

William Street Park

State Superfund Program

Site No. 851055

Corning, Steuben County



Department of
Environmental
Conservation

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Cleanup Action to Begin at State Superfund Site

Action is about to begin that will address contamination related to the William Street Park site ("site") located at Dunbar St. & Hillvue Ave., Corning, Steuben County under New York's State Superfund Program. Please see the map for the site location. The cleanup activities will be performed by a state contractor, Groundwater & Environmental Services, Inc. ("remedial party"), with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) and Parsons Engineering of New York, Inc.

Cleanup activities are expected to begin in June 2026, and last about 3 months. The estimated cost to implement the cleanup is \$4,540,000.

The site is listed as a Class "2" site in the State Registry of Inactive Hazardous Waste Sites (list of State Superfund sites). A Class 2 site represents a significant threat to public health or the environment; action is required. The final version of the draft Interim Remedial Measure Work Plan that was noticed for public comment can be accessed below, including the project design drawings.

- Access project documents online through the DECinfo Locator:
<https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/851055/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified under "Where to find information."

Highlights of the Upcoming Cleanup Activities

The goal of the cleanup action for the site is to achieve cleanup levels that protect public health and the environment. The key components of the cleanup are:

- Excavation and off-site disposal of the upper 2 feet of soils that exceed the Restricted-Residential soil cleanup objectives ("SCOs") or contain ash, brick, and/or glass (ABG).
- Collection and analysis of post-excavation soil samples to evaluate the performance of the cleanup with respect to attainment of the SCOs.
- Construction of a soil cover across the entire site using existing clean cover soils and hardscapes in combination with a new soil cover in certain areas. Where the new soil cover is required, it will be a minimum of two feet of soil, meeting the SCOs for cover material for restricted residential use, with a demarcation layer and the upper six inches of soil of sufficient quality to establish and maintain a vegetative layer of grass.
- Recording an Environmental Easement to control future land use and to ensure implementation of the Site Management Plan.

A site-specific health and safety plan (HASP) and a Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) will be implemented during cleanup activities. The HASP and CAMP establish procedures to protect on-site workers and residents and includes required air monitoring as well as dust and odor suppression measures.

Next Steps

After cleanup activities are completed, DEC will prepare a Construction Completion Report (CCR) and a draft No Further Action with Site Management Proposed Remedial Action Plan (PRAP) for public comment. The CCR will describe the cleanup activities completed and certify that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved. The PRAP will describe institutional and engineering controls necessary to ensure the effectiveness of the remedy.

DEC will keep the public informed throughout the cleanup of the site.

Site Description

The site is located south of Dunbar St and Hillvue Ave and north of the Chemung River and is comprised of two parks, William Street and Hillvue Park. The total site is 28 acres and is used for community recreational purposes as a City park. The park features include a pavilion, two playground areas, recreational areas including a basketball court and a horseshoe pit, grass lawn areas, several buildings as well as flood control levy running east to west along the Chemung River. Analysis of 1938 through 1968 aerial photographs identified areas of extensive disturbance along the length of William Street Park that are consistent with landfilling activities.

Following cleanup of the site, the site will continue to operate as a park. The cleanup standard for the site will be the Restricted Residential Soil Cleanup Objectives.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, 851055) at:

<https://appfactory.dec.ny.gov/DERExternalSearch/ERDSearch>

Summary of the Investigation

The primary contaminants of concern at the site are inorganics (namely, arsenic, barium, boron, cadmium, chromium, lead, mercury) and semi-volatile organic compounds (SVOCs) which are associated with ABG and present site-wide in soil.

State Superfund Program

New York's State Superfund Program (SSF) identifies and characterizes suspected inactive hazardous waste disposal sites. Sites that pose a significant threat to public health and/or the environment go through a process of investigation, evaluation, cleanup and monitoring. DEC attempts to identify parties responsible for site contamination before committing State funds for investigation and cleanup.

For more information about the SSF, visit:

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/state-superfund-sites>

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Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

DECinfo Locator

Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <https://dec.ny.gov/maps/interactive-maps/decinfo-locator>

