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Where to Find Information

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

Document Repository Name*

Erie County Library
East Clinton - Bailey Branch
1929 Clinton Street
Buffalo, NY 14206
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*Repositories are temporarily unavailable due to COVID-19 precautions. If you cannot access the online repository, please contact the DEC project manager listed below for assistance.

Key project documents also are available on the NYSDEC website at: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915298/>

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For more information about New York's State Superfund Program, visit:

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html

FACT SHEET 837 Bailey Avenue Off-Site
(Former J & J Auto Parts)
State Superfund Program
837 Bailey Avenue,
Buffalo, NY 14206

SITE No. C915298A

May 2020

DEC REGION 9

Cleanup Action to Begin at State Superfund Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will begin work to address potential contamination of off-site residential and commercial properties located adjacent to the 837 Bailey Avenue Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) Site No. C915298 in the City of Buffalo. See the map below for the site location.

The BCP participant addressing contamination at 837 Bailey Avenue is not responsible for off-site contamination. Therefore DEC, under the New York State Superfund Program, is evaluating the nature and extent of the off-site contamination that may have resulted from prior site operations. During the BCP on-site investigation, soil samples were collected from the backyards of some residential properties bordering the site to help assess the potential for off-site contamination from historical uses at the site. Analysis revealed the presence of metals, especially lead, at levels above state soil cleanup objectives (SCOs). As a result, more extensive sampling of these properties will be conducted to determine the extent of contamination and develop property-specific cleanup plans that are protective of public health and the environment.

Sampling activities on both the defined northern and southern property areas (see attached map) are expected to begin in May or June 2020 and last approximately one month. Construction management and soil sampling of the residential properties will be performed by Ecology and Environment Engineering and Geology, P.C., with oversight provided by DEC. DEC has determined that this cleanup is considered essential for the protection of public health and the environment and can proceed under Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 202.6.

- Project documents may be accessed online through the DECinfo Locator:
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915298/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified at left under "Where to Find Information."

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Highlights of the Upcoming Investigation and Cleanup Activities:

The goal of the investigation and cleanup action for the defined off-site properties is to achieve cleanup levels that protect public health and the environment. Key components of the upcoming remedial activities include the following:

- Request property access from each property owner to sample their property;
- Conduct a property survey, soil sampling and analysis, and other related tasks on both northern and southern property areas:
 - Soil samples collected from the southern property areas will be first evaluated to verify the presence of arsenic and lead (site-specific contaminants of concern). The results will be used to determine whether contaminants related to historical activities on the 837 Bailey Avenue property are present and warrant cleanup.
 - Soil samples collected from the northern property areas will be used to develop a cleanup plan specific to each property. Soil sampling was previously conducted on the northern property areas, which verified they warrant cleanup.
- Provide the results of the soil sampling program to each property owner;
- Develop a remedial plan for excavation and restoration for each affected property requiring cleanup and present the plan to the property owner prior to the start of excavation;
- Excavate and properly dispose of soils from the northern and southern property areas that exceed soil cleanup objectives (SCOs) related to former on-site operations;
- Restore affected property features, including replacement of landscaping and other property features affected by the cleanup activities; and
- Provide each owner of property that was remediated with a letter documenting completion of the cleanup activities.

Next Steps:

Soil sampling will be conducted at up to 17 residential and commercial property parcels located immediately adjacent to 837 Bailey Avenue. No activities will be performed at a property without first obtaining the express written consent of the property owner. After sampling is completed, DEC will prepare property-specific cleanup plans for all properties shown to be impacted by contamination associated with 837 Bailey Avenue.

A site-specific Health and Safety Plan (HASP), Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP), and Vibration Monitoring Plan

(VMP) will be implemented for all investigation and cleanup activities. The HASP and CAMP establish procedures to protect on-site workers and residents and include dust monitoring and suppression measures. The VMP describes procedures implemented to protect structures during excavation and restoration activities.

Up to seven properties at the southeast corner of Bailey Avenue and Dingens Street (Northern Properties Area) will be the subject of cleanup activities in late 2020. If necessary, cleanup activities on the south side of 837 Bailey Avenue along Peru Place (Southern Property Areas) will occur in 2021.

After the cleanup of a particular property is completed, DEC, in coordination with the New York State Department of Health (DOH), will issue property-specific Construction Completion Reports and No Further Action determinations to document completion of the cleanup. A Final Engineering Report will also be prepared to certify that overall cleanup requirements have been achieved. DEC will keep the public informed throughout the cleanup of the neighborhood.

Site Description:

The 837 Bailey Avenue Off-Site project consists of several properties that are adjacent to the 837 Bailey Avenue Brownfield Cleanup Program Site (C915298) which was used as an auto salvage/wrecking facility, an automotive repair facility, a tire recapping facility, and a filling station. The properties that are the subject of this project consist of 7 off-site residential parcels at the southeast corner of Bailey Avenue and Dingens Street north of the site as well as 10 residential and commercial properties along the north side of Peru Place south of the site.

