

**ENVIRONMENTAL EASEMENT GRANTED PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 71, TITLE 36  
OF THE NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW**

**THIS INDENTURE** made this 8<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 2015, between Owner(s) The City of Utica, having an office at 1 Kennedy Plaza, Utica, NY 13502 (the "Grantor"), and The People of the State of New York (the "Grantee."), acting through their Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Conservation (the "Commissioner", or "NYSDEC" or "Department" as the context requires) with its headquarters located at 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233.

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature of the State of New York has declared that it is in the public interest to encourage the remediation of abandoned and likely contaminated properties ("sites") that threaten the health and vitality of the communities they burden while at the same time ensuring the protection of public health and the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature of the State of New York has declared that it is in the public interest to establish within the Department a statutory environmental remediation program that includes the use of Environmental Easements as an enforceable means of ensuring the performance of operation, maintenance, and/or monitoring requirements and the restriction of future uses of the land, when an environmental remediation project leaves residual contamination at levels that have been determined to be safe for a specific use, but not all uses, or which includes engineered structures that must be maintained or protected against damage to perform properly and be effective, or which requires groundwater use or soil management restrictions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature of the State of New York has declared that Environmental Easement shall mean an interest in real property, created under and subject to the provisions of Article 71, Title 36 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law ("ECL") which contains a use restriction and/or a prohibition on the use of land in a manner inconsistent with engineering controls which are intended to ensure the long term effectiveness of a site remedial program or eliminate potential exposure pathways to hazardous waste or petroleum; and

**WHEREAS**, Grantor, is the owner of real property located at the address of 201 Leland Avenue, in the City of Utica, Oneida County and State of New York, known and designated on the tax map of the Oneida County Clerk's Office as tax map parcel numbers: Section 319.005 Block 1 Lot 31. The property subject to this Environmental Easement (the "Controlled Property") comprises approximately 4.17 +/- acres, and is hereinafter more fully described in the Land Title Survey prepared by Susan M. Anacker, Professional Land Surveyor, PLLC, dated June 09, 2014 and revised & certified on August 24, 2015, which will be attached to the Site Management Plan. The Controlled Property description is set forth in and attached hereto as Schedule A; and

**WHEREAS**, the Department accepts this Environmental Easement in order to ensure the protection of public health and the environment and to achieve the requirements for remediation established for the Controlled Property until such time as this Environmental Easement is extinguished pursuant to ECL Article 71, Title 36; and

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein and the terms and conditions of State Assistance Contract Number: C302579, Grantor conveys to Grantee a permanent Environmental Easement pursuant to ECL Article 71, Title 36 in, on, over, under, and upon the Controlled Property as more fully described herein ("Environmental Easement")

1. Purposes. Grantor and Grantee acknowledge that the Purposes of this Environmental Easement are: to convey to Grantee real property rights and interests that will run with the land in perpetuity in order to provide an effective and enforceable means of encouraging the reuse and redevelopment of this Controlled Property at a level that has been determined to be safe for a specific use while ensuring the performance of operation, maintenance, and/or monitoring requirements; and to ensure the restriction of future uses of the land that are inconsistent with the above-stated purpose.

2. Institutional and Engineering Controls. The controls and requirements listed in the Department approved Site Management Plan ("SMP") including any and all Department approved amendments to the SMP are incorporated into and made part of this Environmental Easement. These controls and requirements apply to the use of the Controlled Property, run with the land, are binding on the Grantor and the Grantor's successors and assigns, and are enforceable in law or equity against any owner of the Controlled Property, any lessees and any person using the Controlled Property.

