

CITY OF ROCHESTER

24 & 32 YORK STREET

ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP



City of Rochester, NY

Important Project Status Update: Cleanup activities are planned to begin on August 29, 2022 and are expected to be substantially completed by November 2022. Quarterly groundwater sampling will continue through 2023. Additional details below.

In September 2019, the City of Rochester acquired 24 York Street and 32 York Street, two adjacent properties in the Bull's Head Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA).

- 24 York Street is currently an asphalt-paved parking lot. Historically, the property has housed a blacksmith shop, a wood-working shop, a painting and harness shop, an auto repair facility, and a gasoline station with at least eight underground storage tanks.
- 32 York Street formerly contained a building that was historically used as a church and post office. The building was vacant and demolished by the City in 2020.

Prior to the acquisition, Phase II environmental site assessment investigations were conducted for both parcels to evaluate subsurface environmental conditions. There was sufficient evidence of petroleum contamination in soil and groundwater to warrant reporting a spill to the NYSDEC (NYSDEC Spill #1901036).

The historic use of 24 York Street as a gas station has resulted in petroleum impacted soil and groundwater, mostly located in the general location of the former gasoline station tanks and suspected pump islands. The area is serviced by the City public water supply and no groundwater is used for drinking water.

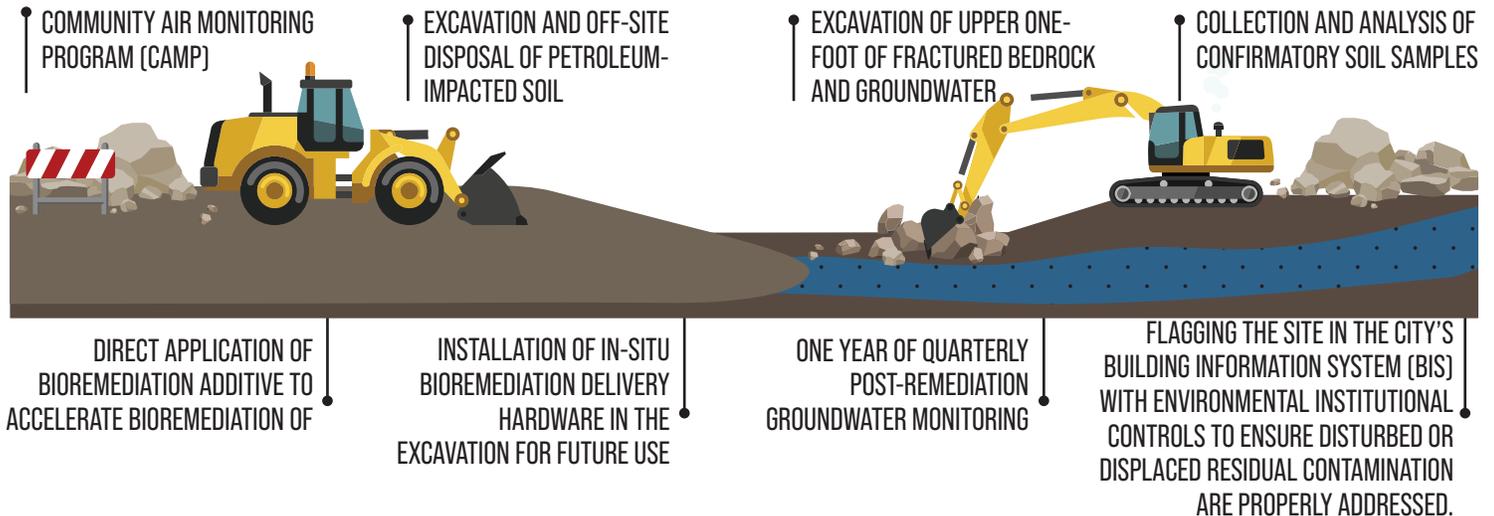
The City of Rochester was awarded a United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Cleanup Grant to remediate the site. In addition to funding received from the U.S. EPA, this project will be funded by the City.



The project site is located in the Bull's Head Neighborhood north of West Main Street and north of St. Mary's Hospital.

