



FACT SHEET

Remedial Action Work Plan

**Dobbs Ferry Waterfront Park
Site No. V00628-3
Westchester County
January 2007**

Public Comment Period Announced

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) in cooperation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) announces the availability of the Remedial Action Work Plan for the Dobbs Ferry Waterfront Park site. The work will be carried out by the Village of Dobbs Ferry which signed a Voluntary Cleanup Agreement (VCA) with the NYSDEC on July 3, 2003 and an amendment to the VCA on October 25, 2005.

The Village has volunteered to investigate and remediate contamination found on the site which a 322 by 202 foot rectangular area adjacent to the north end of the Dobbs Ferry Waterfront Park in the Village of Dobbs Ferry. See following site maps. The Village performed a site investigation under the VCP between January 28, 2005 and March 31, 2005, and has proposed a site remedy including the installation and maintenance of a clean soil cover.

The Release of the Remedial Action Work Plan initiates a 30 day public comment period and a process of finalizing the remedy selected for this site. Your comments and input about the proposed remedy are important and encouraged. Comments will be received by the NYSDEC during the period of **January 10 through February 9, 2007**. Comments should be postmarked by February 9, 2007 and submitted to:

Kathryn Eastman, NYSDEC Project Manager
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Albany, NY 12233-7014

Highlights of the Draft Remedial Action Work Plan

The RAWP has several goals:

- 1) identify cleanup levels to be attained or the process to be used to determine these levels;
- 2) explain why the Remedial Action Work Plan concludes that the results of remediation will protect public health and the environment; and
- 3) provide a detailed description of the remedy selected to address site contamination.

The 1.5 acre site was formerly part of an unlined and uncapped landfill which was operated by the Village as a 2 acre, disposal area for municipal solid waste and construction and demolition debris between approximately 1950 and 1970. As a result of these landfill activities, onsite surface and sub-surface soil contamination exceeds NYSDEC Recommended Soil Cleanup Objectives for metals and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). Onsite groundwater contains low concentrations of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) and metals, some of which exceed NYS groundwater standards. The low level contaminant concentrations measured onsite are typical of urban fill and municipal solid waste.

To prevent exposure to site-related contamination, the RAWP has proposed a remedy for the Dobbs Ferry Waterfront Park site consisting of a clean soil cover system and the prohibition of groundwater use. The remedy includes the following components:

- Clearing and grubbing of the site.
- Installation of erosion controls and regrading to level the site.
- Placement of geo-textile fabric as a demarcation barrier.
- Placement of a clean soil cover system to include 18 inches of imported soil material, 6 inches of top soil and a covering of sod or seeded grass.
- Installation of an entrance pathway from the parking lot.
- Installation of a (6) six foot perimeter fence that will restrict public access to the remaining, uncapped portion of the historic landfill site.
- Institution of a deed restriction that will restrict the use of onsite groundwater, restrict use of the site to "active recreational use" as an athletic playing field, and restrict any future development that would impact the integrity of the engineered soil cover.
- Institution of a Site Management Plan that will require appropriate management of residual contaminated soils that may be excavated during future activities; establish a long term groundwater monitoring and erosion control plan; affirm the Village's commitment to maintain a vegetative cover over; and eliminate physical hazards on the adjacent, uncapped property also containing urban fill material.

Voluntary Cleanup Program: New York State's Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) was developed to encourage the cleanup of "brownfield" sites and to reduce development pressures on "greenfield" sites.

A **brownfield** is any real property that is difficult to reuse or redevelop because of the presence or potential presence of contamination.

For more information about the VCP, visit NYSDEC website:

<http://www.dec.state.ny.us/website/der/vcp>

Next Steps

NYSDEC will consider public comments when it completes its review, when it makes any necessary revisions to the proposed remedy, and (if appropriate) when it approves the RAWP. NYSDOH must also concur in the approval of the RAWP. After NYSDEC approves the RAWP, the approved RAWP will be placed in the document repository, and the Village of Dobbs Ferry will proceed with the construction of the site remedy. It is estimated that construction activities will take approximately nine to twelve months.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Document Repositories

Document repositories have been established at the following locations to help the public to review important project documents. These documents include the draft Remedial Action Work Plan, the Remedial Investigation Report, the Voluntary Cleanup Agreement (VCA) and the Amendment to the VCA that the Village has with the NYSDEC:

The Dobbs Ferry Public Library
55 Main Street
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522
(914) 693-2200
Mon/Wed 1-8pm, Tues/Thurs 10am-6pm,
Fri/Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 1-5pm

Regional NYSDEC Office
21 South Putt Corners
New Paltz, NY 12561
(845) 256-3154
Monday-Friday 8:30am -4:30pm
Call for appointment

Who to Contact

Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:

Project Related Questions

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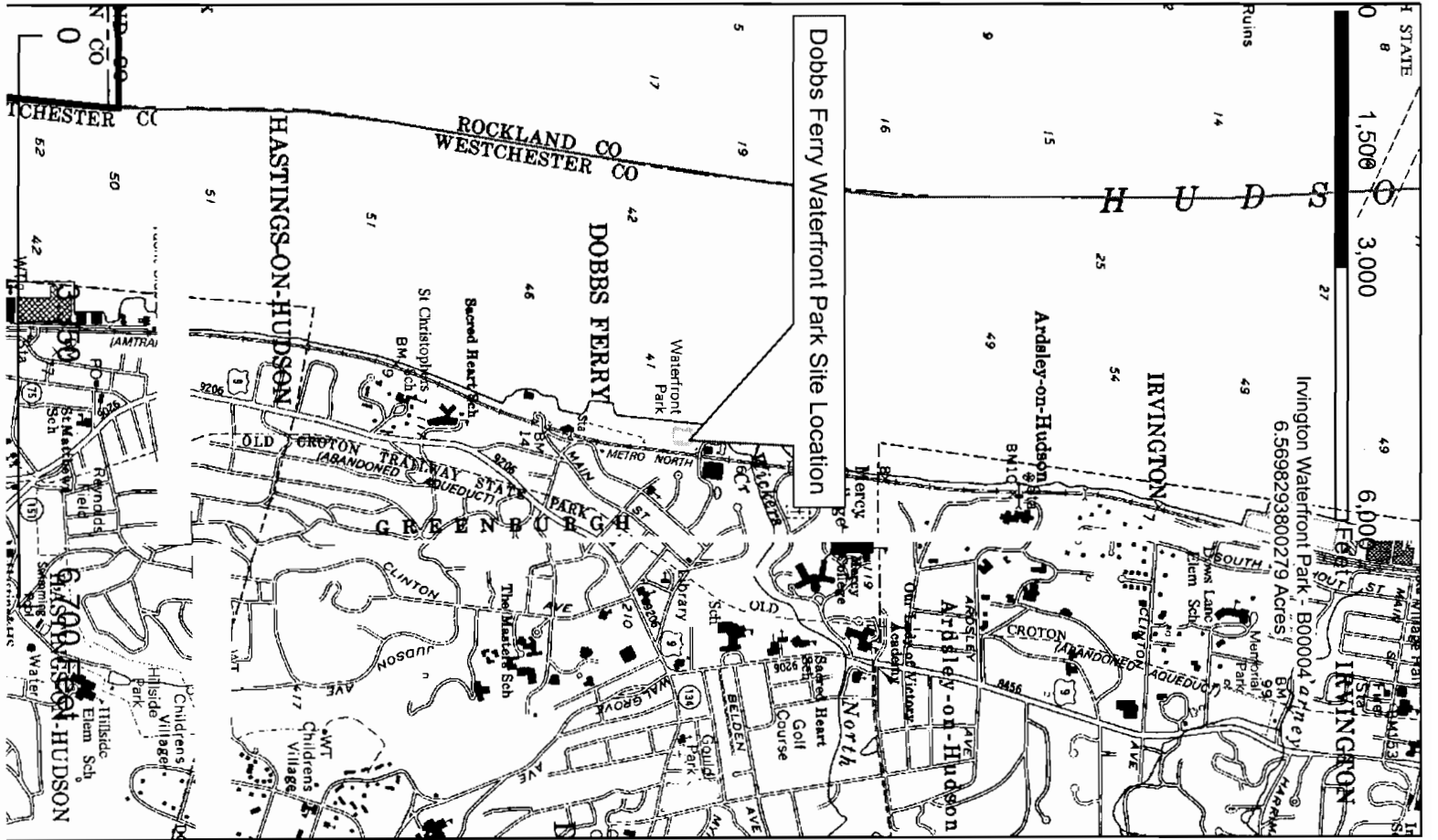


Figure 1 - Site Location Map
 Dobbs Ferry Waterfront Park Site
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Legend

- Site Location

