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Facility Siting Process Update

OG Real Estate

RECOMMENDED SITE

April 2004

Highlights

This fact sheet provides an update on EPA's evaluation of the **OG Real Estate** site for use as a sediment processing/transfer (dewatering) facility needed for the cleanup of the Hudson River PCBs Superfund Site.

The OG Real Estate site has been identified as one of five suitable sites and is one of three sites EPA is recommending to be carried forward in the design process.

Detailed information about the OG Real Estate 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* begins 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 Thursday, May 13, 2004, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Delmar Reformed Church - Fellowship Hall, 386 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York.

The OG Real Estate site is located in the Town of Bethlehem in Albany County (see Figure 1). The site is classified as vacant industrial property, most of which is surrounded by industrial property. It is located approximately 1.5 miles south of the City of Albany and is located on the Hudson River.

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

Benefits of the OG Real Estate Site

- Located directly on the Hudson River with adequate river frontage for site access.
- Sufficient usable space to construct and operate dewatering and rail yard facilities.

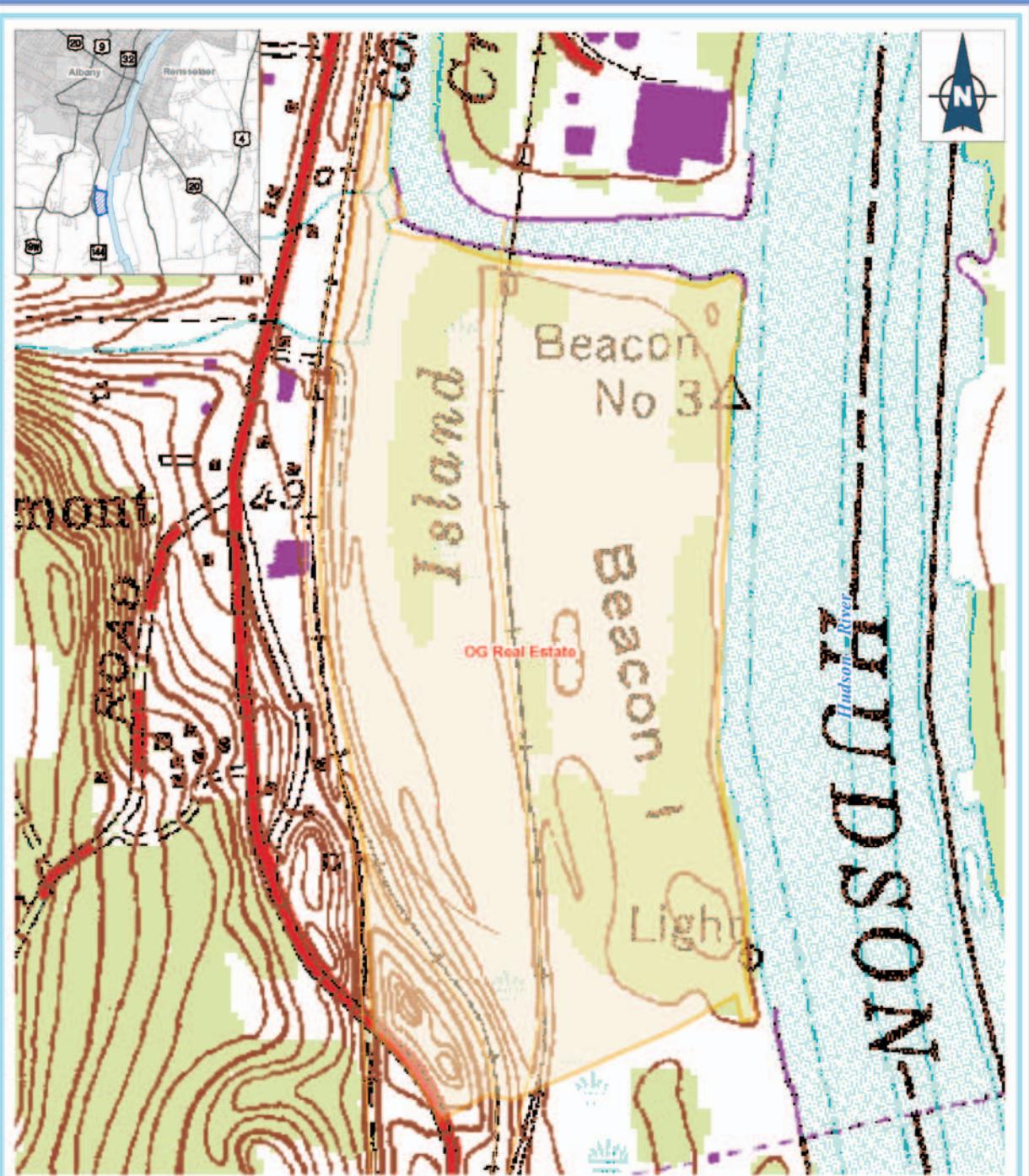
- Direct access to two active rail lines (CSX and Canadian Pacific) at the Port of Albany just north of the site, providing additional transportation flexibility to and from the site.
- Located south of the Federal Dam at Troy, where the navigational channel is deeper.

Limitations of the OG Real Estate Site

- Located below River Section 3 and dredge areas.
- Site is in a 100-year floodplain.
- Proximity to a known spawning area for the shortnose sturgeon. The potential for affecting the shortnose sturgeon 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 remaining suitable sites would be reconsidered.

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- Railroad
- Approximate Site Boundary

Due to the presence of "sensitive content," certain data/imagery is unavailable as directed by the NYS Office for Public Security.



Figure 1
OG Real Estate PCS

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Feet

Additional Design Considerations at the OG Real Estate Site

- The majority of the site has been filled with ash from the former Niagara Mohawk power plant, which could present subsurface foundation challenges during design.

Summary

The benefits of the OG Real Estate site outweigh the potential limitations; many of these limitations can be minimized and/or eliminated by designing a dewatering facility that lessens impacts on spawning habitats and addresses flooding and foundation concerns. Because the site's river access, size, and proximity to active rail lines and a deeper navigational channel provide substantial benefits over the site's limitations and design considerations, this site is suitable for use as a dewatering facility and is one of three sites EPA is recommending be carried forward in the design process.

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. The report also describes the status of future long-term development plans for the site relative to the potential use of the site for this project.

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, OG Real Estate was identified as one of seven Final Candidate Sites for construction and operation of dewatering facilities. Following on-site investigations and technical evaluations, this site has been identified as one of five suitable sites and one of three recommended sites to 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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