A. (1) The Controlled Property may be used for:

**Commercial as described in 6 NYCRR Part 375-1.8(g)(2)(iii) and Industrial as described in 6 NYCRR Part 375-1.8(g)(2)(iv)**

(2) All Engineering Controls must be operated and maintained as specified in the Site Management Plan (SMP);

(3) All Engineering Controls must be inspected at a frequency and in a manner defined in the SMP;

(4) The use of groundwater underlying the property is prohibited without necessary water quality treatment as determined by the NYSDOH or the ONEIDA Department of Health to render it safe for use as drinking water or for industrial purposes, and the user must first notify and obtain written approval to do so from the Department;

(5) Groundwater and other environmental or public health monitoring must be performed as defined in the SMP;

(6) Data and information pertinent to Site Management of the Controlled Property must be reported at the frequency and in a manner defined in the SMP;

(7) All future activities on the property that will disturb remaining contaminated material must be conducted in accordance with the SMP;

(8) Monitoring to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy must be performed as defined in the SMP;

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(9) Operation, maintenance, monitoring, inspection, and reporting of any mechanical or physical components of the remedy shall be performed as defined in the SMP;

(10) Access to the site must be provided to agents, employees or other representatives of the State of New York with reasonable prior notice to the property owner to assure compliance with the restrictions identified by this Environmental Easement.

B. The Controlled Property shall not be used for Residential or Restricted Residential purposes as defined in 6NYCRR 375-1.8(g)(2)(i) and (ii), and the above-stated engineering controls may not be discontinued without an amendment or extinguishment of this Environmental Easement.

C. The SMP describes obligations that the Grantor assumes on behalf of Grantor, its successors and assigns. The Grantor's assumption of the obligations contained in the SMP which may include sampling, monitoring, and/or operating a treatment system, and providing certified reports to the NYSDEC, is and remains a fundamental element of the Department's determination that the Controlled Property is safe for a specific use, but not all uses. The SMP may be modified in accordance with the Department's statutory and regulatory authority. The Grantor and all successors and assigns, assume the burden of complying with the SMP and obtaining an up-to-date version of the SMP from:

Site Control Section  
Division of Environmental Remediation  
NYSDEC  
625 Broadway  
Albany, New York 12233  
Phone: (518) 402-9553

D. Grantor must provide all persons who acquire any interest in the Controlled Property a true and complete copy of the SMP that the Department approves for the Controlled Property and all Department-approved amendments to that SMP.

E. Grantor covenants and agrees that until such time as the Environmental Easement is extinguished in accordance with the requirements of ECL Article 71, Title 36 of the ECL, the property deed and all subsequent instruments of conveyance relating to the Controlled Property shall state in at least fifteen-point bold-faced type:

**This property is subject to an Environmental Easement held by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation pursuant to Title 36 of Article 71 of the Environmental Conservation Law.**

F. Grantor covenants and agrees that this Environmental Easement shall be incorporated in full or by reference in any leases, licenses, or other instruments granting a right to use the Controlled Property.

G. Grantor covenants and agrees that it shall, at such time as NYSDEC may require, submit to NYSDEC a written statement by an expert the NYSDEC may find acceptable certifying under penalty of perjury, in such form and manner as the Department may require, that:

(1) the inspection of the site to confirm the effectiveness of the institutional and engineering controls required by the remedial program was performed under the direction of the individual set forth at 6 NYCRR Part 375-1.8(h)(3).

(2) the institutional controls and/or engineering controls employed at such site:  
(i) are in-place;  
(ii) are unchanged from the previous certification, or that any identified changes to the controls employed were approved by the NYSDEC and that all controls are in the Department-approved format; and

(iii) that nothing has occurred that would impair the ability of such control to protect the public health and environment;

(3) the owner will continue to allow access to such real property to evaluate the continued maintenance of such controls;

(4) nothing has occurred that would constitute a violation or failure to comply with any site management plan for such controls;

(5) the report and all attachments were prepared under the direction of, and reviewed by, the party making the certification;

(6) to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, the work and conclusions described in this certification are in accordance with the requirements of the site remedial program, and generally accepted engineering practices; and

(7) the information presented is accurate and complete.

3. Right to Enter and Inspect. Grantee, its agents, employees, or other representatives of the State may enter and inspect the Controlled Property in a reasonable manner and at reasonable times to assure compliance with the above-stated restrictions.

