

## Status Update: Foundry Remediation

### April 7, 2021

#### **I. New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)**

#### **Neighborhood Remediation Update**

##### **Remedial Design**

- The project team met with City officials in March to provide an update regarding plans for the 2021 season and to discuss Genesee Park.
- Correspondence regarding the proposed remediation of Genesee Park and the potential to protect certain trees in the park was provided to the City Manager over the winter. A decision from the City Council regarding the remediation of the park was respectfully requested by DEC by the end of May. The optimal time for cleanup of the park would be in late 2021.
- No Further Action letters were issued over the winter to the owners of 21 properties that were remediated in 2020. Summary reports for 2020 activities are in progress.
- The project team is in the process of meeting with the owners of properties on Goodelle Terrace, Genesee Street, and the north side of Lewis Street west of Genesee Park to review remedial designs, prior to the start of remedial activities later this month.
- Design drawings were completed over the winter for seven properties located in the area bounded by Genesee Street, State Street and Clinton Street. Design plans are in progress for the other five properties in this group. Cleanup of this block is anticipated to begin in late spring or early summer 2021.
- The analytical results of soil sampling completed in 2020 at 28 properties located between Exchange and Wadsworth Streets, both north and south of Middle St., were provided to property owners in December 2020. Supplemental soil sampling activities and visual structural assessments have also been completed at these properties. Additional data collection will continue through the design process. Remediation of these blocks are tentatively scheduled to occur in 2022.

##### **Remedial Construction**

- An annual Community Update fact sheet was mailed to property owners, residents, and other project stakeholders in February, prior to the start of the new construction season.
- NYSDEC's contractor resumed on-site project activities in March. Three project staging areas will continue to be operated on State Street, Middle Street, and Lehigh Avenue.
- Excavation and backfilling activities began at four properties on Wadsworth Street just north of Pepsi Lane. These activities will likely be completed by mid-April, to be followed by the restoration of each property.
- Trees were removed at 118 Genesee Street, in anticipation of excavation and backfilling activities beginning on that block of properties in April.
- Fencing was installed at a property on Lewis Street. Additional fences, plants, and trees will be installed this spring at properties on Lewis Street and Genesee Park Place that were remediated in 2020.

#### **II. City Foundry Site Remediation**

Foundry remediation and restoration is complete.

##### **Genesee Park Remediation**

The City Manager reviewed with City Council the NYSDEC and consultant team's additional investigation of additional trees that could remain during Genesee Park remediation plan.

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The City Manager will schedule a session with the community at the Park to review the info. City Council will ultimately decide on doing the remediation or not. The NYSDEC is looking for a response on whether or not to do remediation by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Resident outreach – City of Geneva**

FoodLink Curbside's mobile market's voucher program for fresh vegetables and fruits is operating with strict COVID-19 guidelines. The 2021 April to June schedule for the mobile truck coming on Friday is as follows: Salvation Army from 11:15 AM to 12:15 PM, Lyceum Heights Apartments 1:15 PM to 2:00 PM, Elmcrest Apartments 2:30 PM to 3:30 PM. If you have not used your voucher in some time, please contact Sage Gerling at 315-789-6104 to sign up again. The voucher program for the Dog Park is available with sign-ups in the City Clerk's office at City Hall. All voucher programs are available for residents waiting for remediation.

The City's liaison for the Foundry work is Liz Toner. [etoner@genev.ny.us](mailto:etoner@genev.ny.us) or 315-828-6585. Residents with questions on the NYSDEC's remedial design or construction activities can email Bob Gibson from the State's consultant team from Ecology and Environment, Inc. at [r gibson@ene.com](mailto:r gibson@ene.com).