

COMMUNITY UPDATE

CORNING, NEW YORK
Site Management in the Study Area



**Department of
Environmental
Conservation**

This newsletter contains important information for property owners maintaining land within the Study Area, also known as the Houghton Plot, in Corning, Steuben County. Industrial waste, such as ash, brick, and glass (ABG), was disposed of within the current boundaries of the Houghton Plot.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the New York State Department of Health (DOH) are committed to sharing progress on the agencies' efforts to ensure the protection of the community from potential exposures within the Study Area in Corning.

Community Availability Session

May 10
6-8 p.m.

Hilton Garden Inn Corning Downtown
23 Riverside Drive, Corning, N.Y.

Learn more about ongoing work in the Corning Study Area.
Talk with the experts from DEC, DOH, and Corning Incorporated involved in the investigation and remedial work.

For more information

Email: PublicAvailability.Corning@Parsons.com

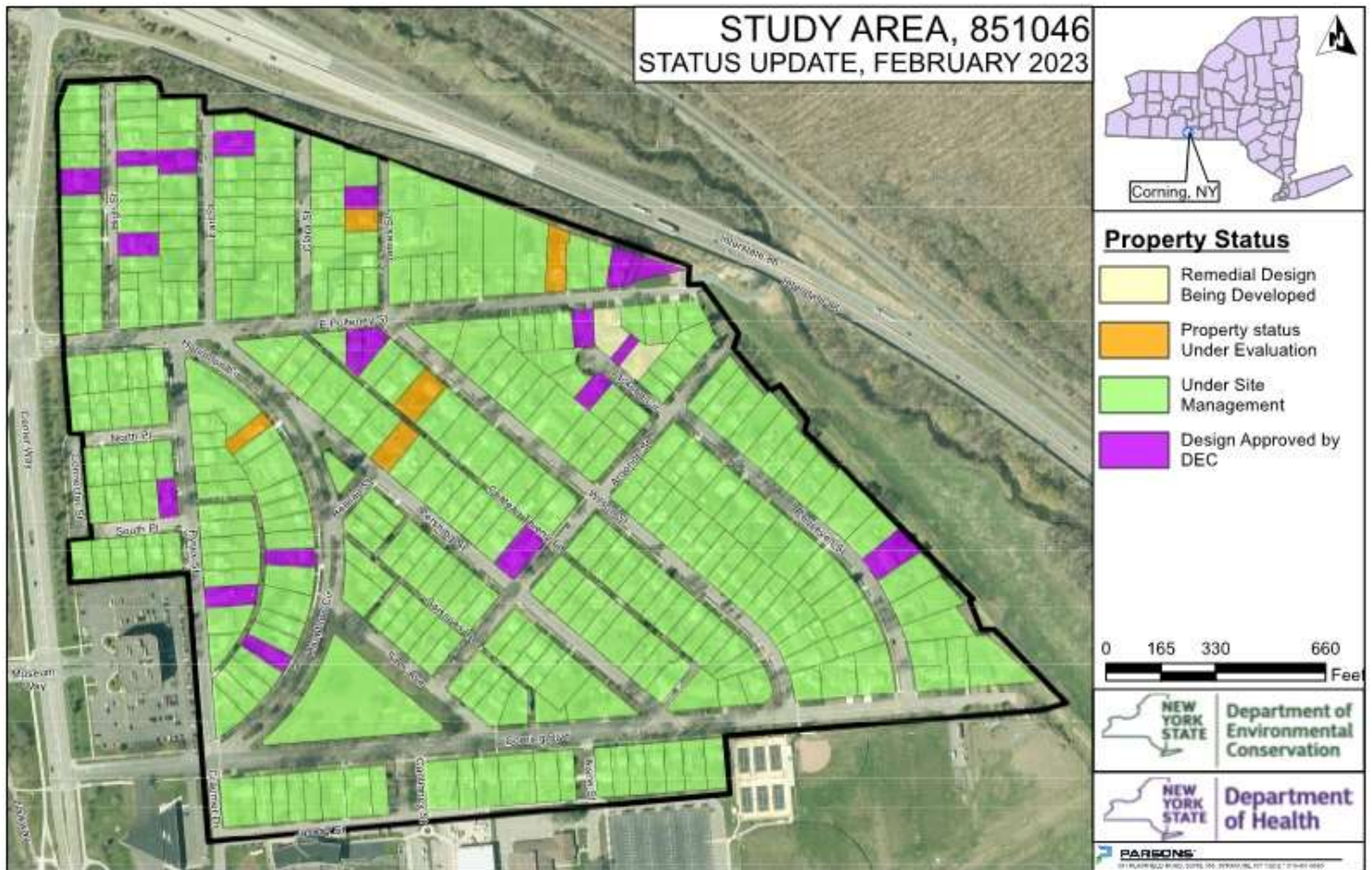
Call the Project Hotline: 833-770-1716

Industrial Wastes of Corning

The primary types of industrial wastes that have been identified throughout the Corning area include ABG. Property owners should look at the identification manual on DEC's website to determine if they are encountering exposed ABG on their property. Scan the QR code or visit www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/851046/Fact%20Sheet.HW.851046.2022-04-28.Industrial%20Waste%20Exhibit%20Corning%20NY%20.pdf.



