

Status Update : Foundry Remediation Update

6/7/17

**I. NYSDEC Neighborhood Remediation Update**

**A. Staging Area**

- Since last Council update, the City provided access to the State Contractors to establish a staging area at the Market Basket site on Lehigh Street

**B. Work at the “Priority Sites”**

- Properties have been identified as a priority site “based upon use (such as day care facilities), proximity to the former foundry site, and ability to secure access with the property owner.”
- Pre-Design sampling status
  - The contractors are completing the pre-design sampling in the Jackson / State / Center Street areas
  - Initial soil core sampling was completed at 31 Phase 1 design parcels (including the staging area)
    - Scheduling deeper core samples to define the vertical extent of the contamination
  - Analytical results have been received by the state and validated for 18 design parcels.
- Surveys
  - Property surveys for all design parcels are complete and under review.
  - Field surveys of sampling locations and property features are complete at 14 of the design parcels and that surveying continues
- Structural Inspections / Landscaping
  - Landscape and tree inventories were completed at the all parcels since the last meeting. Preliminary tree data has been received from the arborist and the report is pending
  - Building structural inspections were completed at 19 design parcels as of May 19<sup>th</sup>, and the rest were being scheduled for May and should be completed

**C. Anticipated Schedule from the State for 2017**

- State’s goal is to remediate two home-based daycare facilities and up to 15 other residential properties across the street from the Foundry site and to the west of Center Street in 2017
- The proposed work plans for these properties are being prepared by the State Contractor and will need approval of NYSDEC and NYSDOH
- Once approved, NYSDEC will meet with the property owner to discuss the results of the soil sampling, present the proposed plan for the property and address any specific property concerns.
- Homeowner meetings should start in mid-June.
- Excavation will occur in early July.
  - Initial clearing and excavation will take approximately 1 – 2 weeks
  - Backfilling will take approximately 1 to 2 weeks
  - The last step is the restoration, including grading with topsoil, installing sod, plantings, construction sidewalks and walkways, building driveways, installing fences, etc.
- NYSDEC will finalize the designs for the remaining priority parcels in 2017, so the excavation work can start in spring 2018
  - NYSDEC anticipates it will complete more remediations in 2018, given the earlier start in the year and through finding efficiencies from the remediation projects completed this year

#### **D. Work at the “Boundary Sampling” Sites**

- Access Agreements
  - Permission has been received at approximately 120 of 155 parcels.
  - Encourage owners to send in the access letters to NYSDEC
- Sampling
  - Sampling is complete at 107 parcels
  - Analytical results are being reviewed and analyzed and prepared for distribution to the owners.
  - NYSDEC will be identifying where remediation is necessary, and will prioritize the work in geographic areas.
  - The next group of design parcels will be identified and additional sampling taken in late summer and early fall 2017.
- Surveying
  - Surveying of sampling locations is underway at the pending completion of design parcel surveying.

#### E. Public Hearing

- The City continues its request for the State hold a public hearing, and we have learned one is being scheduled for late June

### **II. Foundry Remediation**

- Brownfield Cleanup Agreement was executed by NYSDEC in March
- City received comments from NYSDEC, and submitted a revised Work Plan on May 25, 2017
- Once approved, NYSDEC / NYSDOH will release a Fact Sheet to announce the start of the remediation field work
- We expect the remediation will start in August

### **III. Litigation Update**

- Nearly 100 Notices of Claims were filed against the City in January
- The City was obligated to send Notices to the Claimants to schedule a 50-h hearing, which it did and the hearings are scheduled for July through September