

**Public Notice of Brownfields Remedial Action Plan
401 North Main Street (Parcel 6) and 0 North Main Street (Parcel 7), Rochester, Hampshire**

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) has received the document entitled *Remedial Action Plan* (“RAP”) for the two contiguous properties located at 401 North Main Street (Parcel 6) and 0 North Main Street (Parcel 7; also formerly identified as 305 North Main Street) in Rochester, New Hampshire (“Site”). This document was prepared as a requirement of the state’s Brownfields Covenant Program (RSA 147-F).

The Site (Parcels 6 and 7) was used by the City of Rochester as a municipal solid waste landfill and burning dump (also known as the Old Rochester Landfill) until approximately 1963. Parcel 6 has been used as a car dealership and maintenance garage since 1962. From 1963 to 1973, Parcel 7 was also the location of an automobile dealership. From 1973 to approximately 2002, an Off-Price Furniture Outlet was located on Parcel 7. The Off-Price Furniture Outlet building was demolished in 2005. The western portion of Parcel 7 is currently unpaved and is used by the car dealership for vehicle parking.

The Site has been analyzed during several phases of investigation. As part of the most recent site investigation work in April and June 2020, cadmium (at one monitoring well), barium (at one monitoring well), and Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (“PFAS”) (at several monitoring wells) were detected in groundwater above applicable Ambient Groundwater Quality Standards (“AGQS”). Based on information available to date, the primary source of PFAS and metals impacts is attributed to the presence of Landfill debris. Impacts to soil were also identified, including polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and metals, that are also attributed to the presence of Landfill debris.

The RAP, the subject of this Notice, includes the following remedial activities: 1) establish a Groundwater Management Permit (“GMP”) to include both Parcels 6 and 7 and associated permanent groundwater monitoring wells; 2) continued groundwater monitoring and reporting in accordance with the requirements of the GMP and any subsequently issued permit renewals; and 3) establishing an Activity and Use Restriction (“AUR”) for the Parcels that will require specific evaluation activities at the time of property redevelopment. The AUR will limit property use to commercial and industrial and will require a Soil Management Plan and Landfill Gas Evaluation at the time of redevelopment. The RAP is available for review at the Rochester City Hall, 31 Wakefield Street, in Rochester New Hampshire, or can be accessed on NHDES’ OneStop Data and Information website using the following link:

<http://www4.des.state.nh.us/IISProxy/IISProxy.dll?ContentId=4855500>

Questions or comments concerning the RAP should be directed to Melinda Bubier, NHDES, Waste Management Division, 29 Hazen Drive, PO Box 95, Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0095; Tel. No. (603) 271-1169; E-mail: melinda.bubier@des.nh.gov. The comment period will end August 14, 2020.