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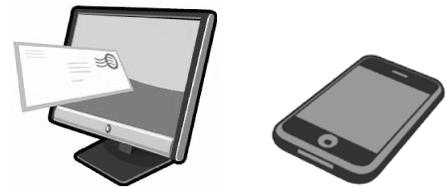
DEC's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) now distributes information about contaminated sites *electronically by email*.

If you would like to continue to receive information about the contaminated site featured in this fact sheet:

You must sign up for the DER email listserv:

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

DER cannot register your email address - only the email address owner can do so. If you already have signed up for the listserv for the county in which the site is located, you need do nothing.



Why You Should Go “Paperless”:

- Get site information faster and share it easily;
- Receive information about all sites in a chosen county - read what you want, delete the rest;
- It helps the environment and stretches your tax dollars.

If “paperless” is not an option for you, call or write to the DER project manager identified in this fact sheet. Indicate that you need to receive paper copies of fact sheets through the Postal Service. Include the site name in your correspondence. The option to receive paper is available to individuals only. Groups, organizations, businesses, and government entities are assumed to have email access.



Department of
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Where to Find Information:

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

Phillis Wheatley Community Library

33 Dr. Samuel McCree Way
Rochester, NY 14608
phone: (585) 428-8212

**Plymouth-Exchange (PLEX)
Neighborhood Assoc.**

Attn: Dorothy Hall
Carlson Commons
70 Coretta Scott Crossing
Rochester, NY 14608
phone: (585) 328-6916
info@PL-EX.org

Project documents also are available on the City of Rochester website at:
<https://www.cityofrochester.gov/article.aspx?id=8589966089>

Who to Contact:

Comments and questions are always 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

FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Portion of Former
Vacuum Oil Refinery
Rochester, NY 14608

SITE No. C828190
NYSDEC REGION 8

August 2019

Report Recommends Cleanup of Brownfield Site Contamination

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) is reviewing the Remedial Investigation Report for the Portion of Former Vacuum Oil Refinery site ("site") located on the south side of Flint Street and adjacent to the Genesee River in the City of Rochester, Monroe County. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the cleanup of this site can be found at the locations identified to the left under "Where to Find Information."

Remedial Investigation Report: The Remedial Investigation Report (RIR) describes the results of the site investigation and recommends development of a remedy to address the contamination that was found. The RIR was submitted by the City of Rochester ("applicant").

Highlights of the Remedial Investigation Report: Semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) and metals (primarily arsenic), are the primary compounds found in soils at concentrations above use-specific soil cleanup objectives. The SVOCs and metals are present from the surface to depths up to 12 feet below grade and are present throughout the site. Soils with nuisance odors, staining and visible sheens associated with petroleum-related compounds are also present, especially in the northern part of the site.

Volatile organic compounds (VOCs), SVOCs, and metals are found in groundwater at concentrations above groundwater standards. Groundwater impacts are generally limited to the northern part of the site.

Contamination is likely the result of past site uses and historic fill, which is present throughout the site.

Next Steps: NYSDEC will complete its review, make any necessary revisions and, if appropriate, approve the investigation report. The approved report will be made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information" at left). The applicants may then develop a cleanup plan, called a "Remedial Work Plan." This plan describes how contamination will be addressed, with NYSDEC and NYSDOH overseeing the work. NYSDEC will present the draft cleanup plan to the public for its review and comment during a 45-day comment period. NYSDEC will keep the public informed throughout the investigation and cleanup of the site.

Site Description: The Portion of Former Vacuum Oil Refinery site is a 15.4-acre site located in the southwestern quadrant of the City of Rochester in the Plymouth-Exchange (PLEX) neighborhood.

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The site is currently undeveloped except for an asphalt-paved recreational trail that runs through the entire eastern side of the site from north to south. A grass-covered area is located east of the trail. The rest of the site is wooded.

