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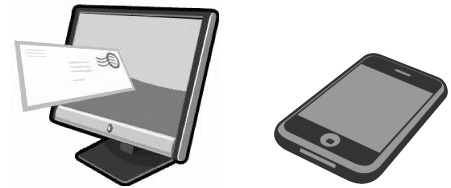
DEC's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) now distributes information about contaminated sites *electronically by email*.

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

You must sign up for the DER email listserv:

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.



Department of
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FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Portion of Former Vacuum
Oil Refinery
City of Rochester, Monroe County

Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C828190/>

Phillis Wheatley Community Library

33 Dr. Samuel McCree Way
Rochester, New York 14608
585-428-8212

Plymouth-Exchange (PLEX)

Neighborhood Assoc.
Attn: Dorothy Hall
Carlson Commons
70 Coretta Scott Crossing
Rochester, New York 14608
585-328-6916
info@PL-EX.org

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

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SITE No. C828190
NYSDEC REGION 8

Remedy Proposed for Brownfield Site Contamination; Public Comment Period and Public Meeting Announced

Public Meeting, Wednesday 08/16/2023 at 6:00 PM
Willie Walker Lightfoot Recreation Center Gymnasium
271 Flint Street, City of Rochester, 14608

NYSDEC invites you to a public meeting to discuss the remedy proposed for the site. You are encouraged to provide comments at the meeting, and during the 45-day comment period described in this fact sheet.

DEC will provide interpreter services for hearing impaired persons and language interpreter services for individuals with difficulty understanding or reading English at no charge upon written request submitted no later than 2 weeks prior to meeting date.

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 Portion of Former Vacuum Oil Refinery site ("site") located south side of Flint Street and adjacent to the Genesee River, City of Rochester, Monroe County. 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.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a "Draft Remedial Alternatives Analysis Report (RAAR)" for 45 days, from **July 26 through September 8, 2023.**

- Access the RAAR and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C828190/>
- 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 Alternatives Analysis Report: The proposed Restricted Residential Use remedy consists of:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated soil from 11 feet to 21 feet below surface grade. Excavations will target soil/fill exhibiting sheens, staining, odors, elevated contaminants of concern.
- Long-term groundwater monitoring of the site's groundwater to monitor groundwater contaminants.

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- Placement of a site-wide soil cover system over areas without hardscape (buildings, asphalt, or concrete) to address contamination remaining above restricted residential use soil cleanup objectives.
- Importing clean material that meets the established Soil Cleanup Objectives for use as backfill.
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan (HASP) and Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) during all ground intrusive activities.
- Implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP).
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of the site.

The proposed remedy was developed by City of Rochester ("applicant") 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 Alternatives Analysis Report 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 applicant 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 Portion of Former Vacuum Oil Refinery site is a 15.4-acre site located in the southwestern quadrant of the City of Rochester in the Plymouth-Exchange (PLEX) neighborhood. The site is currently undeveloped except for an asphalt paved recreational trail that runs through the entire eastern side of the site from north to south. A grass covered area is located east of the trail. The rest of the site is wooded. Most of the site was part of the former Vacuum Oil refinery which operated from about 1866 to 1930. Other historical uses included a greenhouse, railroads, and canals.

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

Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C828190) at:

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

Summary of the Investigation: Semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) and metals (primarily arsenic), are the primary compounds found in soils at concentrations above use-specific soil cleanup objectives. The SVOCs and metals are present from the surface to depths up to 12 feet below grade and are present throughout the site. Soils with nuisance odors, staining, and visible sheens associated with petroleum-related compounds are also present, especially in the northern part of the site. Volatile organic compounds (VOCs), SVOCs, and metals are found in groundwater at concentrations above groundwater standards. Groundwater impacts are generally limited to the northern part of the site.

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:

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

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.

