

NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF



ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION

Where to Find Information:

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

Brooklyn Public Library
Greenpoint Branch
107 Norman Ave
Brooklyn, NY 11222
(718) 349-8504
Call for hours

NYSDEC, Region 2 Office
47-40 21st Street
Long Island City, NY 11101
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Hours: Mon. to Fri. 8AM to 4 PM

Who to Contact:

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**For additional information on the New York's
Brownfield Cleanup Program, visit:**
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html

FACT SHEET #5

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Former BRT Railroad Car Barn

**16 Box St. & 1133 Manhattan Ave.
Brooklyn, NY 12222**

SITE No. C224153

NYSDEC REGION 2

October 2013

Cleanup Action Completed at Brownfield Site

Action has been completed to address the contamination related to the Former BRT Railroad Car Barn site ("site") located at 16 Box Street and 1133 Manhattan Avenue, Brooklyn, Kings County under New York State's Brownfield Cleanup Program. Please see the map for the site location.

The cleanup activities were performed by 1133 Manhattan Avenue LLC ("Volunteer") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC). The Volunteer has submitted a draft Final Engineering Report (FER) for NYSDEC review which states that cleanup requirements have been or will be achieved to fully protect public health and the environment for the proposed site use.

Site Description and Background: The Site is approximately 1.147 acres and is comprised of 2 tax lots designated as Block 2482, Lot 26 and a portion of Lot 21. Both lots have frontage along Box Street and Clay Street between Commercial Street and Manhattan Avenue. Lot 26 also has frontage along Manhattan Avenue. With the exception of a commercial business in a small portion of lot 21, the buildings on both lots are currently vacant. Both Lots were part of the former Brooklyn Rapid Transit (BRT) Railroad Car Barn. Residual contamination from these historic uses has impacted the soil, groundwater and soil vapor at the Site.

Highlights of the Site Cleanup: The following activities have been completed to achieve the remedial action objectives:

- Removal of an existing 2,000 gallon underground fuel oil tank system and petroleum impacted soil from the northwest corner of the property.
- Removal of petroleum contaminated groundwater from the UST area and treatment of residuals with an application of chemical oxidants.
- Screening for indications of contamination (by visual means, odor, and monitoring with PID) of all excavated soil during any intrusive Site work;
- Collection and analysis of end-point samples to evaluate the performance of the remedy with respect to attainment of Track 1 SCOs;

Next Steps: When NYSDEC approves the FER, it will be made available to the public (see "Where to Find Information" on page 1). NYSDEC then will issue a Certificate of Completion (COC) which will be announced in a fact sheet that is sent to the site contact list. The applicant(s) would be able to redevelop the site after receiving a COC. In addition, the Volunteer:

- would have no liability to the State for contamination at or coming from the site, subject to certain conditions; and
- would be eligible for tax credits to offset the costs of performing cleanup activities and for redevelopment of the site.

A COC may be modified or revoked if, for example, the Volunteer does not comply with the terms of its Brownfield Cleanup Agreement with NYSDEC.

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BROWNFIELD CLEANUP PROGRAM

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 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 BCP, visit:

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

Contact the NYSDEC project manager if you have any concerns or questions on implementation of the work plan, or if you or someone you know would like to be added to the project contact list to receive future fact sheets for this Site. 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 available at the following web page:

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. You may continue also to receive paper copies of site information for a time after you sign up with a county listserv, until the transition to electronic distribution is complete.

Site Location Map

