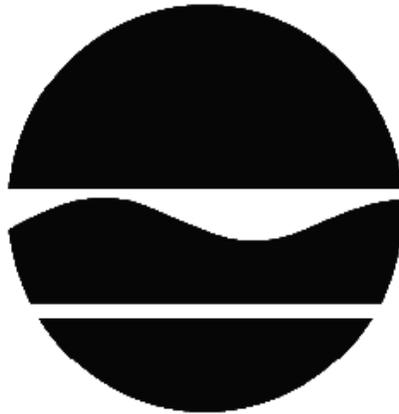


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# **DECLARATION STATEMENT - DECISION DOCUMENT**

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## **Statement of Purpose and Basis**

This document presents the remedy for the CRP-CSH Greenburgh site, a brownfield cleanup site. The remedial program was chosen in accordance with the New York State Environmental Conservation Law and Title 6 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules and Regulations of the State of New York (6 NYCRR) Part 375.

This decision is based on the Administrative Record of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department) for the CRP-CSH Greenburgh site and the public's input to the proposed remedy presented by the Department.

## **Description of Selected Remedy**

The elements of the selected remedy are as follows:

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- Considering the environmental impacts of treatment technologies and remedy stewardship over the long term;
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- Conserving and efficiently managing resources and materials;
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- Maximizing habitat value and creating habitat when possible;
- Fostering green and healthy communities and working landscapes which balance ecological, economic and social goals; and
- Integrating the remedy with the end use where possible and encouraging green and sustainable re-development.

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- removal of any underground storage tanks (USTs), fuel dispensers, underground piping or other structures associated with a source of contamination;
- non-aqueous phase liquids.
- soil containing visual coal tar or non-aqueous phase liquid;
- soils that create a nuisance condition, as defined in Commissioner Policy CP-51 Section G; and
- soils which exceed the protection of groundwater soil cleanup objectives (PGWSCOs), as defined by 6 NYCRR Part 375-6.8 for those contaminants found in site groundwater above standards.

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## 3. Cover System

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Imposition of an institutional control in the form of an environmental easement for the controlled property which will:

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- restrict the use of groundwater as a source of potable or process water, without necessary

water quality treatment as determined by the NYSDOH or County DOH; and

- require compliance with the Department approved Site Management Plan.

## 5. Site Management Plan

A Site Management Plan is required, which includes the following:

a. an Institutional and Engineering Control Plan that identifies all use restrictions and engineering controls for the site and details the steps and media-specific requirements necessary to ensure the following institutional and/or engineering controls remain in place and effective:

Institutional Controls: The Environmental Easement discussed in Paragraph 4 above.

Engineering Controls: The soil cover discussed in Paragraph 3 above.

This plan includes, but may not be limited to:

- an Excavation Plan which details the provisions for management of future excavations in areas of remaining contamination;
- descriptions of the provisions of the environmental easement including any land use, and groundwater use restrictions;
- a provision for evaluation of the potential for soil vapor intrusion in future buildings developed on the site, including provision for implementing actions recommended to address exposures related to soil vapor intrusion;
- provisions for the management and inspection of the identified engineering controls;
- maintaining site access controls and Department notification; and
- the steps necessary for the periodic reviews and certification of the institutional and/or engineering controls.

b. a Monitoring Plan to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy. The plan includes, but may not be limited to:

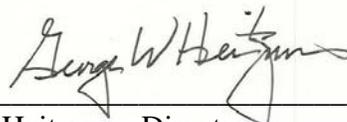
- monitoring of groundwater to assess the performance and effectiveness of the remedy;
- a schedule of monitoring and frequency of submittals to the Department;
- monitoring for vapor intrusion for any buildings on the site, as may be required by the Institutional and Engineering Control Plan discussed above.

### **Declaration**

The remedy conforms with promulgated standards and criteria that are directly applicable, or that are relevant and appropriate and takes into consideration Department guidance, as appropriate. The remedy is protective of public health and the environment.

August 21, 2017

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## **SECTION 1: SUMMARY AND PURPOSE**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (the Department), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), has selected a remedy for the above referenced site. The disposal of contaminants at the site has resulted in threats to public health and the environment that would be addressed by the remedy. The disposal or release of contaminants at this site, as more fully described in this document, has contaminated various environmental media. Contaminants include hazardous waste and/or petroleum.

