

Status Update: Foundry Remediation October 2, 2019

I. NYSDEC Neighborhood Remediation Update

Remedial Design

- NYSDEC's engineer continued developing remedial designs for properties on the east side of Genesee Street and on Genesee Park Place that abut the railroad tracks. Additional limited soil sampling was conducted on this block, and building inspections are scheduled for October. Limited excavation may be conducted in the wooded areas of this block beginning in November. If so, property owners will be notified prior to the start of work.
- NYSDEC's engineer continued developing remedial designs for six properties on Herbert and Wadsworth Streets, on the north side of Pepsi Lane. Weather and time permitting, two properties on Herbert may be remediated this year, and the NYSDEC notified the owners of the possible remedial work.
- Design-level soil sampling was conducted on 33 properties in September, including properties on Clinton Street, Genesee Street, Goodelle Terrace, Lafayette Avenue, Lewis Street, and State Street, as well as Genesee Park, itself. NYSDEC will provide analytical results to property owners in approximately 3-4 months. Two additional properties remain to be sampled in October. Remedial designs will be developed for some of these properties during the upcoming winter and will be discussed with property owners in the spring.

Remedial Construction

- Excavation and backfill activities were completed at the St. Francis de Sales Church and Catholic Charities block of properties, and at additional properties on the south side of Middle Street east of Wadsworth Street, ending at 68 Middle Street. Restoration activities on this block will continue until the end of the annual construction season in late fall.
- Additional restoration activities were completed on the block of properties bounded by Genesee, Lafayette and John Streets. Most remaining restoration items will be completed this fall; some landscaping items will be completed in 2020.
- Final Construction Completion Reports will be mailed to owners of 2018 remedial construction properties in the first week of October. No Further Action letters were delivered to these owners in early 2019.
- Excavation is anticipated to begin this week or next week on two parcels on Clinton Street and two parcels on Herbert Street.

II. Foundry Remediation

Foundry remediation and restoration is complete. The City is maintaining the grass and trees.

For the Foundry property, the City is participating in the Environmental Restoration Program created under the Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act of 1996 to encourage, facilitate and provide State oversight and funding for municipal remediation of contaminated industrial properties. Through this program, the City is provided broad liability protection, which limits any lawsuit against the City. This means that the State, not the City, pays for any judgement entered against the City in connection with the contamination and any settlement of such an action. The City is currently in litigation and the State is covering the expenses. As with any claim against a municipality, we are not able to discuss details.

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Resident outreach – City of Geneva

Jessica Avila is working with residents throughout the design and construction phases and is available to all residents. She encourages anyone with concerns or ideas to contact her at City Hall on the first floor, at gnc@geneva.ny.us or 315-759-7354.

Residents waiting for remediation continue to utilize the Friday FoodLink Curbside or Farmer's Market voucher program for weekly fresh vegetables and fruits. Residents with dogs waiting for remediation can use the Dog Park voucher program by registering at the City Clerk's office at City Hall.