

Status Update: Foundry Remediation

December 4, 2019

I. NYSDEC Neighborhood Remediation Update

Remedial Design

- NYSDEC's engineer continued to develop remedial designs for properties on the east side of Genesee Street and on Genesee Park Place that abut the railroad tracks. Several design drawings were previously issued for this block, and an additional drawing was recently issued for a property on this block. NYSDEC and its engineer held meetings with several property owners to review the remedial plans. NYSDEC anticipates the remaining design drawings for properties on this block will be issued in December. NYSDEC also anticipates that the remedial work on this block, other than the work completed this fall (described below), will be completed in 2020.
- NYSDEC's engineer continued developing remedial designs for four properties on Wadsworth Street that NYSDEC anticipates will be cleaned up in 2020. Meetings will be held with these owners over the winter to review the remedial plans.
- NYSDEC anticipates issuing No Further Action letters later this month to the owners of the 37 parcels where excavation was completed in 2019. Copies of all NFA letters will be provided to the city and county clerks.
- Soil sampling results for the 37 properties where sampling was conducted this fall will be provided to the property owners in early 2020. NYSDEC's engineer will prepare remedial designs for properties in this group over the winter, and meetings will be held with property owners during winter or early spring 2020.

Remedial Construction

- 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 landscaping and fencing items were completed on the block of properties bounded by Genesee, Lafayette and John Streets. Remaining landscaping will be completed in 2020.
- Limited excavation was conducted in the wooded area behind the 77, 81 and 87-89 Genesee Street properties.
- NYSDEC's construction contractor anticipates that all site work will cease for the winter at the end of the first or second week of December, with the exception of small fencing tasks to be completed by the fencing subcontractor.
- NYSDEC and its contractors anticipate resuming construction activities in late March or April 2020.

II. Foundry Remediation

Foundry remediation and restoration is complete.

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 works 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. Curbside will be in Geneva on December 6th and 13th and then resume in January 2020. Residents with dogs waiting for remediation can use the Dog Park voucher program by registering at the City Clerk's office at City Hall.