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DEC's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) now distributes information about contaminated sites *electronically by email*.

If you would like to continue to receive information about the contaminated site featured in this fact sheet:

## You <u>must</u> sign up for the DER email listsery:

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

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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.



#### Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator <a href="https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C622024/">https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C622024/</a> and at these location(s):

The Frank J. Basloe Library 245 North Main Street

Herkimer, NY 13350 (315) 866-1733

#### **NYSDEC Region 6 Sub-Office**

225 North Main Street Herkimer, NY 13350 (315) 866-6330 Hours: (call for appointment)

#### Who to Contact

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

#### **Project-Related Questions**

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#### **Project-Related Health Questions**

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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** 

HMQ Site Restoration and STEAM Center 220 North Prospect Street Herkimer, NY 13350

October 2022

SITE No. C622024 NYSDEC REGION 6

## Draft Investigation Work Plan for Brownfield Site Available for Public Comment

The public is invited to comment on a draft work plan being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) to investigate the HMQ Site Restoration and STEAM Center site ("site") located at 220 North Prospect Street, in Herkimer, Herkimer County. Please see the map for the site location.

**Draft Investigation Work Plan:** The draft investigation work plan, called a "Remedial Investigation Work Plan," (RIWP) was submitted to NYSDEC under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program. The investigation will be performed by HMQ 1890, LLC ("applicant(s)") with oversight by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH).

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the Draft RIWP for 30 days, from **October 21 through November 20, 2022**.

- Access the RIWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <a href="https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C622024/">https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C622024/</a>.
- 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.

**Highlights of the Proposed Site Investigation:** The investigation will define the nature and extent of contamination in soil, surface water, groundwater, and any other parts of the environment that may be affected.

Previous investigations have detected volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds (VOCs and SVOCs), metals and PCBs in soil and/or groundwater on site.

Key components of the investigation work include:

- Drilling and sampling soil borings to identify possible on-site sources of contamination;
- Installing and sampling ground water wells to monitor impacts from areas of concern both on-site and off-site.

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**Next Steps:** NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the plan as necessary, and approve the work plan. NYSDOH must concur with the plan. After the work plan is approved, the activities detailed in the work plan will be implemented. When the investigation is completed, a report will be prepared and submitted to NYSDEC that summarizes the results. NYSDEC will review the report, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the report.

After the investigation, a proposed cleanup plan called a "Draft Remedial Work Plan" will be developed. The cleanup plan will include an evaluation of the proposed site remedy, or recommend a no action or no further action alternative. The goal of the cleanup plan is to ensure the protection of public health and the environment. NYSDEC will present the proposed cleanup plan to the public for its review and comment during a 45-day comment period.

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

**Site Description:** The site consists of two adjacent parcels occupying a total of 0.803 acres in the Historic District of the Village of Herkimer located in southern Herkimer County. The site is bordered to the northeast by vacant land and a parking area and to the west/southwest by North Prospect Street. The NYSDEC Herkimer Sub-Office adjoins the site to the east. Property owned by the Village of Herkimer, which includes the public library and associated parking lot, is located to the north.

The facility currently consists of a three-story brick structure built in 1890 along with the connector building and chimney building, both constructed in the late 1890s. The site has been idle and all buildings vacant (except for waste and debris) since 2005. Previously, the site had been used as a manufacturing (including metal fabrication, metal finishing) and metal plating facility since the late 1800s/early 1900s.

The redevelopment plan for the site includes a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Math) Center for area youth and adults, as well as an Incubator Lab & Business Development Center. Several other buildings located on the

HMQ site are anticipated to be demolished as part of site redevelopment. The proposed site use is commercial.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C622024) at:

https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/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 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 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: <a href="https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html">https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html</a>

We encourage you to share this fact sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or post this fact sheet in a prominent area of your building for others to see.

#### **Stay Informed With DEC Delivers**

Sign up to receive site updates by email: https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

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

#### **DECinfo Locator**

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

# BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM

HMQ Restoration Site and STEAM Center (Site No: C622024)
Herkimer, NY



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