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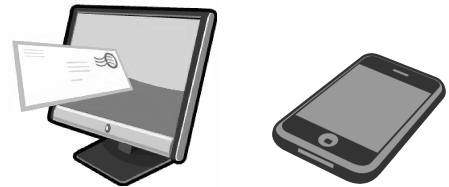
DEC's Division of Environmental Remediation (DER) now distributes information about contaminated sites *electronically by email*.

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### Why You Should Go “Paperless”:

- Get site information faster and share it easily;
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- It helps the environment and stretches your tax dollars.

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# FACT SHEET

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Third Street Gowanus  
125 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11231

**SITE No. C224346**

**NYSDEC REGION 2**

July 2023

## Where to Find Information:

Access project documents through the DECinfo Locator and at these location(s):  
<https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224346/>

### Brooklyn Public Library

Carroll Gardens Branch  
396 Clinton Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11231  
(718) 596-6972

### Brooklyn Community Board 6

250 Baltic Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11201  
(718) 643-3027  
infobkcb6@gmail.com

## Who to Contact:

Comments and questions are welcome and should be directed as follows:

### Project-Related Questions

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### Project-Related Health 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 Third Street Gowanus site ("site") located at 125 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Brooklyn, 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. This decision is based on the nature of the existing contaminants identified at the site and the lack of potential for off-site migration of contaminants in the groundwater.

**How to Comment:** NYSDEC is accepting written comments about the proposed plan, called a "Draft Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP)" for 45 days, from **July 5 through August 18, 2023.**

- Access the RAWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C224346/>. 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 Restricted Residential Use remedy consists of:

- Excavation of contaminated soil associated with past site use to depths of 2 feet below ground surface (ft bgs) throughout the site and between 6 to 11 ft bg) in the western part of the site.
- Removing Underground Storage Tanks USTs if encountered;
- Treating contaminated groundwater through injection of chemical oxidants into the groundwater;
- Collecting and analyzing post-remedial soil and groundwater samples to evaluate the effectiveness of the remedy;
- Placement of a cover system, including a demarcation layer over areas without hardscape (buildings, asphalt or concrete) to address contamination remaining above restricted use Soil Cleanup Objectives (SCOs);
- Importing clean material that meets the established SCOs for use as backfill;
- Implementing a Health and Safety Plan and Community Air Monitoring Plan during all ground intrusive activities;

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- Implementing a Site Management Plan (SMP) for long-term maintenance of the remedial systems; and
- Recording of an Environmental Easement to ensure proper use of the site.

The proposed remedy was developed by Third Street Gowanus Owner 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 on Page 1.

**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 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 is located in the Gowanus neighborhood of Brooklyn. The site occupies Tax Block 462, Lot 6. The site is bounded to the north by 2<sup>nd</sup> Street; to the northeast by a 2-story industrial building; to the east by an asphalt parking lot; to the south by a vacant lot and 3-story building. The site is 0.47 acres with four buildings and paved parking areas. Since the late 1800s, the site has been used for a variety of industrial purposes. The current on-site buildings will be demolished prior to remediation. The site will be redeveloped as a mixed-use building with commercial spaces and apartments.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on NYSDEC’s

Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C224346) at:

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

**Summary of the Investigation:** The primary contaminants of concern at the site are semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) metals, and pesticides which are present site-wide in soil and groundwater. Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are present in soil vapor. The Site will be redeveloped through the construction of a multi-story mixed-use commercial and residential building.

**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 SCOs 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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## 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





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