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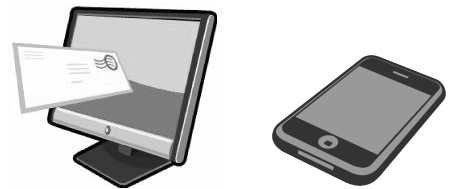
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You must sign up for the DER email listserv:

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Why You Should Go “Paperless”:

- ☒ Get site information faster and share it easily;
- ☒ Receive information about all sites in a chosen county - read what you want, delete the rest;
- ☒ It helps the environment and stretches your tax dollars.

If “paperless” is not an option for you, call or write to the DER project manager identified in this fact sheet. Indicate that you need to receive paper copies of fact sheets through the Postal Service. Include the site name in your correspondence. The option to receive paper is available to individuals only. Groups, organizations, businesses, and government entities are assumed to have email access.



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Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C241146/>
and at these location(s):

Queens Public Library – Central Library
89-11 Merrick Boulevard
Queens, NY 11432
(718) 990-0700

Queens Community Board 7
30-50 Whitestone Expressway, Suite 205
Flushing, NY 11355
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Who to Contact

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

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

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

**Willets Point Development
Operable Unit 2 (Phase 2)
126th Street/Willets Point Blvd.
Flushing, NY 11368**

July 2022

**SITE No. C241146
NYSDEC REGION 2**

Environmental Cleanup to Begin at Brownfield Site

Action is about to begin that will address contamination related to the Willets Point - Operable Unit 2 (OU-2) located at 126th Street/Willets Point Boulevard, Flushing, NY. Please see the map for OU-2 location. The cleanup activities will be performed by the Queens Development Group, LLC (QDG); QDG Hotel Partners, LLC; QDG 126th Street Partners, LLC; QDG Parking Partners, LLC; and QDG Retail Partners, LLC (collectively the "applicants") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). NYSDEC has determined that the Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) protects public health and the environment and has approved the plan.

- Access the approved RAWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C241146/>
- The documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."

Remedial activities are expected to begin in July 2022 and last about 13 months.

Highlights of the Upcoming Cleanup Activities: The goal of the cleanup action for the site is to achieve cleanup levels that protect public health and the environment. The key components of the remedy are:

- Excavation, stockpiling, off-site transport, and disposal of approximately 61,800 cubic yards of contaminated soil/fill;
- Removal, decommissioning, and off-site disposal of any encountered underground storage tanks (UST) and/or associated appurtenances (e.g., fill lines, vent line, and electrical conduit);
- Collection and analysis of documentation soil samples to document post-excavation conditions;
- Backfilling remedial excavations with material that meets the restricted residential soil cleanup objectives for use as backfill;
- Construction of a groundwater containment cutoff wall along the northern and eastern boundaries of Block 1833, Lots 155 and 172.
- Installation and maintenance of a site cover system;
- Implementation of in-situ (in-place) groundwater treatment in the northern part of Block 1822, Lot 17 and the eastern part of Block 1822, Lot 155 and post-excavation groundwater monitoring to assess the effectiveness of the remedy;
- Implementation of a Construction Health and Safety Plan (CHASP) and Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) to protect on-site workers, the community, and the environment during remediation;

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- Implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) would also be required for long term maintenance of the Engineering Controls (EC) and would include provisions to facilitate future development; and
- Recording of an Environmental Easement (EE) to ensure proper use of the site.

Next Steps: After the applicant(s) completes the cleanup activities, they will prepare a Final Engineering Report (FER) and submit it to NYSDEC. The FER will describe the cleanup activities completed and certify that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved.

When NYSDEC is satisfied that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved for the site, it will approve the Final Engineering Report. NYSDEC will then issue a Certificate of Completion to the applicant(s). The applicant(s) would be able to redevelop the site in conjunction with receiving a Certificate of Completion. In addition, the applicant(s) would be eligible for tax credits to offset the costs of performing cleanup activities and for redevelopment of the site.

NYSDEC will issue a fact sheet that describes the content of the Final Engineering Report. The fact sheet will identify any institutional controls (for example, environmental easements) or engineering controls (for example, a site cover) necessary at the site in relation to the issuance of the Certificate of Completion.

Site Description: The Willets Point OU-2 portion of the BCP site is 15.084 acres and includes Queens Tax Blocks 1824 and 1825 and portions of Blocks 1820, 1822, 1823, 1826, 1827, and 1833. With the exception of an unauthorized active auto body shop located in the southwest corner of Block 1825, Lot 1, OU-2 is vacant. Eight existing buildings and two derelict structures remain on OU-2, which will be demolished prior to the remedial activities. Adjacent properties include Citi Field, various industrial- and commercial-use properties, and the Metropolitan Transit Authority (MTA) No. 7 subway train line along the southern perimeter.

