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Thompson, DEC to Announce Local Superfund Site *Track II Site; Highland Avenue Corridor in Niagara Falls*

Niagara Falls, NY- Tomorrow, State Senator Antoine Thompson (D/60-Parts of Erie & Niagara Counties) in conjunction with Hon. Francine DelMonte, New York State Assembly Member, 138th District; Niagara Falls Mayor Paul Dyster; members of the Niagara Falls City Council and the Niagara County Legislature; area residents and businesses, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) and the Highland Community Revitalization Committee Inc. will be announcing the designation of the Tract II property along Beech Avenue between Highland Avenue and 17th Street as a New York State Superfund Site. This announcement will take place tomorrow, Wednesday, September 3rd at 3:00pm at the corner of Highland Avenue & Beech Ave in Niagara Falls, NY.

Abandoned warehouses, manufacturing facilities, processing plants, and landfills serve as thousands of uncontrolled or abandoned hazardous waste sites where hazardous waste was dumped in the ground, in rivers, or left out in the open many decades ago. In response to growing concern over health and environmental risks posed by hazardous waste sites, New York State established the Superfund Program in 1980 to start to clean up these sites. The Superfund is administered by the NYS DEC and the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA).

"I am very pleased to announce this cleanup effort; I'd like to especially thank Governor Paterson, Mayor Dyster, and NYS DEC Commissioner Grannis for their support along with all of the participating organizations," Senator Thompson said. "This project has been long overdue, we are all looking forward to getting this property ready for redevelopment."

WHO: Hon. Antoine M. Thompson, NYS Senator, 60th District; Hon. Francine DelMonte, New York State Assembly Member, 138th District; Niagara Falls Mayor Paul Dyster; members of the Niagara Falls City Council and the Niagara County Legislature; New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), Highland Community Revitalization Committee Inc.; and area residents and businesses

WHAT: Announcement of Tract II property as a new NYS Superfund Site

WHEN: Wednesday, September 3, 2008 at 3:00pm

WHERE: Corner of Highland Ave. & Beech Ave. (Niagara Falls, NY)

WHY: To clean up and protect the environment and the health of all Western New Yorkers, while providing a general outline of the remediation process and providing information to interested residents on community participation.

SAVE A DATE

HON. ANTOINE M. THOMPSON NEW YORK STATE SENATOR, 60TH DISTRICT

Will be making an announcement concerning the Tract II property along Beech Avenue between Highland Avenue and 17th Street.

Senator Thompson will gather with residents and elected officials for this special announcement

Date: Wednesday, September 3, 2008

Time: 3:00 P.M.

Location: Highland & Beech Avenues

For additional information call Linda Walker at 284-5789

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Highland Ave. Press Event

Good afternoon and thank you for the opportunity to be involved in today's event.

Today's event recognizes progress in the environmental revitalization of this area. It signifies an important step forward in the cleanup and improvement of this site – a cooperative improvement that will benefit the entire community.

DEC has listed this site on the NYS Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites. Also known as the Superfund program, the Inactive Hazardous Waste Disposal Site program is the State's program for identifying, investigating, and cleaning up sites where consequential amounts of hazardous waste exist. Listing of this site on this registry is good news because it places a this site on a priority list for cleanup, and serves as funding mechanism that is essential to moving forward with and completing cleanup.

We are working to develop an appropriate cleanup plan for this site, and will be keeping the community updated on cleanup progress. Design work is underway and is expected to be completed next year. As part of this work you can expect to see activities on the property such as contractors clearing the over growth, digging holes and taking samples. Cleanup actions will likely include the excavation and proper disposal of contaminated soil, demolition of remaining site structures, site restoration, deed restrictions for future site use, and a long-term soils management plan.

On behalf of NYS Department of Environmental Conservation, I am pleased to recognize the significant level of importance we place on environmental cleanup at this site, as well as the pivotal step forward this site's cleanup signifies for community revitalization. We commend all of the parties involved for the cooperative effort that has helped move this site towards a cleaner future.

Thank you.

Tract II

- 20 Acre Parcel
- Within the Highland Brownfield Opportunity Area
- Home to former Moore Business Forms facility,
- Buildings demolished in 1992
- City took ownership of site through foreclosure
- City completed a site investigation and ROD in 2003 under a ERP grant
- Remedy calls for
 - demolition of structures
 - excavation of contaminated soil and,
 - removal & disposal of asbestos debris
 - removal & disposal of site debris
 - Imposition of a site deed restriction
- City filed an easement on the property and DEC closed out the project grant in February 2008
- April 2008 DEC listed the site on the Registry.
- DEC currently preparing a WA for additional sampling to complete the design of the remedial action
- DEC will work with City and Local residents to clean-up the site for reuse.