("site") located at 399 Ohio 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."

The proposed remedy was developed by TurnKey Environmental Restoration, LLC for 1093 Group, LLC ("applicant(s)") after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP).

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC's website at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/103381.html> and <http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/external/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=C915287>.

#### How to Comment

DEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan for 45 days, from **September 23, 2015** through **November 7, 2015**. The Draft Remedial Investigation/Alternatives Analysis Report (RI/AAR) containing the proposed site remedy is available for public review at the location identified below under "Where to Find Information." Please submit comments to the DEC project manager listed under Project Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area below.

#### The proposed remedy consists of:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of soil/fill with elevated levels of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and metals;
- Placement of Cover System, including demarcation layer underlying acceptable backfill in areas without hardscape (building, asphalt and concrete) to address remaining contamination above RRSCOs;
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP); and
- Environmental Easement filed with Erie County.

## Summary of the Investigation

Consistent with the initial findings of the earlier site investigations, the remedial investigation confirmed that petroleum, SVOCs and metals impacts are limited and localized. Groundwater impacts were minimal.

## Next Steps

DEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and issue a final Decision Document. New York State Department of Health (DOH) must concur with the proposed remedy. After approval, the proposed remedy becomes the selected remedy. The draft Remedial Work Plan and Proposed Decision Document are revised as needed to describe the selected remedy, and will be made available to the public. The applicant(s) may then design and perform the cleanup action to address the site contamination, with oversight by DEC and DOH.

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

## Background

**Location:** The 399 Ohio Street Site is located in an urban area of the City of Buffalo. The site is approximately 1/4 mile south of the intersection with Michigan Avenue.

**Site Features:** The site is currently improved with an approximately 10,000 square foot vehicle maintenance and office building, with the remainder of the site covered by asphalt and/or concrete. The site is bordered by the River Fest Park to the north, a rowing club to the south, Ohio Street to the east, and the Buffalo River to the west.

**Current Zoning/Use:** The site is zoned for commercial use and currently used for various storage, recycling of road base materials from the Ohio Street re-construction project, and a maintenance building. The surrounding parcels are currently used for a combination of commercial, light industrial, and utility right-of-ways. The nearest residential area is 0.3 miles to the east.

**Past Use of the Site:** The site has been utilized for various industrial and commercial operations since at least 1889. Operations included rail lines, material handling and shipping equipment maintenance, and the use and storage of paints, solvents, thinners, greases, hydraulic oils and lubricants common among former commercial operations. More recently property uses have included the operation of bus and trucking terminal and maintenance operations, including the placement of underground storage tanks, aboveground storage tanks, and fuel dispensing pump(s).

**Geology and Hydrogeology:** The Site consists of 4-6 feet of fill (soil, ash, brick, and sand) grading to native clay. Shallow groundwater was encountered at 4-6 feet below ground surface and flows westward towards the Buffalo River.

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<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html>. It's quick, it's free, and it will help keep you *better informed*.



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

**We encourage you to share this fact sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or post this fact sheet in a prominent area of your building for others to see.**

**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 is any real property that is difficult to reuse or redevelop because of the presence or potential presence of contamination.

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 to help the public stay informed.

Buffalo & Erie County Public Library  
Attn: Mary Jean Jakubowski  
1 Lafayette Square  
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Project documents are also available on the DEC website at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/103381.html>.

### **Whom to Contact**

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

#### Project Related Questions

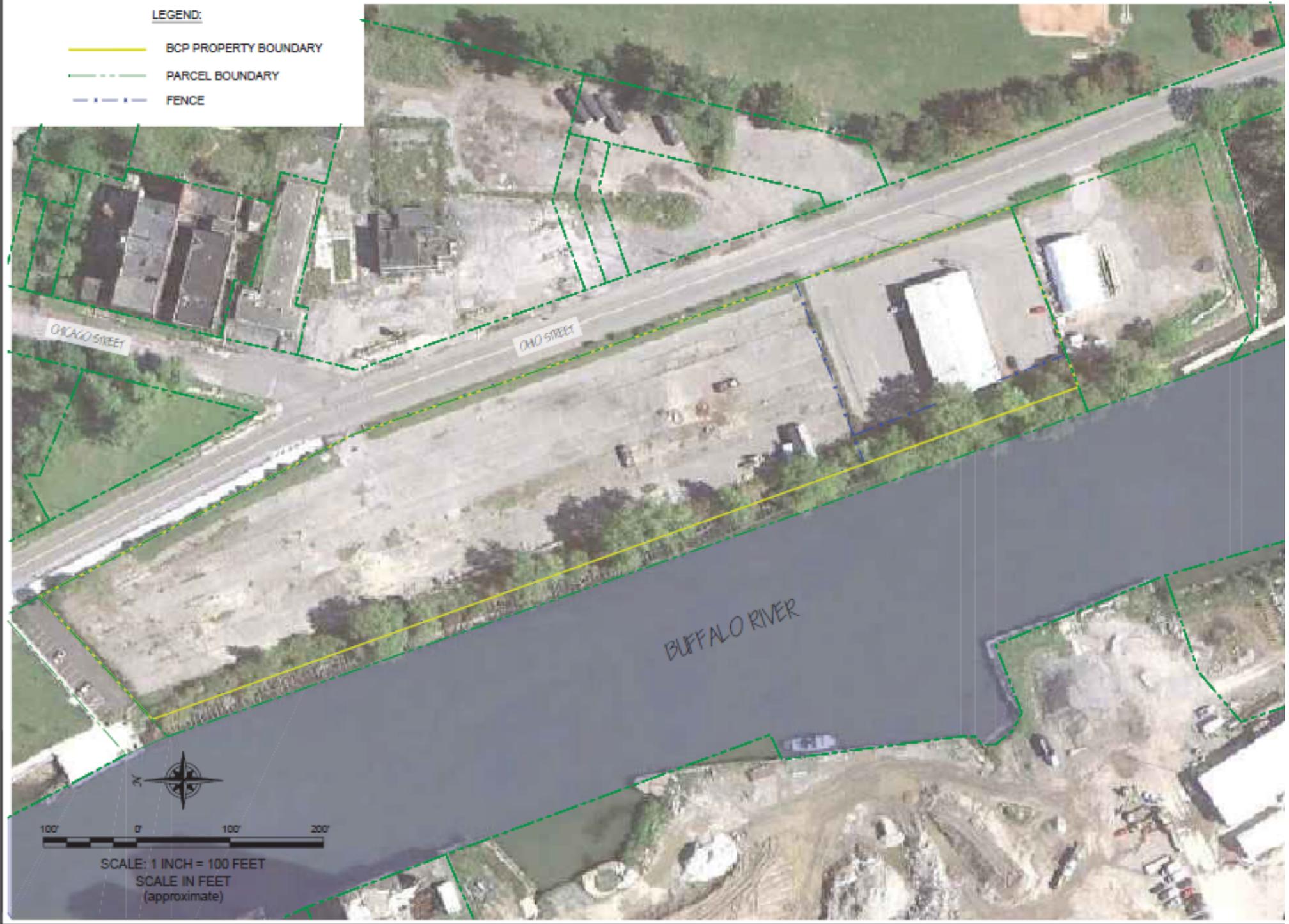
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