



**Department of
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Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these locations:
<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/622011/>

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

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/state-superfund-sites>

FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

Union Fork & Hoe

253 East Main Street
Frankfort, Herkimer County

SITE No. 622011

NYSDEC REGION 6

February 2024

NYSDEC Announces Reclassification of Site on Superfund Registry; Certifies Cleanup Requirements Achieved at State Superfund Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has determined that the cleanup requirements to address contamination related to the Union Fork & Hoe site ("site") located at 253 East Main Street, Frankfort, Herkimer County, under New York's State Superfund Cleanup Program, have been met. Please see the map for the site location. The cleanup activities were performed by The Ames Companies, Inc. ("remedial party") with oversight provided by NYSDEC.

NYSDEC has approved a Final Engineering Report (FER) and issued a Certificate of Completion (COC) for the site.

- Access the FER, Notice of COC and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:
- <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/622011/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to find information."

Completion of the Project: Following site cleanup, NYSDEC has determined that the site no longer presents a threat to public health or the environment and has reclassified the site from Class 2 (significant threat to public health or environment - action required) to Class 4 (site properly closed - requires continued management) for the following reasons:

- Excavation - About 13,400 tons of stabilized soil impacted with metals and approximately 1,000 tons of soil impacted with a total polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) concentration greater than 500 parts per million (ppm) were excavated and disposed of off-site. Clean fill was brought in and utilized to replace the excavated soil and to establish the design grades at the site.
- Site Cover System – After excavation activities were completed, a site-wide cover system was established comprised of the remaining building slabs, paved surfaces, and exposed soil meeting the soil cleanup objectives (SCOs) for commercial use.
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan for long-term management of remaining contamination as required by the Environmental Easement, including plans for: (1) Institutional and Engineering Controls (ICs/ECs); (2) monitoring; and (3) reporting.

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Final Engineering Report Approved: NYSDEC has approved the FER, which:

- 1) Describes the cleanup activities completed.
- 2) Certifies that cleanup requirements have been achieved for the site.
- 3) Describes any institutional/engineering controls to be used. An *institutional control* is a non-physical restriction on use of the site, such as a deed restriction, when contamination left over after the cleanup action makes the site suitable for some, but not all uses. An *engineering control* is a physical barrier or method to manage contamination such as a cap or vapor barrier.
- 4) Certifies that a site management plan for any engineering controls used at the site has been approved by NYSDEC.

The following institutional controls have been put in place on the site:

- Site Management Plan
- Groundwater Use Restriction
- Land Use Restriction
- Environmental Easement

The following engineering controls have been put in place on the site:

- Cover System

Next Steps: With its receipt of a Certificate of Completion, the remedial party is eligible to redevelop the site. A COC may be modified or revoked if, for example, there is a failure to comply with the terms of the order or agreement with NYSDEC.

Site Description: The site is located on East Main Street and is comprised of 11 tax parcels comprising a total of approximately 32.740 acres. All site buildings were demolished in 2012 and the site is currently vacant. The majority of the site is currently covered by building slabs and open grassy areas with some more densely vegetated areas along the site boundaries that are restricted with fencing. The site was used for industrial purposes for over 100 years. For most of the 20th century, historic operations included the manufacturing of hand tools such as hoes, shovels, and forks. The site has been remediated to allow for commercial or industrial use.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 622011) at:

<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/cfm/extapps/derexternal/index.cfm>

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 and require cleanup before committing State funds.

For more information about the SSF, visit:

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/state-superfund-sites>

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DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <https://dec.ny.gov/maps/interactive-maps/decinfo-locator>

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