

Status Update: Foundry Remediation

October 7, 2020

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

Neighborhood Remediation Update

Remedial Design

- NYSDEC's engineering contractor, construction contractor, and project arborist met with the Geneva City Manager and the Director of Public Works and Engineering to view and discuss the trees in Genesee Park. NYSDEC and NYSDOH will evaluate protecting additional trees in place during the proposed remediation of the park, which will not occur until 2021 at the earliest. The NYSDEC rescheduled the remediation of nearby properties at 112 and 118 Genesee Street and 90 Lewis Street to 2021.
- Preliminary excavation plans were developed for the group of properties bounded by Genesee Street, State Street and Clinton Street.
- Soil samples collected at 28 properties along Exchange, Wadsworth, and Middle Streets were analyzed for arsenic and lead. The analytical results for each property will be shared with the respective property owners later this fall.

Remedial Construction

- NYSDEC's contractor conducted restoration activities at properties along the eastern and western sides of Genesee Street north of Genesee Park, as well as properties on Genesee Park Place, the north side of Lewis Street between Exchange Street and Genesee Park, and 19 Lafayette Avenue.
- Landscaping items were installed at additional properties on Middle Street that were previously remediated. Landscaping activities will be conducted at additional remediated properties this month.
- Excavation and backfilling activities are anticipated to begin later this month at two or more properties on the east side of Wadsworth Street, just north of Pepsi Lane.

II. City Foundry Site Remediation

Foundry remediation and restoration is complete.

Genesee Park Remediation

The City Manager hosted two resident sessions regarding concerns over tree loss the proposed remediation plan for Genesee Park. Residents, Councilors and advocates came out. We went through the plans and concerns were discussed. As mentioned in the NYS DEC report above, the NYSDEC and NYSDOH were receptive to evaluating the ability to protect additional trees. No action will take place this Fall. The City Manager will report back to the community and City Council on the possibilities when ready. City Council will ultimately decide on doing the remediation or not.

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 on Friday at the Salvation Army from 11:15 AM to 12:30 PM, Seneca Street Apartments 1:45 PM to 2:45 PM, Elmcrest Apartments 3:15 PM to 4:15 PM. The Farmer's Market voucher program is available at the Wednesday market from 3:00 to 5:00 PM through October 14th. Voucher program for the Dog Park is available again. All voucher programs are available for residents waiting for remediation.

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