Prior to the 1900s, the Willets Point area was a tidally influenced salt marsh. From the early 1900s to the early 1930s, the area was used as a landfill for coal ash from

residential and municipal heating operations in New York City. In the late 1930s Willets Point was graded and developed primarily with automotive repair shops, filling stations, and scrapyards which have characterized the site through about 2015 when they were largely shutdown.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C241146) at:

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

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 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 DEC 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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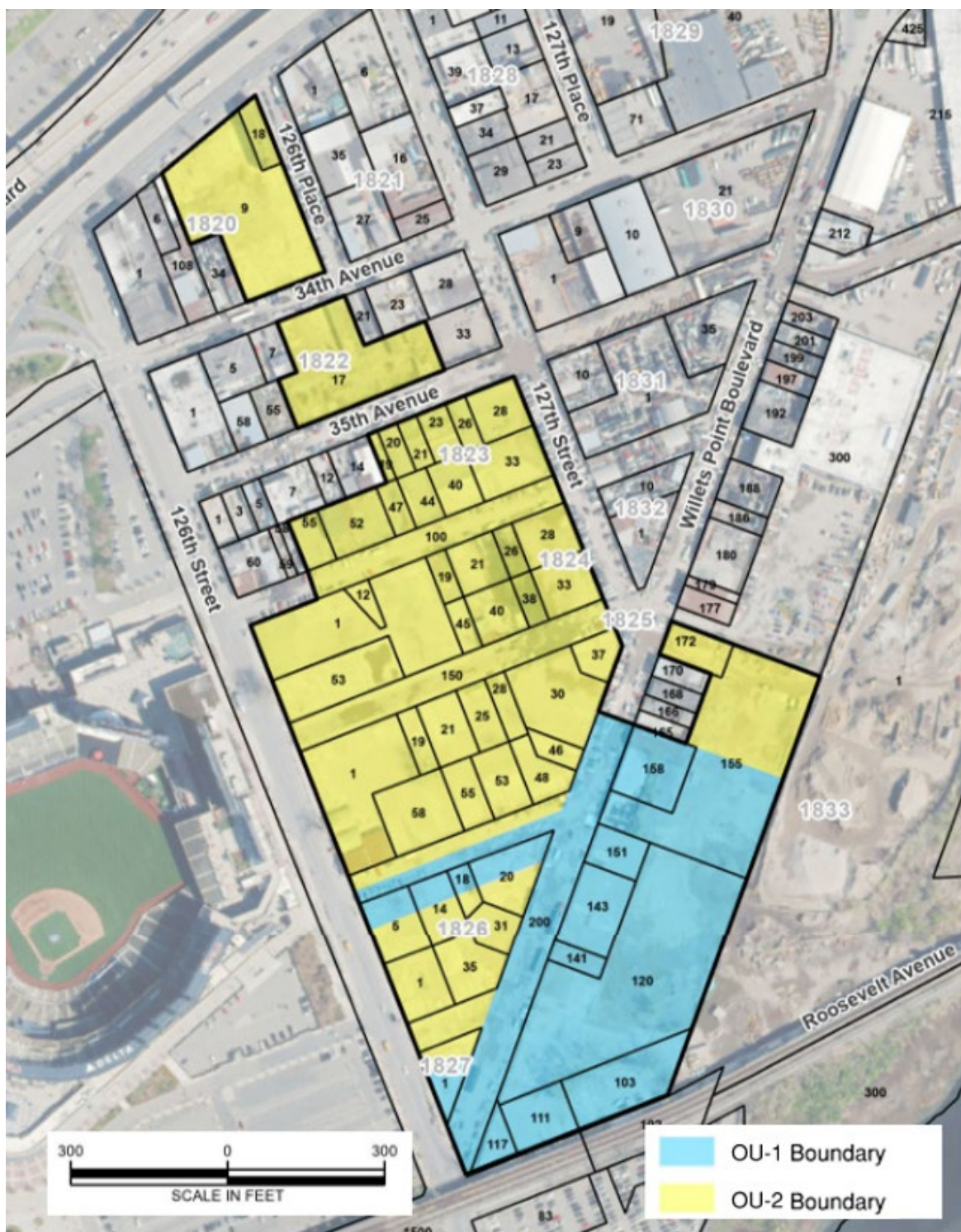
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DECinfo Locator

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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OU-2 Location Map





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