The New York State Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) is a voluntary program. The goal of the BCP is to enhance private-sector cleanups of brownfields and to reduce development pressure on "greenfields." A brownfield site is real property, the redevelopment or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a contaminant.

The Department has issued this document in accordance with the requirements of New York State Environmental Conservation Law and 6 NYCRR Part 375. This document is a summary of the information that can be found in the site-related reports and documents.

## **SECTION 2: CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**

The Department seeks input from the community on all remedies. A public comment period was held, during which the public was encouraged to submit comment on the proposed remedy. All comments on the remedy received during the comment period were considered by the Department in selecting a remedy for the site. Site-related reports and documents were made available for review by the public at the following document repository:

Greenburgh Public Library  
300 Tarrytown Road  
Elmsford, NY 10523  
Phone: 914-721-8200

### **Receive Site Citizen Participation Information By Email**

Please note that the Department's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) is "going paperless" relative to citizen participation information. The ultimate goal is to distribute citizen participation information about contaminated sites electronically by way of county email

listservs. Information will be distributed for all sites that are being investigated and cleaned up in a particular county under the State Superfund Program, Environmental Restoration Program, Brownfield Cleanup Program, Voluntary Cleanup Program, and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Program. We encourage the public to sign up for one or more county listservs at <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html>

### **SECTION 3: SITE DESCRIPTION AND HISTORY**

#### Location:

The 5.54 acre site is located in a rural area on the south side of Dobbs Ferry Road in the Town of Greenburgh, approximately one-third of a mile west of the Sprain Brook Parkway.

#### Site Features:

The site is developed with a single, vacant, one-story masonry building that is approximately 50,000 square feet in area. There are two associated asphalt paved parking lots including one to the north of the building and a smaller one to the south. Within the parking areas are some small areas of exposed surface soil.

#### Current Zoning and Land Use:

The subject property is zoned residential and is currently inactive. The surrounding properties are a mixture of industrial, commercial, and recreational facilities that includes a utility right-of-way and a golf course.

**Past Use of Site:** Historically, the subject site consisted of wooded marshland from at least 1947. The subject site was filled in the 1950s and 1960s, and developed with a landscape nursery and garden center by the late 1960s. By 1974, the nursery was expanded. The existing Franks Garden Center replaced the former nursery by 1991. The nursery and garden center had two underground storage tanks (USTs) holding heating oil which were removed in 1992 and replaced with a single UST. Three spills have been reported for fuel oil leaking from the various tanks. The two spills related to the older tank leaks have been closed while the spill for the newer tank remains open. Actions taken to address the spills included excavation of contaminated soils, in-situ product recovery, and in-situ chemical oxidation.

**Site Geology and Hydrogeology:** The soil on the site consists of a top layer of historic fill which is as thick as 20 feet. Beneath that are inconsistent layers of glacially deposited silts, sands, and gravels, or marsh layers. Groundwater at the subject site generally flows toward the southeast. Depth to groundwater ranges from 5-7 feet below ground surface (bgs).

A site location map is attached as Figure 1.

### **SECTION 4: LAND USE AND PHYSICAL SETTING**

The Department may consider the current, intended, and reasonably anticipated future land use of the site and its surroundings when evaluating a remedy for soil remediation. For this site, alternatives (or an alternative) that restrict(s) the use of the site to restricted-residential use (which allows for commercial use and industrial use) as described in Part 375-1.8(g) were/was

evaluated in addition to an alternative which would allow for unrestricted use of the site.

A comparison of the results of the Remedial Investigation (RI) to the appropriate standards, criteria and guidance values (SCGs) for the identified land use and the unrestricted use SCGs for the site contaminants is available in the RI Report.

## **SECTION 5: ENFORCEMENT STATUS**

The Applicant(s) under the Brownfield Cleanup Agreement is a/are Volunteer(s). The Applicant(s) does/do not have an obligation to address off-site contamination. However, the Department has determined that this site does not pose a significant threat to public health or the environment; accordingly, no enforcement actions are necessary.