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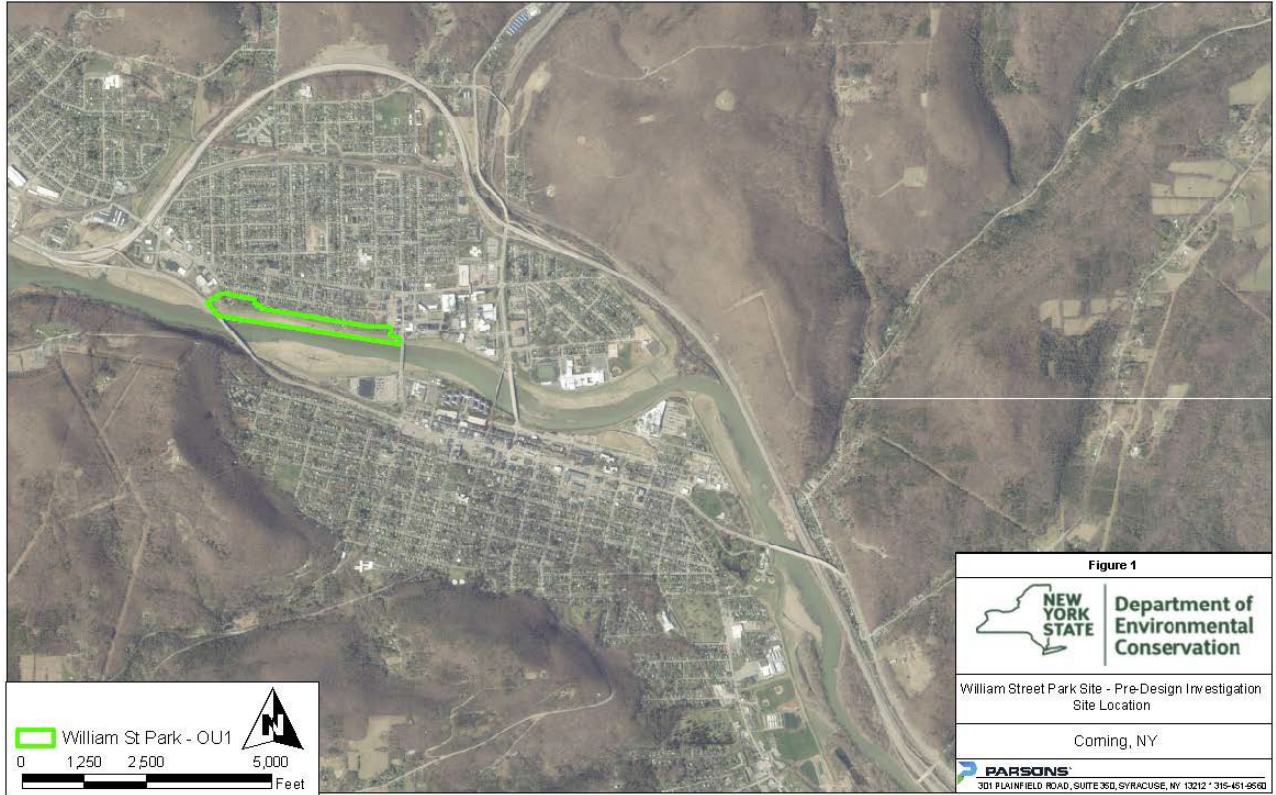
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Site Location



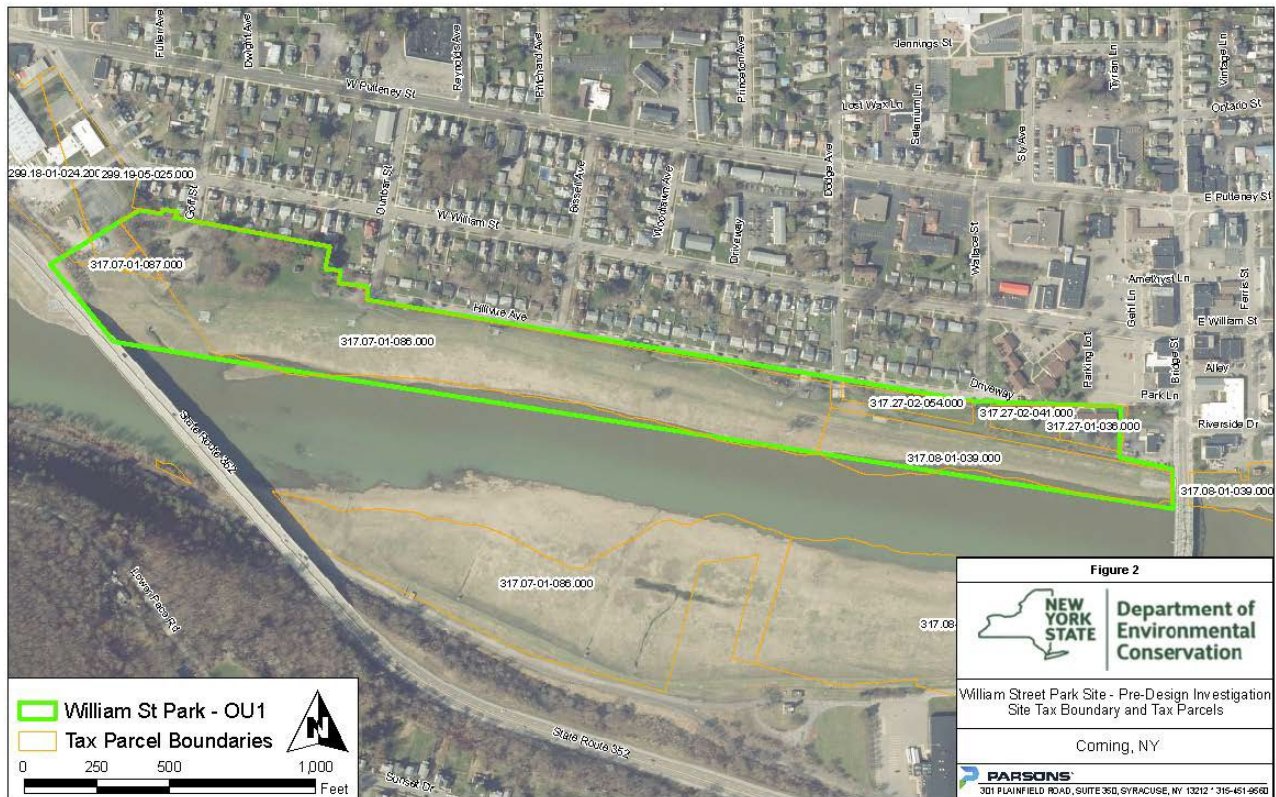




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William Street Park Site - Pre-Design Investigation
Site Tax Boundary and Tax Parcels

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