



# FACT SHEET

April 2005

Upcoming Brownfields  
Site Investigation

Former C&B Dry Cleaners Site  
2241 Washington Street, Jamestown



Project Start: Spring 2005

Project No. E-9 07 028

## INTRODUCTION

Chautauqua County, in partnership with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), is conducting an environmental investigation of the Former C & B Dry Cleaners Site. The work will be done under New York State's 1996 Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act "Environmental Restoration Program". Under the Program, the State provides grants to municipalities to reimburse up to 90 percent of eligible costs for site investigation and remediation. Once remediated, the property may then be reused for commercial, industrial, residential or public use.

## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE INVESTIGATION?

The purpose of this project is to investigate known and suspected contamination at the Former C & B Dry Cleaners Site. After the investigation and any potential remediation, Chautauqua County has identified the Site as a prime candidate for restoration and redevelopment.

## BACKGROUND

The project site was the location of a commercial dry cleaner from about 1936 until 1999. Since then the Chautauqua County Department of Public Facilities has completed several environmental tasks at the site, including the removal of numerous containers of chemicals and detergents found in the building, the removal of two underground storage tanks, the completion of a Preliminary Environmental Site Assessment and, the demolition of the building on the site. The surrounding parcels are currently used for commercial purposes.

## DETAILS OF THE INVESTIGATION

- ▶ The investigation will focus on determining the nature and extent of contamination in the following three media: surface soil and fill, subsurface soil and fill and groundwater.
- ▶ Test pits will be dug on the site in areas where abandoned tanks may be present.
- ▶ Groundwater monitoring wells will be installed. As each well is drilled the soil will be tested to determine the condition of the fill and the subsurface soil.
- ▶ A soil gas survey will screen for the presence of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the subsurface.



## **PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

The community will be kept informed of the project's progress through fact sheets like this one in order to promote two way communication between the public and the government agencies. This input is needed to make informed decisions about the site's investigation and any proposed remedial action plan, if necessary.

## **WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP?**

It is estimated that it will take about eight months to complete the investigation activities, which are scheduled to begin in April 2005. Upon completion of the sampling and testing, the County's consultant will prepare a report (Remedial Investigation) summarizing the results. The report will be reviewed by the County, NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health. Using information from the investigation, an Alternatives Analysis report will be developed which will outline what remedy will be used to clean up the Site, if necessary. Copies of the Remedial Investigation report and the Alternatives Analysis report will be placed in the project repository for public review once they are complete. These documents should be available for public review in spring 2006.

## **WHO SHOULD I CALL IF I HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE SIX VACANT LOTS SITE?**

### Project related questions

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## **DEFINITIONS**

**Remedial Investigation** The RI fully defines and characterizes the type and extent of contamination at the site. The AAR, which may be conducted after the RI, uses information developed during the RI to develop alternative remedial actions to eliminate or reduce the threat of contamination to public health and the environment.

**Alternatives Analysis Report (RI/AAR)**

**Document Repository** A file of documents pertaining to a site's remedial and citizen participation programs which is made available for public review. The file generally is maintained in a public building near the Brownfield site to provide access at times and a location convenient to the public.

**Citizen Participation** A program of planning and activities to encourage communication among people affected by or interested in Brownfield sites and the government agencies responsible for investigating and remediating them.

**DOCUMENT REPOSITORIES:** Public understanding and involvement are important to the success of New York Brownfields program. To keep you informed, the Chautauqua County and NYSDEC has established a local document repository for this site and have placed site documents in it for your review. The local document repositories for this site are at:

James Prendergast Library or;  
509 Cherry Street  
Jamestown, N.Y. 14701  
(716) 484-7135

NYSDEC's Buffalo Office  
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For an appointment, please contact  
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