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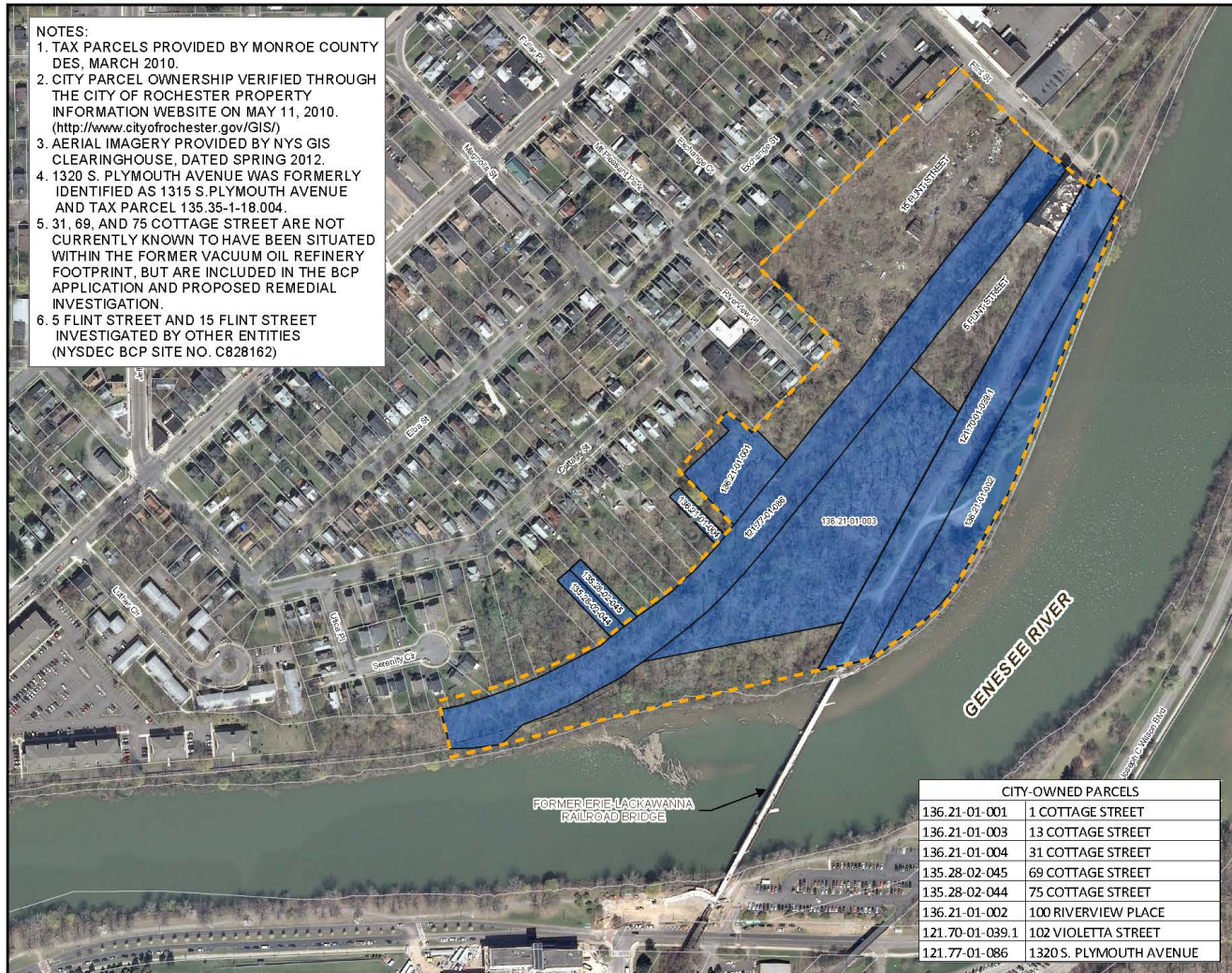
DECinfo Locator

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

FIGURE 2



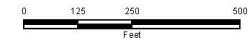
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- FORMER VACUUM OIL REFINERY (APPROXIMATE)
- BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM SITE LIMITS (APPROXIMATELY 15.4 ACRES)

BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM
REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION REPORT
PORTION OF FORMER VACUUM OIL REFINERY

1, 13, 31, 69, AND 75 COTTAGE STREET;
100 RIVERVIEW PLACE;
102 VIOLETTA STREET;
AND PORTION OF
1320 S. PLYMOUTH AVENUE
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

SITE DETAIL



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