Additional off-site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C915298A) at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/derexternal/haz/detail.s.cfm?ProgNo=C915298A>

Summary of previous on-site investigations at 837 Bailey:

In 2019, DEC issued a decision document and approved a Remedial Alternatives Analysis Report that presented the selected remedial plan for the onsite cleanup of the 837 Bailey Avenue site under the BCP. This plan required:

- Removal and off-site disposal of contaminated soil/fill contaminated with metals and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs);
- Removal and off-site disposal of debris piles;
- Construction of a soil cover over the entire site within the site fenced area; and

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- Filing of an Environmental Easement that would restrict site use to commercial or industrial uses (based on local zoning), prohibit the use of groundwater and require compliance with the site management plan.

Documents related to the on-site site cleanup are available at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915298/>.

State Superfund Program:

New York's State Superfund Program (SSF) identifies and characterizes suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites. Sites that pose a significant threat to public health and/or the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup and monitoring. DEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination and require cleanup before committing State funds.

For more information about the SSF, visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html>

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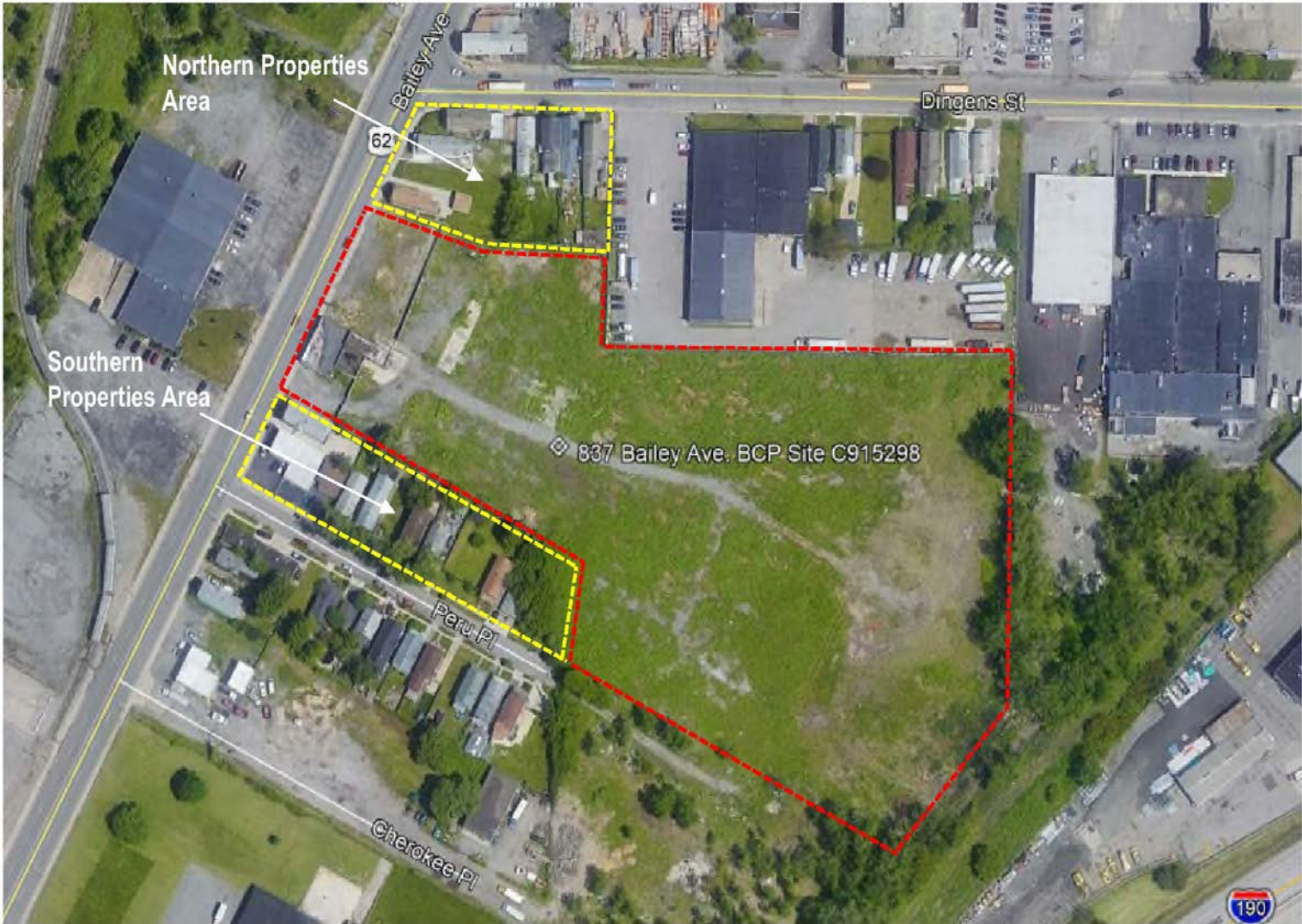
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

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

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

Site Location



837 Bailey Avenue Off-Site Project
837 Bailey Avenue, Buffalo, NY
Site No. C915298A