4. Reserved Grantor's Rights. Grantor reserves for itself, its assigns, representatives, and successors in interest with respect to the Property, all rights as fee owner of the Property, including:

A. Use of the Controlled Property for all purposes not inconsistent with, or limited by the terms of this Environmental Easement;

B. The right to give, sell, assign, or otherwise transfer part or all of the underlying fee interest to the Controlled Property, subject and subordinate to this Environmental Easement;

5. Enforcement

A. This Environmental Easement is enforceable in law or equity in perpetuity by Grantor, Grantee, or any affected local government, as defined in ECL Section 71-3603, against the owner of the Property, any lessees, and any person using the land. Enforcement shall not be defeated because of any subsequent adverse possession, laches, estoppel, or waiver. It is not a defense in any action to enforce this Environmental Easement that: it is not appurtenant to an



8. Amendment. Any amendment to this Environmental Easement may only be executed by the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation or the Commissioner's Designee, and filed with the office of the recording officer for the county or counties where the Property is situated in the manner prescribed by Article 9 of the Real Property Law.

9. Extinguishment. This Environmental Easement may be extinguished only by a release by the Commissioner of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, or the Commissioner's Designee, and filed with the office of the recording officer for the county or counties where the Property is situated in the manner prescribed by Article 9 of the Real Property Law.

10. Joint Obligation. If there are two or more parties identified as Grantor herein, the obligations imposed by this instrument upon them shall be joint and several.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, Grantor has caused this instrument to be signed in its name.

Grantor: the City of Utica  
By: 

Print Name: Robert M. Palmieri

Title: Mayor Date: August 25, 2015

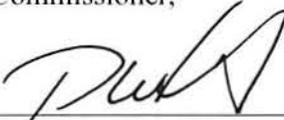
**Grantor's Acknowledgment**

STATE OF NEW YORK )  
 ) ss:  
COUNTY OF Oneida )

On the 25<sup>th</sup> day of August, in the year 2015, before me, the undersigned, personally appeared Robert M. Palmieri, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument, the individual(s), or the person upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.

  
Notary Public - State of New York  
Charles N. Brown  
Oneida Co. comm exp 6/30/17

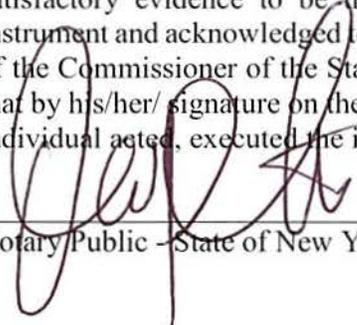
**THIS ENVIRONMENTAL EASEMENT IS HEREBY ACCEPTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK**, Acting By and Through the Department of Environmental Conservation as Designee of the Commissioner,

By:   
Robert W. Schick, Director  
Division of Environmental Remediation

**Grantee's Acknowledgment**

STATE OF NEW YORK    )  
  ) ss:  
COUNTY OF ALBANY    )

On the 8th day of September, in the year 2015, before me, the undersigned, personally appeared Robert W. Schick, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name is (are) subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/ executed the same in his/her/ capacity as Designee of the Commissioner of the State of New York Department of Environmental Conservation, and that by his/her/ signature on the instrument, the individual, or the person upon behalf of which the individual acted, executed the instrument.

  
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Notary Public - State of New York

**David J. Chiusano**  
Notary Public, State of New York  
No. 01CH5032146  
Qualified in Schenectady County  
Commission Expires August 22, 2018

SCHEDULE "A"  
ENVIRONMENTAL EASEMENT  
PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

**SCHEDULE "A" PROPERTY DESCRIPTION**

## Survey Description

Susan M. Anacker, PLS, PLLC  
11082 Davis Road East  
Deerfield, New York 13502

### 201 Leland Avenue

All that piece or parcel of land situate at Leland Avenue, City of Utica, County of Oneida, State of New York, as shown on "Map Showing Property of Geo. F. Weaver's Sons Co." by Kemper McLaughlin Co., Inc., dated April 22, 1926, and recorded May 18, 1926 in Map Book 32 at Page 19, in the Oneida County Clerk's Office, bounded and described as follows,

