



FACT SHEET

Environmental Restoration Program

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Site Name: Ronkonkoma Wallpaper Site
DEC Site #: E152191
Address: 934 Easton Street
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779

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Cleanup Action to Begin at Municipal Brownfield Site

Remedial action will begin the week of September 11, 2017 to address the contamination related to the Ronkonkoma Wallpaper Site ("site") located at 934 Easton Street, Ronkonkoma, Suffolk County under New York State's Environmental Restoration Program. Please see the map for the site location.

Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information."

The cleanup activities will be performed by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC and Suffolk County).

Highlights of the Upcoming Cleanup Activities

The goal of the cleanup action for the site is to achieve cleanup levels that protect public health and the environment. The cleanup action for the site includes:

Excavation and disposal of soil to a maximum depth of 2 feet across the site. Soil exceeding restricted-residential Soil Cleanup Objectives (SCOs) in the upper 2 feet will be removed. Excavated areas will be backfilled with clean fill to create a soil cover over any remaining contamination.

This remedy will allow the site to be redeveloped for restricted-residential, commercial or industrial uses (based on local zoning), however, an Environmental Easement and a Site Management Plan will be required to manage residual contamination at the property.

Next Steps

After the cleanup activities are complete, a Final Engineering Report will be prepared and submitted to NYSDEC. The Final Engineering Report will describe the cleanup activities completed and certify that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved.

When the work has been completed to NYSDEC's satisfaction, NYSDEC will issue a document to the municipality called a "Certificate of Completion." This document releases the municipality from liability related to the site and allows the site to be re-used.

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

Background

Location:

The property is located on the south side of Easton Street, in Ronkonkoma, Suffolk County. The Site is bounded on the east by Raynor Street, on the west by Elm Avenue, and on the south by residential properties. The site is approximately 3.3 acres in size.

Site Features:

There are currently no structures at the site. Tall grasses, shrubs and trees are present over much of the site. Asphalt parking and driveways exist through the central, eastern and northwestern areas.

Current Zoning and Land Use:

The site is zoned for industrial use. The site is currently vacant. The site is surrounded by chain link fence and the gates are locked.

Past Use of the Site:

A former industrial building (approximately 35,000 square feet in size) and a separate boiler building (approximately 850 square feet in size) with a brick stack approximately 50 feet high previously existed at the site. The original building was constructed in the 1920's and was reportedly used for the manufacture of paints. It is not known when the facility converted from paint manufacturing to custom wallpaper production, but the wallpaper business left the facility before 1984. The site was then used to manufacture synthetic lumber construction shapes.

Suffolk County acquired the property in 2001 through tax lien foreclosure. In 2002, the Real Property Unit of the Suffolk County Department of Planning made the decision to demolish the buildings on-site. Demolition of the on-site buildings was completed in March 2004 and the County subsequently entered the Environmental Restoration Program.

Site Geology and Hydrogeology:

The aquifer of concern at the former Ronkonkoma Wallpaper site is the Upper Glacial Aquifer which is an unconsolidated mixture of sand and gravel. The approximate thickness of the Upper Glacial Aquifer in Suffolk County is 100 feet.

Clay layers, such as the Gardiners Clay and the "20 Foot Clay," where present, may act as local confining units, separating the Upper Glacial Aquifer from the underlying Magothy Aquifer which is the principal source of drinking water in Suffolk County.

Depth to groundwater was approximately 65 feet below ground surface in monitor wells installed at the site, and groundwater flow is to the south.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's website at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/externalapps/derexternal/haz/details.cfm?pageid=3&progno=E152191>

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.

Sachem Public Library
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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.



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