



FACT SHEET

Environmental Restoration Program

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Site Name: Gansevoort/Franklin Street Parcel
DEC Site #: B00055
Address: Corner of Gansevoort and Franklin Streets
Albany, NY 12202

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Cleanup Action Completed at Municipal Brownfield Site

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) has completed the cleanup requirements to address contamination related to the Gansevoort/Franklin Street parcel site ("site") located at the corner of Gansevoort and Franklin streets in the city of Albany, Albany County, under New York Works II/New York State's Environmental Restoration Program. Please see the map below for the site location.

NYSDEC has issued a Certificate of Completion regarding the site. A copy of the Certificate of Completion is available at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information." Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's website at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfmx/extapps/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=B00055>

The cleanup activities were performed by NYSDEC's contractor, Precision Environmental Services, for a total cost of \$30,690.

Completion of Project

A one-foot thick site cover consisting of type 2 sub-base gravel (crusher run) was placed at the site to allow for commercial use. The cover was installed due to the presence of historic fill that contains a few metals and semi-volatile organic compounds above commercial soil cleanup objectives. An Environmental Easement was also placed on the site which restricts groundwater use, requires implementation of a Site Management Plan, and restricts the use of the property to commercial or light industrial use.

Final Engineering Report

NYSDEC prepared the Final Engineering Report, which:

- 1) Describes the cleanup activities completed.
- 2) Certifies that cleanup requirements have been or will be achieved for the Site.
- 3) Describes any institutional/engineering controls to be used. An *institutional control* is a

non-physical restriction on use of the site, such as a deed restriction, when contamination left over after the cleanup action makes the site suitable for some, but not all uses. An *engineering control* is a physical barrier or method to manage contamination such as a cap or vapor barrier.

4) Certifies that a Site Management Plan for any engineering controls used at the site has been prepared by NYSDEC.

The following institutional controls have been or will be put in place on the site:

- Site Management Plan
- Environmental Easement
- Groundwater Use Restriction
- Land Use Restriction

The following engineering controls have been or will be put in place on the site:

- Cover System

Background

Location: The Gansevoort/Franklin Street Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) site is a 0.6 acre vacant property owned by Albany County in the south end of the city of Albany located on the corner of Gansevoort and Franklin streets. The site is a few blocks from downtown Albany and I-787, and the Hudson River is approximately 0.5 miles to the east. The site is situated in a moderately developed commercial/industrial area. A newly built liquor store borders the northwest corner of the site. St. John/St. Ann Parish and a vacant public bathhouse are located immediately north. A gas station/convenience store is located adjacent to the northwest corner of the Site. Warehouses are located to the east and south, including a commercial business located to the south. Although residences are not adjacent to the site, there are residential neighborhoods in close proximity to the site.

Site Features: The site is relatively flat with a few trees and consists of a total of seven tax parcels.

Current Zoning and Land Use: The current Environmental Easement allows the site to be used for commercial or light industrial use and is currently vacant.

Past Use of the Site: The site is believed to have been residential until approximately 1945 when it was acquired by Wm. McEwan Coal Company and served as a coal yard in the late 1940's and mid 1950's. The McArdle and Cazazzar Trucking Company used the site in the late 1960's. The property was subsequently acquired by Grand Realty Company and remains vacant. It was acquired by Albany County through foreclosure in 1973.

Site Geology and Hydrogeology: Historic fill was found to depths of approximately four feet below ground surface (bgs). Underlying the fill layer are lacustrine silts and clays of varying thicknesses which were deposited in pre-glacial Lake Albany. Bedrock was not encountered during previous investigations, but regional geology suggests it consists of shale with minor amounts of mudstone and sandstone. The site remedy called for a Site Cover. As such, approximately one foot of type 2 sub-base/crusher run gravel was placed over the site.

Site groundwater flows to the east, consistent with the regional flow towards the Hudson River. The depth to groundwater ranges between four and nine feet below ground surface.

Environmental Restoration Program: New York's Environmental Restoration Program (ERP) reimburses municipalities for their costs to investigate and clean up municipality owned contaminated properties. Once cleaned up, the properties may be redeveloped for commercial, industrial, residential or public use.

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 ERP, visit: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8444.html>

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Where to Find Information

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

John A Howe Branch Library
105 Schulyer Street
Albany, NY 12202
phone: 518-472-9485
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Who to Contact

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

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As a listserv member, you will periodically receive site-related information/announcements for all contaminated sites in the county(ies) you select.

Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

Figure 1: Gansevoort/Franklin Street, ERP Site #B00055, Site Location Map



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