



FACT SHEET

April 2007

Cleanup Activities to Begin at Bush Industries Site in Village of Cattaraugus

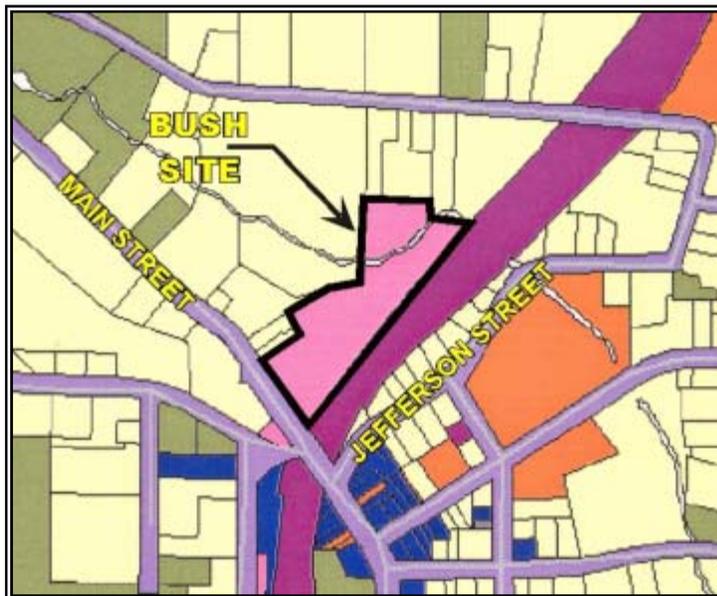
Environmental Restoration Program

Project No. E905029

INTRODUCTION

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and the Village of Cattaraugus are pleased to inform you about upcoming environmental cleanup activities at the former Setter Brothers/Bush Industries property located at 1 North Main Street in the Village of Cattaraugus. (See map at right.)

To address immediate safety and environmental concerns caused at the site, a cleanup effort called an Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) will take place beginning in April of 2007. An IRM is a cleanup action that can be conducted at a site relatively quickly in order to minimize risks to people's safety or health and to the environment. Upcoming IRM work will include asbestos removal and demolition of remaining structures at the site, as well as cleanup of petroleum-contaminated soils in a small section of the western section of the site.



Cleanup work at the site will be performed under New York State's 1996 Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act "Environmental Restoration Program" (ERP). The ERP provides financial assistance to local governments for the cleanup of brownfield sites. A brownfield is currently unused or under-used property that may have been used for industrial purposes in the past, and no longer contributes to the tax base of a municipality. Brownfields may be, but are not necessarily, environmentally contaminated.

SITE BACKGROUND

Currently owned by the Village of Cattaraugus, The Bush Industries site is a 4.4 acre property that was formerly the location of the Setter Brothers/Bush Industries veneer manufacturing facility. The property was involved in commercial operations since the early 1900's, and was once the location of the Standard Oil facility, an apple evaporator facility, and a gasoline service facility. The former on-site manufacturing facility from Setter Brothers/Bush Industries has been mostly demolished; all that remains are two structures – a steel building frame and a small brick building. Both structures are dilapidated and pose safety concerns. The Village of Cattaraugus applied for assistance in cleaning up the site through the ERP.

WHAT WILL THE UPCOMING CLEANUP WORK INVOLVE?

The upcoming IRM cleanup work will address immediate safety concerns caused by dilapidated structures at the site. Upcoming IRM cleanup activities will include:

- Properly removing asbestos from both buildings prior to building demolition and disposing of it at an off-site permitted facility; and
- Demolishing the two remaining structures at the site and disposing of debris properly at an off-site permitted facility.

Asbestos, demolition and debris removal will begin in April 2007 and is anticipated to take about 4 weeks to complete. During upcoming cleanup activities, health and safety plans and air monitoring plans will be followed to protect workers and the nearby community.

Following asbestos removal and building demolition, petroleum-contaminated soil that was found in a small (.2 acre) section on the western portion of the property will be excavated and removed. A schedule for soil cleanup work has not yet been determined.

NEXT STEPS

Following IRM cleanup work, a Site Investigation/Remedial Action Report (SI/RAR) will be prepared and will be available for viewing at the locations identified in the last section of this fact sheet. Cleanup of this site will help to make future redevelopment of the property possible. Although the exact final re-use plan for the site is unknown at this time, it is anticipated that a portion of the property may be considered for use in the rails-to-trails program, and the remainder of the site is expected to be used for commercial or industrial use.

WHO SHOULD I CALL IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SITE?

Should you have any question about this project, please feel welcome to contact these representatives:

Site Related Project Questions

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Buffalo, NY 14202
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LOCATIONS TO VIEW PROJECT RELATED DOCUMENTS

Public interest and input in this project is valued and appreciated. To keep you informed, the Village of Cattaraugus and DEC have set up three locations at which you may view site-related project documents. These locations include:

Village of Cattaraugus Hall
14 Main Street
Cattaraugus, NY 14719
(716) 257-3661

Department of Environmental Conservation
Region 9 Office
270 Michigan Avenue
Buffalo, NY 14203
(716) 851-7220
(Please call for an appointment.)

Cattaraugus Free Library
23 Main Street
Cattaraugus, NY 14716
(716) 257-9500
(See reference desk.)