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Facility Siting Process Update

New York State Canal Corporation/Allco/Leyerle

SUITABLE SITE

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Highlights

This fact sheet provides an update on EPA's evaluation of the New York State Canal Corporation/Allco/Leyerle site ("Canal Corp.") for use as a sediment processing/transfer (dewatering) facility needed for the cleanup of the Hudson River PCBs Superfund Site.

The Canal Corp. site has been identified as one of five suitable sites, but is not currently being carried forward in the design process.

Detailed information about the Canal Corp. site and other sites that were evaluated by EPA, and the facility siting process, can be found in the *Draft Facility Siting Report*, which is being released for public review and a 60-day comment period. The public comment period on the *Draft Facility Siting Report* began on May 3, 2004, and ends on July 1, 2004.

Public Forum

EPA will host a public forum to provide an update on the process and discuss the *Draft Facility Siting Report*. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2004, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Clifton Park Elks #2466, 695 MacElroy Road, Clifton Park, New York.

The Canal Corp. site is located in the Town of Halfmoon in Saratoga County (see Figure 1). The site is next to the Hudson River and is classified as rural vacant property.

The Canal Corp. site has several benefits, limitations, and additional design considerations, which are factors that could affect the ease of design. EPA believes that these issues can be addressed during design of the site and do not preclude its use as a dewatering facility.

Benefits of the Canal Corp. Site

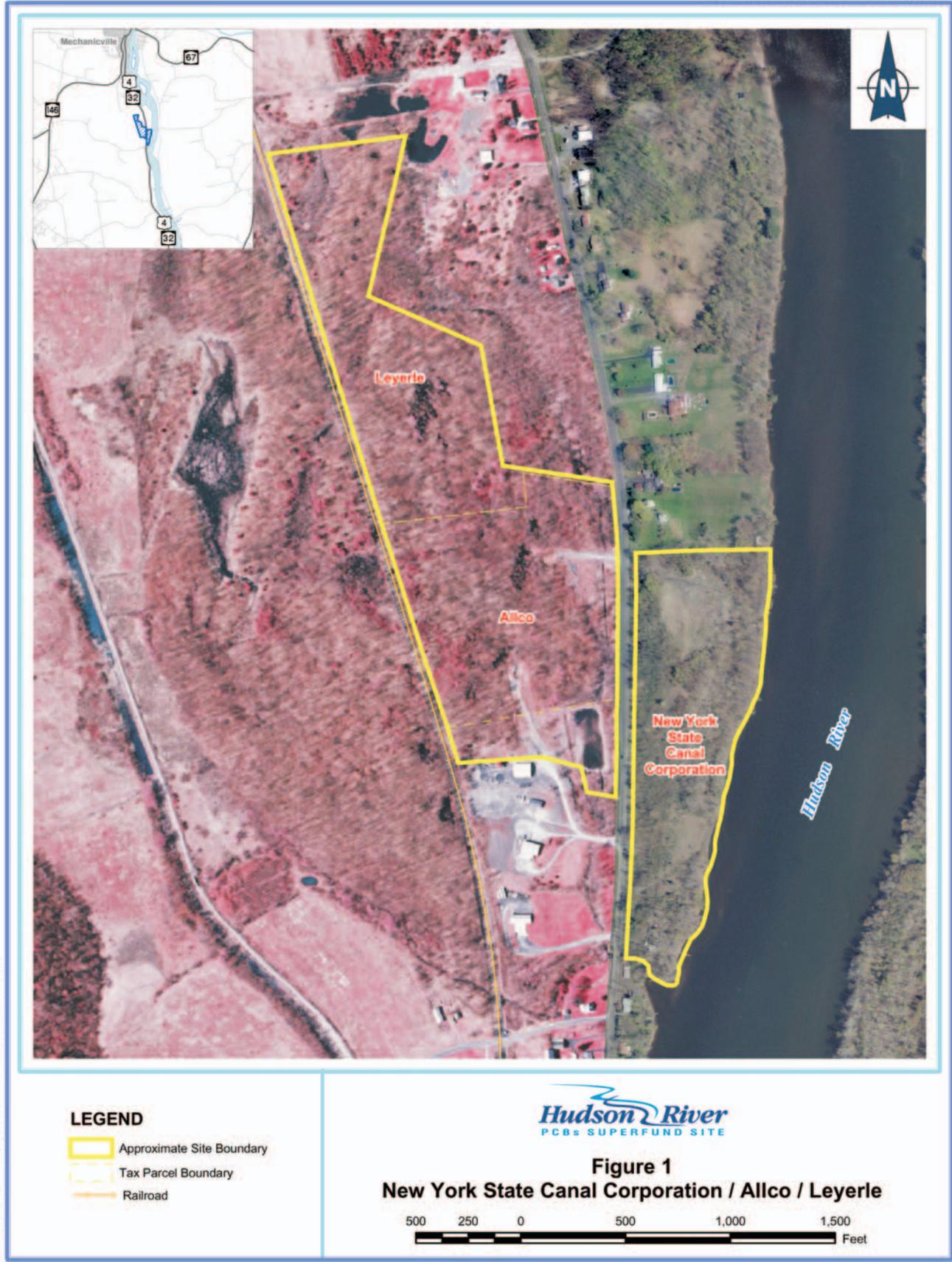
- Located directly on the Hudson River.
- Site has adequate river frontage.