The environmental cleanup process will begin on August 29, 2022

The City has executed a Stipulation Agreement with the NYSDEC (dated February 11, 2022) for the cleanup of the site. The cleanup of 24 & 32 York Street is anticipated to begin on August 29, 2022 and be completed by November 2022. In addition to the planned cleanup activities outlined below, a NYSDEC Region 8 Soil and Groundwater Management Plan will be prepared to provide guidance in the event that residual petroleum impacts are encountered during future subsurface work. All cleanup goals are consistent with anticipated future uses as identified in Bull's Head Brownfield Area Revitalization Plan.



Cleanup standards and oversight

Through the Petroleum Spill Cleanup Program, representatives of the NYSDEC Region 8 office will approve project work plans, oversee the cleanup, and approve project reports.

NYSDEC Region 8

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Specific technical standards will align with the following NYSDEC guidance and policy:

Soil

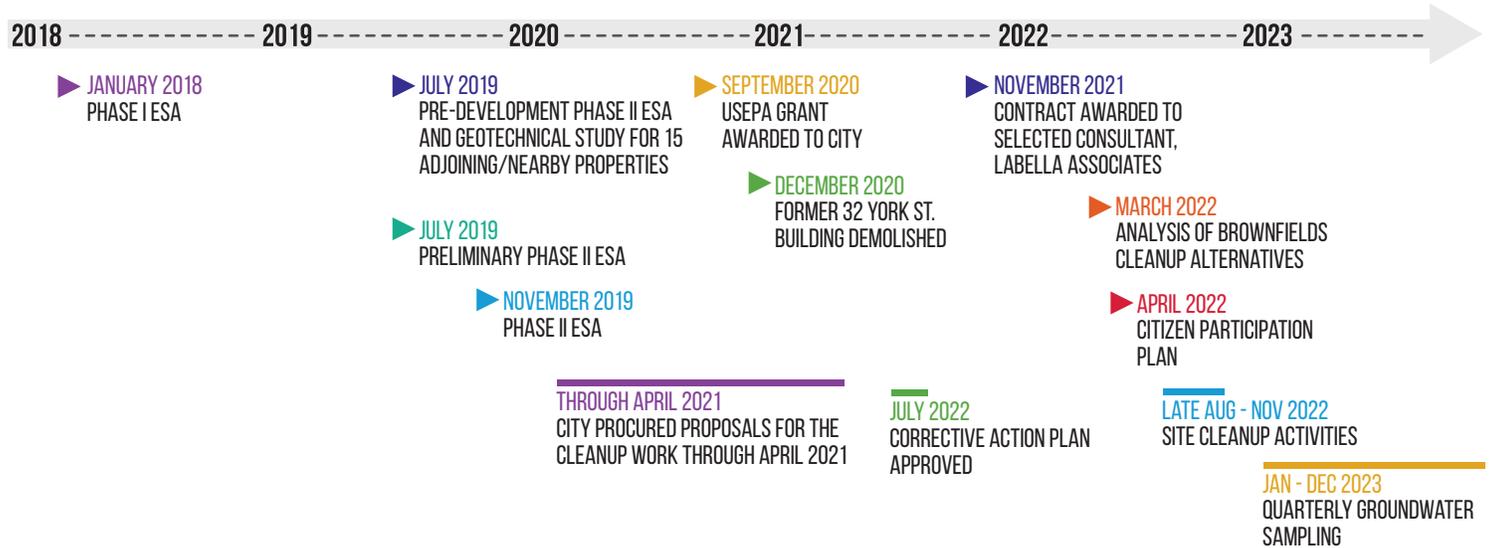
- 6 New York Codes, Rules and Regulations (NYCRR) Part 375 Restricted Residential Use Soil Cleanup Objectives
- NYSDEC Commissioner Policy 51 Soil Cleanup Levels

Groundwater (note that groundwater is NOT used for drinking water)

- Division of Technical and Operational Guidance Series, "Ambient Water Quality Standards and Guidance Values and Groundwater Effluent Limitations" (TOGS 1.1.1)

Schedule

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To learn more, visit www.cityofrochester.gov/yorkstcleanup.aspx

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