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- Get site information faster and share it easily;
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- It helps the environment and stretches your tax dollars.

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# FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

556 Baltic Street Site  
151-169 Third Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11217

SITE No. C224375

NYSDEC REGION 2

July 2023

## Where to Find Information:

Access project documents through the  
DECinfo Locator  
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224375/>  
and at these location(s):

### Document Repository Name

Pacific Branch - Brooklyn Public Library  
25 Fourth Avenue at Pacific Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11217  
Phone: 718-638-1531

Brooklyn Community Board 6  
250 Baltic Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
Phone: 718-643-3027  
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## Who to Contact:

Comments and questions are welcome and  
should be directed as follows:

### Project-Related Questions

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For more information about New York's  
Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:  
[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html)

## Remedy Proposed for Brownfield Site Contamination; Public Comment Period Announced

The public is invited to comment on a proposed remedy being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), to address contamination related to the 556 Baltic Street Site ("site") located at 151-169 Third Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. Please see the map for the site location.

Based on the findings of the investigation, NYSDEC in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) has determined that the site does not pose a significant threat to public health or the environment. This decision is based on the nature of the existing contaminants identified at the site (petroleum) and the potential for human exposure to site-related contaminants via soil vapors. NYSDEC is currently reviewing the proposed remedy summarized below.

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a "Draft Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP)" for 45 days, from **July 26 through September 10, 2023.**

- Access the RAWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224375/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."
- Please submit comments to the NYSDEC project manager listed under Project-Related Questions in the "Who to Contact" area at left.

**Draft Remedial Work Plan:** The proposed Restricted Residential Use remedy consists of:

- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan (HASP) and Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) during all ground intrusive activities
- Removing two 4000-gallon underground storage tanks (USTs);
- Excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated soil at a depth of about 15 feet in the northern part of the site, and to about 18 feet in the southern part of the site.
- Treating contaminated groundwater by applying chemical oxidants at the groundwater interface;
- Collecting and analyzing end-point soil samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy;

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- Importing clean material that meets the established Soil Cleanup Objectives (SCOs) for use as backfill;
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) would also be required for long term maintenance of the remedial systems.
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of the site may be necessary.

The proposed remedy was developed by 159 Third Realty LLC, 159 Third Residence LLC and Baltic Residence LLC (applicants) after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). A "Remedial Investigation Report", which describes the results of the site investigation was submitted concurrently with the Remedial Action Work Plan and is also available for review at the locations identified on Page 1.

**Next Steps:** NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the cleanup plan as necessary, and issue a final Decision Document. NYSDOH must concur with the proposed remedy. After approval, the proposed remedy becomes the selected remedy. The applicants may then design and perform the cleanup action to address the site contamination, with oversight by NYSDEC and NYSDOH.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

**Site Description:** The site is 0.27-acres and is bordered on the west by Third Avenue, on the south by Butler Street, and on the north by Baltic Street. To the east is a four-story residential apartment building, and a commercial storage facility. The site operated as a car wash and gas station from the 1970s to 2022. The site is currently unoccupied; however, the car wash and gas station structures are still present onsite.

After remediation, the applicants plan to redevelop the site for mixed-use commercial and residential purposes (including affordable housing).

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's

Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C224375) at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

**Summary of the Investigation:** The primary contaminants of concern at the site are petroleum-related volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in soil and groundwater in the vicinity of the tanks associated with the former gas station. Chlorinated volatile organic compounds were detected in soil vapor sitewide, but were not detected in soil or groundwater. In addition, semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) and metals are present site-wide in the soil. The Site will be redeveloped through the construction of a multi-story mixed-use commercial and residential facility.

**Brownfield Cleanup Program:** New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) encourages the voluntary cleanup of contaminated properties known as "brownfields" so that they can be reused and redeveloped. These uses may include recreation, housing, business or other uses. A brownfield site is any real property where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the soil cleanup objectives or other health-based or environmental standards, criteria or guidance adopted by NYSDEC that are applicable based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property, in accordance with applicable regulations.

For more information about the BCP, visit:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

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## DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>

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## Site Location





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