



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

Where to Find Information:

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

De Veaux Woods State Park
3180 De Veaux Woods Drive East Niagara
Falls, NY 14305

The Record of Decision also can be viewed
online at:

[https://www.dec.ny.gov/
chemical/37554.html](https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/37554.html)

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

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html

FACT SHEET

State Superfund Program

Robert Moses Parkway -

South Site

Intersection of John B. Daly
Boulevard and Buffalo Avenue
Niagara Falls, NY 14303

SITE No. 932166

NYSDEC REGION 9

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Notice of Availability: Record of Decision

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) announces that the final Record of Decision (ROD) for the Robert Moses Parkway-South Site ("site") located at the southwest corner of the intersection of John B. Daly Boulevard and Buffalo Avenue, Niagara Falls, Niagara County is available for public review at the location(s) identified to the left under "Where to Find Information".

On Tuesday February 26, 2019 NYSDEC held a public meeting presenting the Proposed Remedial Action Plan for the site. The comments received at this meeting and during the public comment period (February 6, 2019 through March 8, 2019), along with the administrative record, were considered in preparing the final ROD for the site. The ROD presents the remedy selected to address contamination related to the site and the rationale for the chosen remedy. The ROD also includes a Responsiveness Summary that addresses public comments received about the proposal. The estimated cost to implement the remedy is \$114,000.

Record of Decision: The following is a summary of the selected remedy described in the ROD:

- The interim remedial measures already completed at the site, consisting of the excavation and off-site disposal of approximately 32,000 tons of contaminated soil and wastes;
- Construction of site covers over areas of residual contamination to allow for passive recreational use;
- Implementing a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long term maintenance of the site; and
- Recording of a Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions to ensure proper long-term use of the site.

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Site Description: The site is 16.11-acres and comprises the eastern end of Niagara Falls State Park, which is operated by New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (NYSOPRHP). The site is bounded to the north by Buffalo Avenue and Riverside Drive (beyond which are residential properties) and a hotel, to the east by New York Power Authority property, and to the south by the Niagara River. Niagara Falls State Park property continues west of the site towards Goat Island. The site and former Robert Moses Parkway were recently redeveloped to enhance park features. The site currently is used for passive recreation and consists of open green space, walking paths, gardens, and a man-made pond.

New York State has owned the property since 1885 when the Niagara Reservation was created to preserve the land surrounding Niagara Falls. The northeastern portion of the site historically contained the Port Day Pond, which was gradually filled starting in the 1930s. Southern portions of the site were created by the placement of large rock and other fill material into the Niagara River during the construction of the Robert Moses Power Project in the 1960s. Contamination in the former pond area was initially discovered in 2013 prior to the reconfiguration the Robert Moses Parkway interchange. Additional areas of contamination were discovered in 2015 during utility installation and site grading work south of the former Robert Moses Parkway.

Summary of the Investigation: The primary contaminants of concern at the site are chlorinated volatile organic compounds and semi-volatile organic compounds, pesticides, mercury, and arsenic, which were primarily located in distinct 'hot spots' where past disposal occurred. All known hot spots were addressed by previously conducted interim remedial measures. Limited pesticide contamination remains in on-site groundwater, but this contamination is expected to decrease over time. No drinking water supplies are impacted by this groundwater.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, 932166) at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/EXTAPPS/DEREXTERNAL/INDEX.CFM?PAGEID=3>

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:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html>

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Receive Site Fact Sheets by Email

Have site information such as this fact sheet sent right to your email inbox. NYSDEC invites you to sign up with one or more contaminated sites county email listservs available at:

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.

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

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Site Location Map