If action is necessary to address contamination that has migrated from the site, the Department will seek to identify any parties (other than the Volunteer) known or suspected to be responsible for contamination at or emanating from the site, referred to as Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs). The Department will bring an enforcement action against the PRPs. If an enforcement action cannot be brought, or does not result in the initiation of a remedial program by any PRPs, the Department will evaluate the off-site contamination for action under the Spill Fund. The PRPs are subject to legal actions by the State for recovery of all response costs the State incurs or has incurred.

## **SECTION 6: SITE CONTAMINATION**

### **6.1: Summary of the Remedial Investigation**

A remedial investigation (RI) serves as the mechanism for collecting data to:

- characterize site conditions;
- determine the nature of the contamination; and
- assess risk to human health and the environment.

The RI is intended to identify the nature (or type) of contamination which may be present at a site and the extent of that contamination in the environment on the site, or leaving the site. The RI reports on data gathered to determine if the soil, groundwater, soil vapor, indoor air, surface water or sediments may have been contaminated. Monitoring wells are installed to assess groundwater and soil borings or test pits are installed to sample soil and/or waste(s) identified. If other natural resources are present, such as surface water bodies or wetlands, the water and sediment may be sampled as well. Based on the presence of contaminants in soil and groundwater, soil vapor will also be sampled for the presence of contamination. Data collected in the RI influence the development of remedial alternatives. The RI report is available for review in the site document repository and the results are summarized in section 6.3.

The analytical data collected on this site includes data for:

- groundwater

- soil

### **6.1.1: Standards, Criteria, and Guidance (SCGs)**

The remedy must conform to promulgated standards and criteria that are directly applicable or that are relevant and appropriate. The selection of a remedy must also take into consideration guidance, as appropriate. Standards, Criteria and Guidance are hereafter called SCGs.

To determine whether the contaminants identified in various media are present at levels of concern, the data from the RI were compared to media-specific SCGs. The Department has developed SCGs for groundwater, surface water, sediments, and soil. The NYSDOH has developed SCGs for drinking water and soil vapor intrusion. For a full listing of all SCGs see: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/61794.html>

### **6.1.2: RI Results**

The data have identified contaminants of concern. A "contaminant of concern" is a contaminant that is sufficiently present in frequency and concentration in the environment to require evaluation for remedial action. Not all contaminants identified on the property are contaminants of concern. The nature and extent of contamination and environmental media requiring action are summarized below. Additionally, the RI Report contains a full discussion of the data. The contaminant(s) of concern identified at this site is/are:

petroleum products	chrysene
xylene (mixed)	ethylbenzene
benzo(b)fluoranthene	acenaphthene
lead	naphthalene

The contaminant(s) of concern exceed the applicable SCGs for:

- groundwater
- soil

### **6.2: Interim Remedial Measures**

An interim remedial measure (IRM) is conducted at a site when a source of contamination or exposure pathway can be effectively addressed before issuance of the Decision Document.

There were no IRMs performed at this site during the RI.

### **6.3: Summary of Environmental Assessment**

This section summarizes the assessment of existing and potential future environmental impacts presented by the site. Environmental impacts may include existing and potential future exposure pathways to fish and wildlife receptors, wetlands, groundwater resources, and surface water.

The RI report presents a detailed discussion of any existing and potential impacts from the site to fish and wildlife receptors.

#### Nature and extent of contamination:

Soil and groundwater were analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs), metals, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), and pesticides. Based upon the investigations conducted to date, the primary contaminants of concern are VOCs and SVOCs, such as ethylbenzene, xylene, benzo(b)fluoranthene, acenaphthene, chrysene, and lead. The sources of these are from fuel spills associated with storage on the site. The contamination is contained to the site, with no off-site contamination found. This will be confirmed with additional sampling during the remedial design and remedial action phases. In the central portion of the site there was a reported fuel oil spill from an underground storage tank. The spill has contributed source material, in the form of a non aqueous phase liquid (NAPL), to the subsurface. The NAPL is found at the groundwater interface over an area of about 15,000 square feet.