- Site is in River Section 3; where approximately 20% of the dredging is expected to occur.
- Sufficient usable space to construct and operate dewatering and rail yard facilities.
- Direct access to Canadian Pacific rail line.

Limitations of the Canal Corp. Site

- Proximity to a known wintering area for the bald eagle. The potential for affecting the bald eagle habitat will be considered in the Biological Assessment being prepared by EPA.

While EPA plans to select one to three site(s) from the three recommended sites (Energy Park, Bruno, and/or OG Real Estate), the remaining two suitable sites (Old Moreau and Canal Corp.) may need to be reconsidered in the event a serious problem, such as an unforeseen design issue, arises at one of the recommended sites. EPA considers it very unlikely that the Canal Corp. would be reconsidered.



Additional Design Considerations at the Canal Corp. Site

- US Highway 4/State Route 32 separates the New York State Canal Corp. parcel from the Allco and Leyerle parcels, requiring the design and construction of a conveyor system either over or under the road.
- Shallow river areas close to the site may require extensive and frequent navigational dredging.
- Shallow river conditions along the waterfront and uneven surfaces along the eastern part of the site limit the waterfront area that could be used for the processing facility.

Summary

The benefits of the Canal Corp. site outweigh the limitations and additional design considerations. As a result of such analysis, the site has been identified as a suitable site. However, due to concerns regarding designing a safe and efficient system to transfer material either over or under US Highway 4/State Route 32, the site is not a recommended site at this time.

The *Draft Facility Siting Report* includes specific data about site conditions, sensitive resources, wetlands, potential contamination, floodplains, cultural resources, and other information that was used to identify suitable and recommended sites.

Background

In order to implement the cleanup of the PCB-contaminated sediments from the Upper Hudson River, EPA must locate and construct temporary facilities that will be used to dewater and transfer the dredged sediments. These facilities are an important part of the cleanup and will be selected, designed, and constructed to safely handle the dredged material. Four main operations will occur at these facilities:

- Transferring dredged sediments from barges or pipelines to the facility;
- Processing (dewatering) and stabilizing the sediments;
- Supporting an on-site water treatment facility to clean the water removed from the sediments (prior to discharge back to the river); and

- Transferring the stabilized sediments to rail and/or barge for disposal at an existing licensed landfill outside of the Hudson River Valley.

In September 2003, Canal Corp. was identified as one of seven Final Candidate Sites for the construction and operation of dewatering facilities. Following on-site investigations and technical evaluations, this site was identified as one of five suitable sites. However it is not currently being considered as one of the three recommended sites that will be carried forward in the design process.

Public Review

The *Draft Facility Siting Report*, which describes the entire facility siting process and provides detailed site information on all the candidate sites, is available at the information repositories located in Glens Falls, Fort Edward (Hudson River Field Office), Ballston Spa, Albany, Poughkeepsie, New York City (EPA Region 2 Office), and Edgewater, New Jersey. The electronic version can be found on the EPA project Web site at www.epa.gov/hudson. Copies are also available on CD-ROM by calling the Hudson River Field Office. The public can submit comments in writing via hard copy or E-mail. All comments should be sent to:

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