Beginning at an iron pipe found in the northeast boundary of an existing road (Railroad Street) at its intersection with the lands of Herkimer Petroleum Storage Corp., (Liber 2032 of Deeds at Page 556) on the northwest and the property herein described on the southeast, said iron pipe being N 47° 17' 00" W, 216.02 feet, and N 56° 33' 00" W, 178.87 feet, respectively, from the intersection of the northwest boundary of an existing City Street (Leland Avenue) at its intersection with the northeasterly boundary of the said Railroad Street, said iron pipe found being the point of beginning; Thence N 41° 50' 00" E along the last mentioned division line 341.03 feet to a capped iron rod set in the line between the lands of the said Herkimer Petroleum Storage Corp., on the northeast and the property herein described on the southwest; Thence S 49° 19' 00" E along the last mentioned division line 99.68 feet to a capped iron rod set in the line between the lands of the said Herkimer Petroleum Storage Corp., on the northwest and the property herein described on the southeast; Thence N 41° 39' 00" E along the last mentioned division line 193.24 feet to a capped iron rod set in the Appropriation Line for the changing of the channel of the Mohawk River as shown on "Lands of F.G. and C.C. Weaver" by S.E. Babcock, Chief Engineer, dated December 27, 1900, and recorded May 18, 1907 in the Oneida County Clerk's Office in Map Book 2 at Page 22-A, and "Lands of F.G. and C.C. Weaver" by S.E. Babcock, Chief Engineer, dated December 27, 1900, and recorded May 18, 1907 in the Oneida County Clerk's Office in Map Book 2 at Page 23-A, on the northeast and the property herein described on the southwest; Thence S 43° 23' 25" E along the last mentioned division line 300.79 feet to a capped iron rod set in the northwesterly boundary of the above referenced Leland Avenue, and the property herein described on the northwest; Thence S 43° 31' 06" W along the last mentioned division line 488.51 feet to a capped iron rod set in the intersection of the

northwesterly boundary of the said Leland Street and the northeasterly boundary of the above referenced Railroad Street; Thence the following two courses and distances along the northeasterly boundary of the said Railroad Street:

N 47° 17' 00" W, 216.02 feet to a capped iron rod set, and

N 56° 33' 00" W, 178.87 feet to the point of beginning, containing 4.17 acres.

All bearings are referred to Magnetic North as the needle pointed in 1926.

Being the same piece and parcel of land as described in confirmation deed dated February 2, 2001 in Liber 2955 of Deeds at Page 291 in the Oneida County Clerk's Office.

SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING EASEMENTS AND RIGHTS OF WAY:

- 1.) Right of way for a spur track, referred to as "Weaver Siding", beginning at the northerly line of land now or formerly of New York Central Railroad Company east of Leland Avenue and extending to and along Railroad Street to the lands of the Standard Oil Company, now Buckeye Terminals, LLC, for a perpetual railroad connection with now or formerly, the New York Central Railroad Company's railroad for the benefit of the herein surveyed property. Said right of way is to be used in common with others. See Liber 2224 of Deeds at Page 89, recorded June 28, 1985.
- 2.) Right of way granted to Frank Burgess, now Herkimer Petroleum, to construct a spur or sidetrack from the property herein surveyed, and over and across Railroad Street, to connect with the above mentioned spur. See agreement in Liber 831 of Deeds at Page 147, recorded March 26, 1924.
- 3.) Right of way, in common with others, to the use of a 50' strip of land extending northerly from Wurz Avenue easterly of and adjoining the lands of Standard Oil Company, now Buckeye Terminals, LLC, and also that 50' strip of land known as Railroad Street, extending easterly from Standard Oil Company, now Buckeye Terminals, LLC, along and southerly of the subject premises, so as to connect with Leland Avenue. See Liber 772 of Deeds at Page 56, recorded March 2, 1920.
- 4.) Easement granted to the Board of Commissioners for changing the channel of the Mohawk River per Liber 634 of Deeds at Page 7, recorded May 18, 1907.
- 5.) Right of way to Utica Gas and Electric Company per Liber 630 of Deeds at Page 468, recorded March 24, 1908. No evidence of said right of way found in the field.
- 6.) Subject to an agreement for the placement of an 8" pipe line per Liber 1598 of Deeds at Page 345 recorded October 8, 1958. No evidence of pipeline found in field.

**SURVEY (attached)**