

# FORMER GENEVA FOUNDRY SITE

## Off-Site Air Deposition Area Cleanup

State Superfund Program

23 Jackson Street, Geneva, NY 14456

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FOR INFORMATION ON NEW YORK'S STATE SUPERFUND PROGRAM, SITE NO. C835027A:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/107812.html>

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) will continue the cleanup of properties in neighborhoods adjacent to the Former Geneva Foundry Site (Site No. C835027A), located at 23 Jackson Street in Geneva, Ontario County, beginning in March 2023. Based on the January 2017 Record of Decision (ROD), the cleanup includes removal of contaminated soil from properties located near the former foundry (see Figure 1 on page 2). This will be the seventh year of a multi-year cleanup effort.

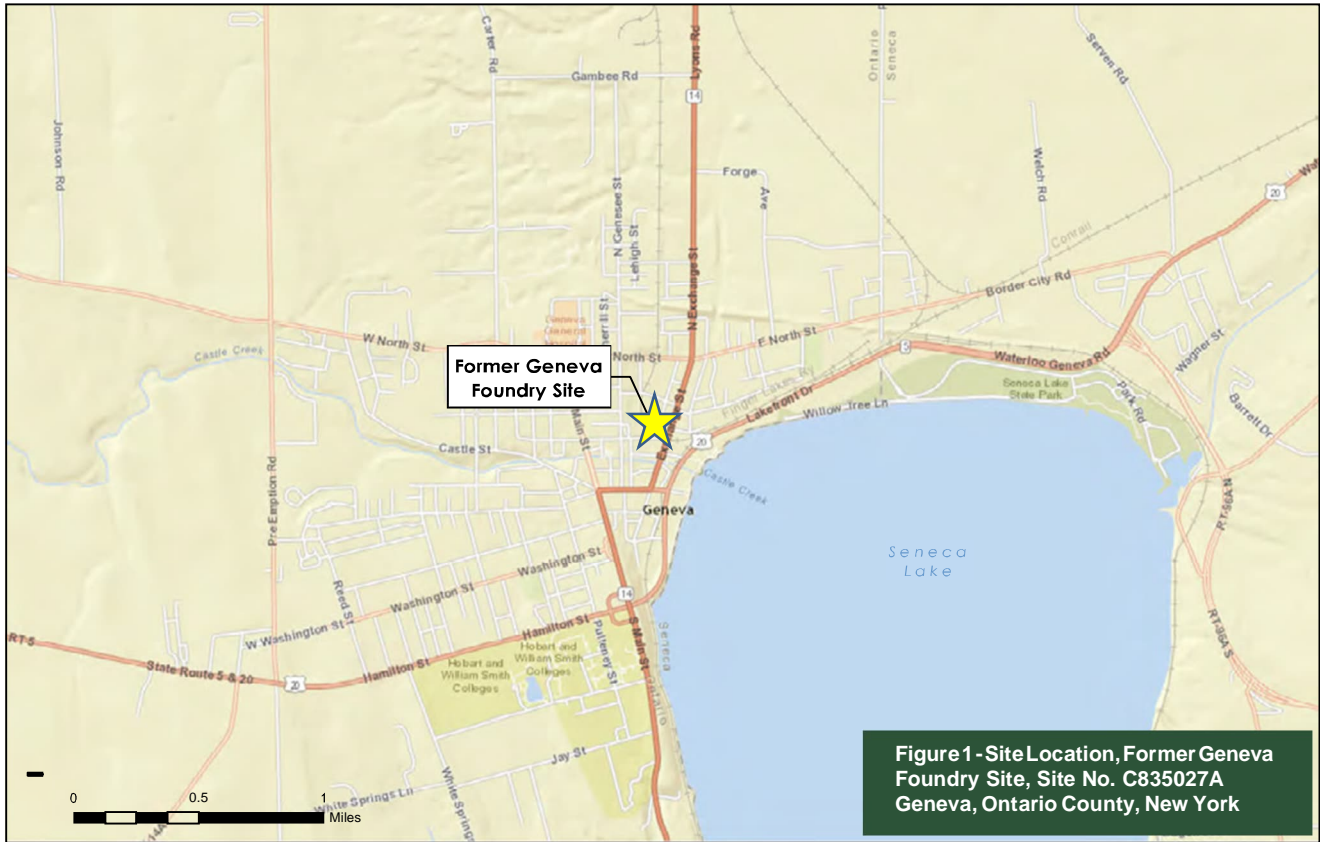
Beginning in March, soil removal and restoration activities will resume in areas adjacent to the former foundry. This year's construction activities related to the cleanup of contamination are expected to continue into December 2023, weather permitting. All remaining project activities are expected to be completed during the first half of 2024.

