



Department of
Environmental
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FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Main and Hertel

2929-2939 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14214

SITE No. C915318

NYSDEC REGION 9

March 2022

Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the
DECinfo Locator

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915318/>
and at these location(s):

Frank E. Merriweather, Jr. Library

1324 Jefferson Avenue
Buffalo, NY
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For more information about New York's
Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

Remedy Proposed for Brownfield Site Contamination; Public Comment Period Announced

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 Main and Hertel site ("site") located at 2929-2939 Main Street, Buffalo, Erie 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 poses a significant threat to public health or the environment. This decision is based on the nature of the existing contaminants identified at the site; the potential for off-site migration of contaminants in the groundwater; and the potential for human exposure to site-related contaminants via soil vapors. To address this threat, NYSDEC has developed the proposed remedy summarized below.

How to Comment: NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a "Draft Remedial Investigation / Alternatives Analysis Report (RIAAR)" for 45 days, from **March 2 through April 16, 2022**.

- Access the RIAAR and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915318/>.
- 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 Work Plan: The proposed restricted residential use remedy consists of:

- Placement of a site wide cover system consisting of hardscape such as asphalt and concrete or a minimum of 2 feet of clean imported material to address contamination remaining above restricted residential soil cleanup objectives (SCOs);
- Treatment of contaminated groundwater through injections to enhance biodegradation of volatile organic compounds (VOCs);
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities;
- Implementing a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long term maintenance of the cover system and groundwater monitoring; and
- Filing of an environmental easement to restrict future use of the property to restricted-residential use.

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The proposed remedy was developed by Main and Hertel LLC (“applicant(s)”) after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP).

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(s) 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 4.9-acre site is located in the City of Buffalo at 2929 and 2939 Main Street. The site contains two buildings most recently operated by the Keystone Corporation for electroplating operations. Prior to metal plating operations, the property was used for various industrial processes since 1910, including: paint manufacturing, auto/truck manufacturing, and gasoline pump manufacturing.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C915318) at:
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/xtapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

Summary of the Investigation The primary contaminants of concern at the Site are poly-cyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), VOCs and metals. PAHs and metals were present site wide in surface and subsurface soils associated with historic fill material. Groundwater was found to be impacted with chlorinated VOCs in the northwestern portion of the site and petroleum related VOCs in the southeast portion of the

site. The remedial investigation also identified elevated levels of chlorinated VOCs in the soil vapor beneath the existing warehouse building.

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>

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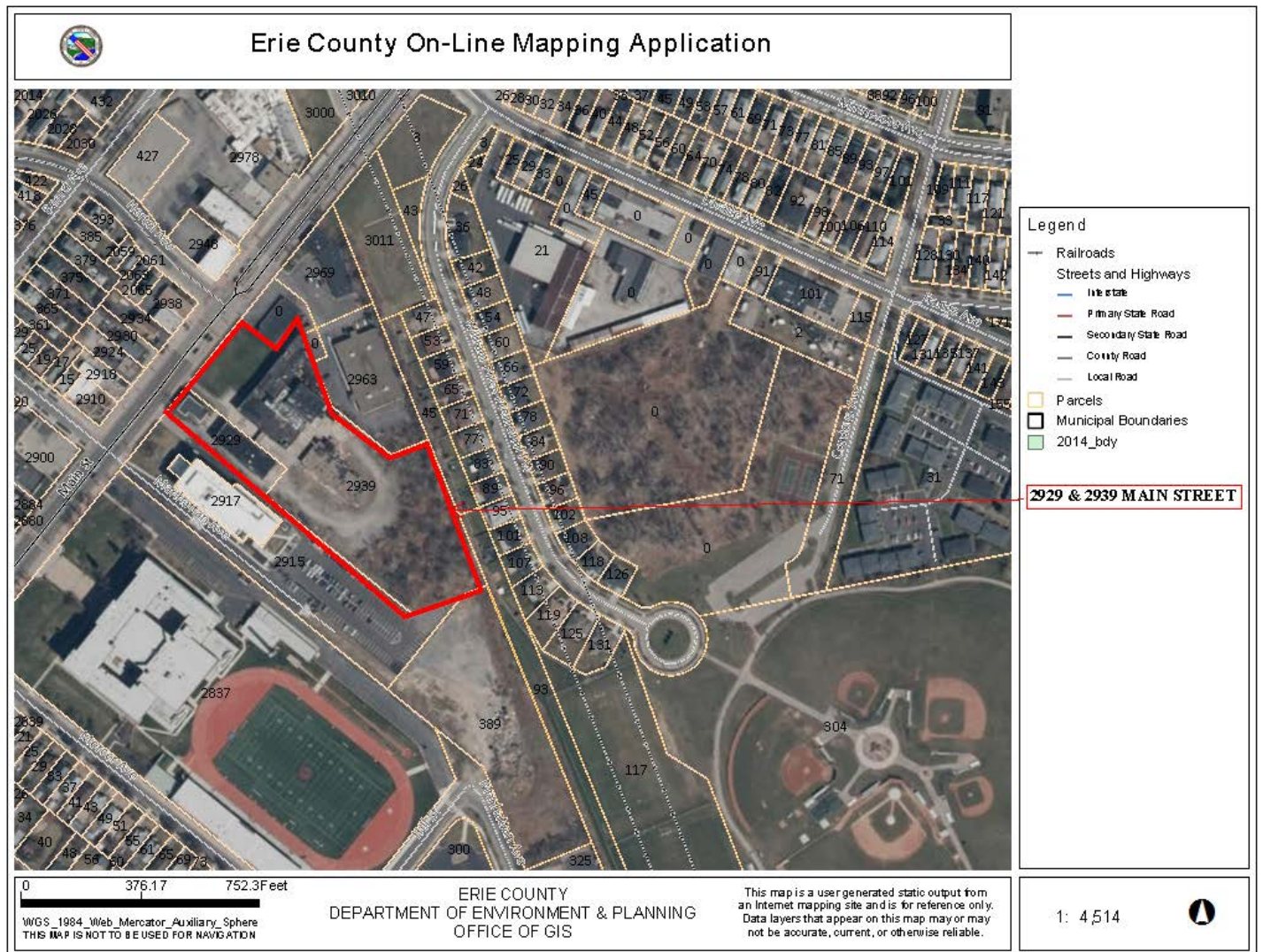
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DECinfo Locator

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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Site Location





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