Most of the site was part of the former Vacuum Oil refinery which operated from about 1866 to 1930. Other historical uses included a greenhouse, railroads, and canals.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the Site ID, C828190) at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/cfm/EXTAPPS/DEREXTERNAL/INDEX.CFM?PAGEID=3>

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 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:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>

We encourage you to share this fact sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or post this fact sheet in a prominent area of your building for others to see.

Receive Site Fact Sheets by Email

Have site information such as this fact sheet sent right to your email inbox. NYSDEC invites you to sign up with one or more contaminated sites county email listservs at:

www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html

It's quick, it's free, and it will help keep you better informed. 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 have already signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

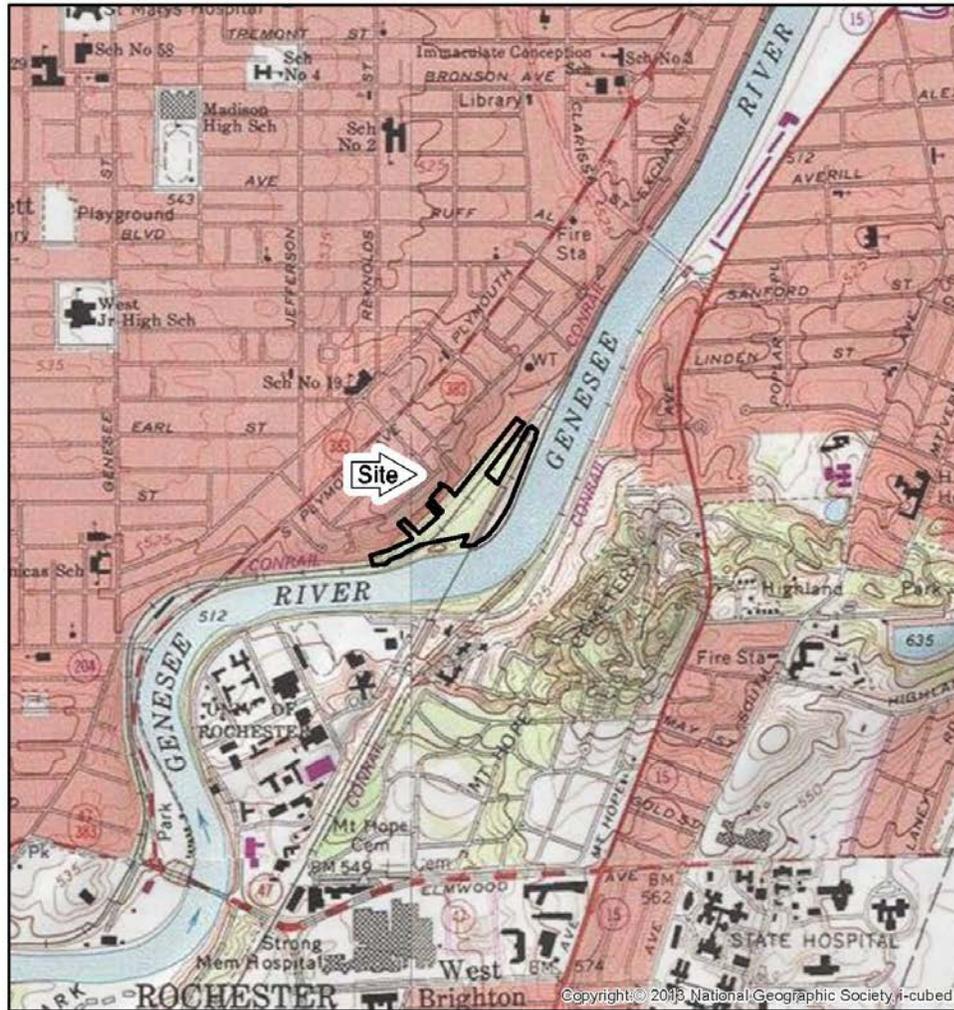
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Site Location Map

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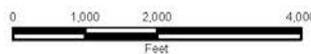


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SITE LOCATION



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