Status of Properties Within Study Area



Tree Preservation Plan Recently Updated

Do you own property in the Study Area? Check out Corning Incorporated's updated Tree Preservation Plan which describes the general approach for the protection, removal, and/or replacement of trees.

See the Tree Preservation on the DEC website via the QR code or by visiting www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/851046/Work%20Plan.HW.851046.2022-12-19.Study%20Area%20Tree%20Preservation%20Plan.pdf.



What This Means for Property Owners

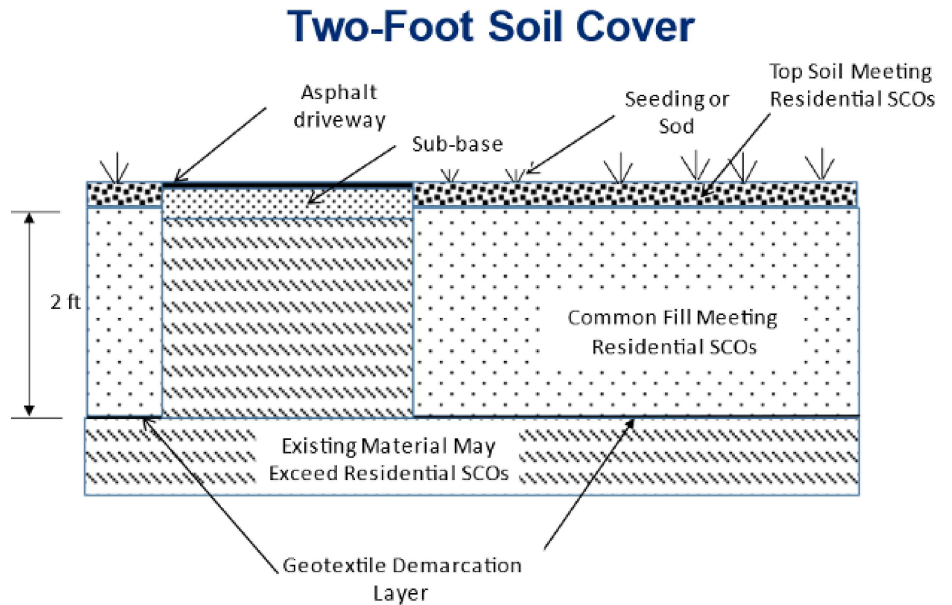
Property owners will have certain responsibilities associated with site management. As described in an SMP, Institutional Controls/Engineering Controls (ICs/ECs) help establish safeguards for protecting human health and the environment.

Institutional Controls:

- Annual inspection of the soil-cover system by Corning Incorporated;
- Notifications to DEC and Corning Incorporated;
- Annual reminders regarding the requirements of an SMP from Corning Incorporated; and
- Property access to ensure compliance with ECs.

Engineering Controls:

- Implementation of a soil-cover system, which includes two feet of clean soil, asphalt pavement, concrete sidewalks, and/or concrete slabs atop a demarcation layer.



What Happens Once Remediation Is Complete

DEC will send property owners a *No Further Action (NFA) With Site Management Letter and a Construction Completion Report (CCR)*, which will include information about the work completed at the property.

