

Status Update: Foundry Remediation November 6, 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. Building inspections were completed on this block. Design drawings were issued for four properties on this block, and limited excavation will be conducted in the wooded areas of this block, possibly starting this week and continuing into early December. Meetings were held with affected property owners to review the remedial plans, and meetings will be held with additional owners in mid-November. DEC anticipates that the majority of the remedial work on this block, including the areas around the homes and buildings and near the streets, will be completed in 2020.
- NYSDEC's engineer issued remedial drawings for two properties that were subsequently remediated and restored on Herbert Street (see below). They also continued developing remedial designs for four properties on Wadsworth Street that DEC anticipates will be cleaned up in 2020.
- Design-level soil sampling was completed on additional properties on Genesee Street and Lewis Street. Analytical results will be provided to property owners in approximately 3-4 months.
- Building inspections were completed at approximately 35 properties on Clinton, Genesee, Lewis, and State Streets, Lafayette Avenue, and Goodelle Terrace. 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, backfill and restoration activities were completed at 66 and 70 Herbert Street and 41 Clinton Street.
- Restoration activities continued along the block of properties on the south side of Middle Street east of Wadsworth Street. Remaining landscaping items will be completed in 2020.
- Additional restoration activities were completed on the block of properties bounded by Genesee, Lafayette and John Streets. Additional fences will be installed this fall; most landscaping items will be completed in 2020.
- Final Construction Completion Reports were mailed to owners of 2018 remedial construction properties. No Further Action letters were delivered to these owners in early 2019.
- The construction contractor began winter shutdown activities at the staging area on Middle 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 gnrc@geneva.ny.us or 315-759-7354.

Residents waiting for remediation continue to utilize the Friday FoodLink Curbside that is available currently 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.