



Department of  
Environmental  
Conservation

# FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

90-02 168th Street Site

90-02 168th Street  
Jamaica, NY 11432

SITE No. C241243

NYSDEC REGION 2

May 2021

## Where to Find Information

Access project documents through the  
DECinfo Locator

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C241243/>  
and at these location(s):

### Queens Public Library - Central

89-11 Merrick Blvd  
Jamaica, NY 11432  
(718) 990-0700

### Queens Community Board #12

90-28 161<sup>st</sup> Street  
Jamaica, NY 11432

*\*Repositories may be temporarily  
unavailable due to COVID-19 precautions.  
If you cannot access the online repository,  
please contact the NYSDEC project  
manager listed below for assistance.*

## 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](http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html)

## Remedy Proposed for Brownfield Site Contamination; Public Comment Period Announced

The public is invited to comment on a proposed remedy being reviewed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), in consultation with the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), to address contamination related to the 90-02 168<sup>th</sup> Street Site ("site") located at 90-02 168<sup>th</sup> Street, Jamaica, NY. Please see the map for the site location.

Based on the findings of the investigation, NYSDEC in consultation with NYSDOH has determined that the site does not pose a significant threat to public health or the environment.

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a "Draft Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP)" for 45 days, from **May 27 through July 10, 2021.**

- Access the RAWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C241243/>.
- 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.

**Draft Remedial Work Plan:** The proposed Unrestricted Use remedy consists of:

- Installation of a support of excavation (SOE) system;
- Excavation and off-site disposal of all site soils exceeding the unrestricted use soil cleanup objectives (SCOs);
- Installation of a soil vapor barrier/waterproofing membrane as a precautionary measure and foundation construction element.
- If an Unrestricted Use cleanup is not achieved, implementation of a Site Management Plan (SMP) would also be required for long-term maintenance of the remedial systems; and
- If an Unrestricted Use cleanup is not achieved, recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper future use of the site.

The proposed remedy was developed by 90Ninety LLC ("applicant") after performing a detailed investigation of the site under New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). A "Remedial Investigation Report", which describes the results of the site investigation was submitted concurrently with the Remedial Action Work Plan and is also available for review at the locations identified in the left column.

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**Next Steps:** NYSDEC will consider public comments, revise the cleanup plan as necessary, and issue a final Decision Document. NYSDOH must concur with the proposed remedy. After approval, the proposed remedy becomes the selected remedy. The applicant(s) may then design and perform the cleanup action to address the site contamination, with oversight by NYSDEC and NYSDOH.

NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

**Site Description:** The site consists of an approximately 2.28-acre property located at 90-02 168<sup>th</sup> Street in Jamaica, NY. The property is bounded to the north by 90<sup>th</sup> Avenue, to the east by 168<sup>th</sup> Street, to the west by a church complex, a religious bookstore, and residential buildings, and to the south by commercial retail buildings. Records indicate that the site was developed prior to 1886 with residential dwellings and stables. Commercial properties were present on the site by 1925 including a plumbing shop and paint storage shed. An auto repair shop and church were present on the northern portion of the property in the 1940s and 1950s. By 1963 all on-site structures were demolished, and the property has since been utilized for parking. Planned redevelopment includes a mixed-use commercial and residential building with underground parking.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C241243) at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/externalapps/derexternal/index.cfm?pageid=3>

**Summary of the Investigation:** The primary contaminants of concern at this site include semi-volatile organic compounds

(SVOCs), metals and pesticides in soil, and volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in soil vapor.

**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 NYSDEC that are applicable based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property, in accordance with applicable regulations.

For more information about the BCP, visit:  
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

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[www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html](https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html)

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

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## Site Location