Site management is the final phase of the remedial process and is designed to ensure the safe use of remediated properties. A *Site Management Plan (SMP)* identifies all use restrictions and engineering controls and details the steps that the property owner should take to ensure that the remedy remains protective.

Corning Incorporated has been working with DEC to develop a draft SMP and is responsible for periodically reviewing it to certify that all controls remain in place and protective of human health and the environment. See the draft SMP via the QR code or by visiting www.dec.ny.gov/data/decdocs/851046/.



Public Comment Period

A 30-day public comment period for the draft SMP will open on 5/10/2023. Please contact DEC Project Manager Samantha Salotto at Samantha.Salotto@dec.ny.gov or 518-402-9903 to provide feedback on the draft SMP. Or fill out and submit the online inquiry form on the Parsons Study Area website at www.PublicAvailabilityCorning.com/contact-us or via the QR code.



Required Notifications

As part of the ICs outlined within an SMP, property owners are required to notify DEC and/or Corning Incorporated in certain instances in order to promote the safe management of Ash, Brick and/or Glass (ABG) and ABG-related contaminants in the Study Area. To help determine when a notification is required, refer to the flow chart at the end of this newsletter.

Property owners should notify DEC and Corning Incorporated if they:

- Transfer ownership of their property;
- Intend to perform subsurface work on their property; or
- Notice an unexpected issue with the soil-cover system on their property.

Property Transfers

The current property owner should notify DEC of a change of ownership at least 60 days in advance. Notifications need to include certification that the prospective new property owner has been provided with a copy of site documents, including the consent order, work plans, reports, and the SMP.

After the transfer of property, please ensure the new owner knows they must provide DEC their name, contact representative, and contact information within 15 days.

Digging, Drilling, and other Subsurface Work

Notify DEC and Corning Incorporated of planned activities that may involve contact with ABG at least 60 days before starting work. Notifications should have a description of the proposed work, including the location and depth, and a planned schedule. If the proposed work involves a building permit, the city of Corning will attach an appendix to the permit that covers supplemental requirements for building permits in the city of Corning Study Area. Property owners must provide a copy of the building permit to Corning Incorporated and DEC within seven days of receiving it.

Once notified, Corning Incorporated will evaluate the proposal within 30 calendar days to determine if the work may expose ABG or contaminated soil. Corning Incorporated will notify DEC and the property owner of this determination.

If Corning Incorporated determines that the proposed work may expose ABG or contaminated soil, Corning Incorporated will excavate and dispose of the material and backfill the area, as well as establish any necessary engineering controls.

If Corning Incorporated determines that the proposed work will not expose ABG or contaminated soil, the proposed work may proceed. Stop work immediately if ABG is encountered and notify DEC and Corning Incorporated. Corning Incorporated will then evaluate conditions and arrange for the removal of impacted materials.

Unexpected Issues With Soil-Cover Systems

If you encounter exposed ABG on your property or notice a defect to the soil-cover system in place caused by outside factors (e.g., storm damage, settlement, animal burrowing, etc.), notify Corning Incorporated and DEC within 24 hours. Corning Incorporated will respond within three calendar days with a plan to repair the cover system and remove impacted material.

Contact and Document Access Information

The DEC's top priority is to ensure that community members are not exposed to any site-related contamination. DEC and DOH are coordinating closely with Corning Incorporated to facilitate completing this work expeditiously to limit any disruptions.

We want to hear from you!

Please contact the DEC and DOH teams if you:

- Find ABG on your property;
- Have issues or concerns before, during, or after remedial activities take place on your property;
- Would like to request a meeting with the DEC or DOH; or
- Have any information, comments, or questions about investigation, remediation, or restoration on your property or at properties throughout the Corning area.

Comments and questions are always welcome!

FOR INQUIRIES DIRECTED TO THE AGENCIES:

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For more information:

Project documents are made available at the Southeast Steuben County Library (607-936-3713) and Region 8 NYSDEC Headquarters (585-226-5324). Some repositories may be temporarily unavailable due to COVID-19 precautions.

Key project documents and more information are available on the following sites:

NYSDEC Study Area Site Website:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/97180.html

DECinfo Locator (Online Repository):
www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/851046/

Sign up to Receive Updates by Email:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

Study Area Decision Tree: Site Management Notifications for Property Owners