**Soil:** The shallow and subsurface soils at the site are contaminated with VOCs and SVOCs associated with fuel oil spill. While trace amounts of PCBs and pesticides were found, they are not contaminants of concern. Chrysene and benzo(b)fluoranthene were found at a maximum of 13 parts per million (ppm). Ethylbenzene and xylene were found at maximum levels of 4.3 ppm and 24 ppm, respectively. Lead was found in the soil in the same areas as the other contaminants at a maximum level of 2,600 ppm. All of these results exceed the restricted residential SCOs. Additional surface soil samples will be collected during the design phase in areas that are currently inaccessible.

**Groundwater:** Groundwater is contaminated with VOCs, SVOCs, and lead. Acenaphthene was found at a maximum level of 99 parts per billion (ppb), naphthalene at a maximum level of 680 ppb and lead at a maximum level of 40.3 ppb. These results exceed ambient water quality standards. The contaminated groundwater appears to be limited to the site and is centered around the area of the fuel spill. If the additional soil sampling indicates a new source area, then additional groundwater sampling will occur to delineate any possible groundwater contamination from that.

**Soil Vapor:** Soil Vapor samples have not yet been collected. However, a complete soil vapor intrusion evaluation will be performed on the planned building.

#### **6.4: Summary of Human Exposure Pathways**

This human exposure assessment identifies ways in which people may be exposed to site-related contaminants. Chemicals can enter the body through three major pathways (breathing, touching or swallowing). This is referred to as *exposure*.

Direct contact with contaminants in the soil is unlikely because the majority of the site is covered with buildings and pavement. Persons who dig below the ground surface may come into contact with contaminants in subsurface soil and groundwater. People are not drinking the contaminated

groundwater because the area is served by a public water supply that is not affected by this contamination. Volatile organic compounds in the soil, groundwater, or other sources may move into the soil vapor (air spaces within the soil), which in turn may move into buildings and affect the indoor air quality. This process, which is similar to the movement of radon gas from the subsurface into the indoor air of buildings, is referred to as soil vapor intrusion. Because the on-site building is vacant, the inhalation of contaminants due to soil vapor intrusion does not represent a current concern. The potential exists for the inhalation of site contaminants due to soil vapor intrusion for any future on-site redevelopment and re-occupancy. Sampling indicates soil vapor intrusion is not likely a concern for off-site buildings.

## **6.5: Summary of the Remediation Objectives**

The objectives for the remedial program have been established through the remedy selection process stated in 6 NYCRR Part 375. The goal for the remedial program is to restore the site to pre-disposal conditions to the extent feasible. At a minimum, the remedy shall eliminate or mitigate all significant threats to public health and the environment presented by the contamination identified at the site through the proper application of scientific and engineering principles.

The remedial action objectives for this site are:

### **Groundwater**

#### **RAOs for Public Health Protection**

- Prevent ingestion of groundwater with contaminant levels exceeding drinking water standards.
- Prevent contact with, or inhalation of volatiles, from contaminated groundwater.

#### **RAOs for Environmental Protection**

- Restore ground water aquifer to pre-disposal/pre-release conditions, to the extent practicable.
- Remove the source of ground or surface water contamination.

### **Soil**

#### **RAOs for Public Health Protection**

- Prevent ingestion/direct contact with contaminated soil.
- Prevent inhalation of or exposure from contaminants volatilizing from contaminants in soil.

#### **RAOs for Environmental Protection**

- Prevent migration of contaminants that would result in groundwater or surface water contamination.
- Prevent impacts to biota from ingestion/direct contact with soil causing toxicity or impacts from bioaccumulation through the terrestrial food chain.

### **Soil Vapor**

#### **RAOs for Public Health Protection**

- Mitigate impacts to public health resulting from existing, or the potential for, soil vapor intrusion into buildings at a site.

## **SECTION 7: ELEMENTS OF THE SELECTED REMEDY**

The alternatives developed for the site and the evaluation of the remedial criteria are presented in the Alternative Analysis. The remedy is selected pursuant to the remedy selection criteria set forth in DER-10, Technical Guidance for Site Investigation and Remediation and 6 NYCRR Part 375.

The selected remedy is a Track 4: Restricted use with site-specific soil cleanup objectives remedy.

The selected remedy is referred to as the Source Excavation and Cover System remedy.

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