Throughout the upcoming construction season, DEC will individually meet with property owners identified for remediation to review and discuss their soil data, confirm their consent for property access to allow remediation to take place, and coordinate remedial and restoration activities.

Please contact DEC and DOH if you have questions about these activities.

### Highlights of Activities Planned for 2023

- Up to 38 contaminated properties are anticipated to be cleaned up in 2023 and early 2024, pending property owner agreements. This is in addition to 179 properties where remedial activities were previously completed and 23 other properties that did not require cleanup.
- Landscaping and other restoration activities will be completed at properties where remediation was completed during 2022, but where final restoration could not be completed before winter.
- Construction will occur in areas along Genesee, Geneva, Lewis, and Tillman streets (see Figure 2 on page 3).
- Work and equipment operation will typically take place five days per week (Monday through Friday), generally between 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- Construction activities will be performed by LaBella Associates of Rochester, with oversight provided by DEC's engineering consultant, Ecology and Environment Engineering and Geology, P.C.
- DEC and its consultants and contractors will continue to follow New York State COVID-19 guidelines.
- Areas that are disturbed during the cleanup will be restored to pre-existing conditions in consultation with each property owner. Prior to being brought to the site, all backfill materials will be tested to demonstrate that they meet DEC requirements that are protective of public health and the environment.
- Two existing construction staging areas on State Street and Lehigh Avenue will continue to operate. Cleanup of the staging area at 60 Middle Street was completed in January 2023. A new temporary materials staging area was constructed at 42 Geneva Street in February 2023.



**Figure 1 - Site Location, Former Geneva Foundry Site, Site No. C835027A Geneva, Ontario County, New York**

## Site Background

The Geneva Foundry was operational from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century until 1988 and manufactured a variety of metal products. Air emissions (fly ash) from the former foundry’s furnace contained lead and arsenic, which were deposited onto the soil in the surrounding area. DEC is designing and implementing site-specific cleanup plans of mostly residential properties to remove the contaminants from impacted properties.

The project is being funded and conducted by DEC under the State Superfund Program. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the locations identified below under “Where to Find Information.” Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC’s website at:

<https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/107812.html>



**Excavation plans for each property are reviewed with property owners prior to construction.**



# DEC Will Remove Contaminated Soils and Restore Properties

Soil identified for remediation will be excavated and disposed of off-site at a permitted facility. All areas that are disturbed during the removal will be restored, including lawns, sidewalks, driveways, trees, shrubs, garden beds, sheds, decks, etc.

