

Department of Environmental Conservation

Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915363/ and at these location(s):

Buffalo and Erie County Public Library 1 Lafayette Square Buffalo, NY 14203

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 November 2020

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Former Pilgrim Village Senior Apartments 951 Ellicott Street Buffalo, NY 14209

> SITE No. C915363 NYSDEC REGION 9

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 Former Pilgrim Village Senior Apartments Site ("site") located at 951 Ellicott St., Buffalo, Erie 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 SAA EVI MC Family, LLC ("applicant") 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 November 25 through December 28, 2020.

- Access the RIWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915363/.
- 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.

Key components of the investigation work include:

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

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 Former Pilgrim Village Senior Apartments Site is an approximately 2-acre site located in a mixed residential/commercial area in the City of Buffalo. The site is bounded to the north by Ellicott Street and is a portion of the 951 Ellicott Street parcel. The eastern and western edges of the property are landlocked. The site includes three clusters of multipleunit apartment buildings with a total of 21 units. The site also contains green space and asphalt parking areas. The buildings are currently occupied. The contamination at the site appears to be due to urban fill. The fill is located below the ground surface, at depths varying from one to four feet.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C915363) at:

https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/inde x.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: <u>https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html</u>

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: <u>https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html</u>

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: <u>https://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html</u>