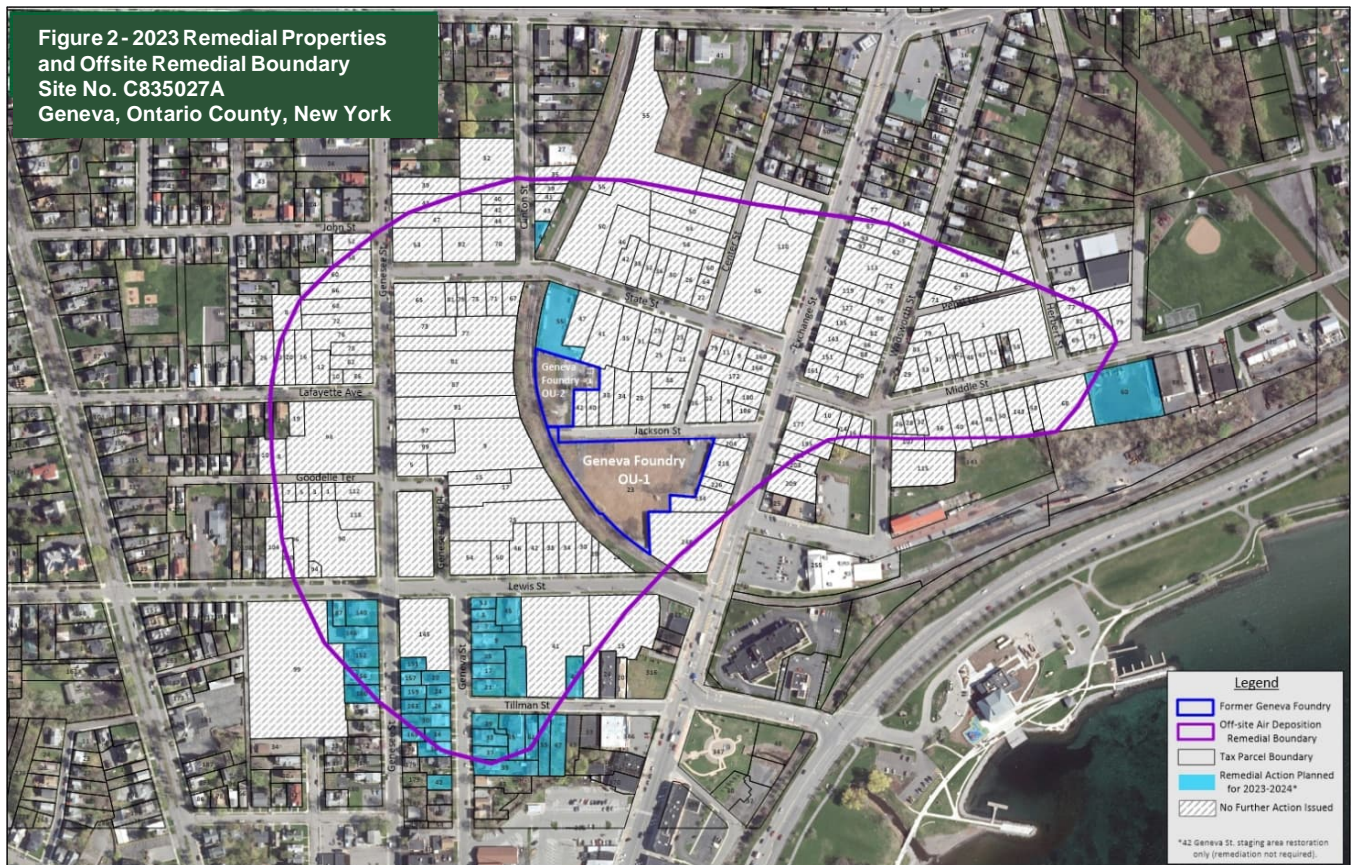
Trucks will be lined with plastic sheeting and covered to properly secure all material during transport. Truck traffic patterns will be designed to minimize congestion on local roads and maintain safety in the community. Truck traffic will also be minimized when school buses are picking up and dropping off students near work zones.

DEC and DOH approved a Community Air Monitoring Plan that requires continuous air monitoring during all excavation and backfilling activities to ensure no additional contamination is released to the environment or adjacent properties during the cleanup.

DEC and its consultants have completed soil sampling within the remedial boundary required to prepare property-specific excavation and restoration plans and have shared these results with property owners. DEC will continue to collect post-excavation samples and continue to test all imported fill materials as needed. Owners and residents in areas remaining to be remediated will be kept informed as areas are scheduled for cleanup. DEC is adaptively managing this project to ensure the remediation and restoration activities are completed as efficiently as practicable while continuing to ensure the protection of public health and the environment and minimize disruption to the community.



Soil samples collected from each property are tested by a certified laboratory, and the results are shared with the property's owners.





## Remedial Action Status



Since 2017, DEC, DOH, and their consultants and contractors have completed cleanups of 179 properties. Initial investigations determined that 23 properties did not require remedial action. To date, a total of 202 properties in the off-site remedial area have completed and assigned “No Further Action” status.

2023 is expected to be the last full year of project cleanup activities. The remaining 38 properties to be addressed are expected to be cleaned up in 2023. Some work will continue into 2024, including final cleanup and demobilization from project equipment and materials staging areas and completion of restoration work at properties remediated in 2023.

More information about the cleanup action is available at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/107812.html>.

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#### DECinfo LOCATOR

Use DEC’s interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites:  
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/pubs/109457.html>

For more information about State Superfund sites, visit:  
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8439.html>

### WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION



Project documents are available at these locations to help the public stay informed:

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Geneva, New York 14456  
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Avon, New York 14414  
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Please call for an appointment.

Project documents also are available on DEC’s project website at:  
<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/107812.html>