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## Facility Siting Process Update Bruno/Brickyard Associates/ Alonzo RECOMMENDED SITE

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### Highlights

This fact sheet provides an update on EPA's evaluation of the Bruno/Brickyard Associates/Alonzo site ("Bruno") for use as a sediment processing/transfer (dewatering) facility needed for the cleanup of the Hudson River PCBs Superfund Site.

The Bruno 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 Bruno 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 Wednesday, May 12, 2004, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Stillwater Community Center, 19 Palmer Street, Stillwater, New York.

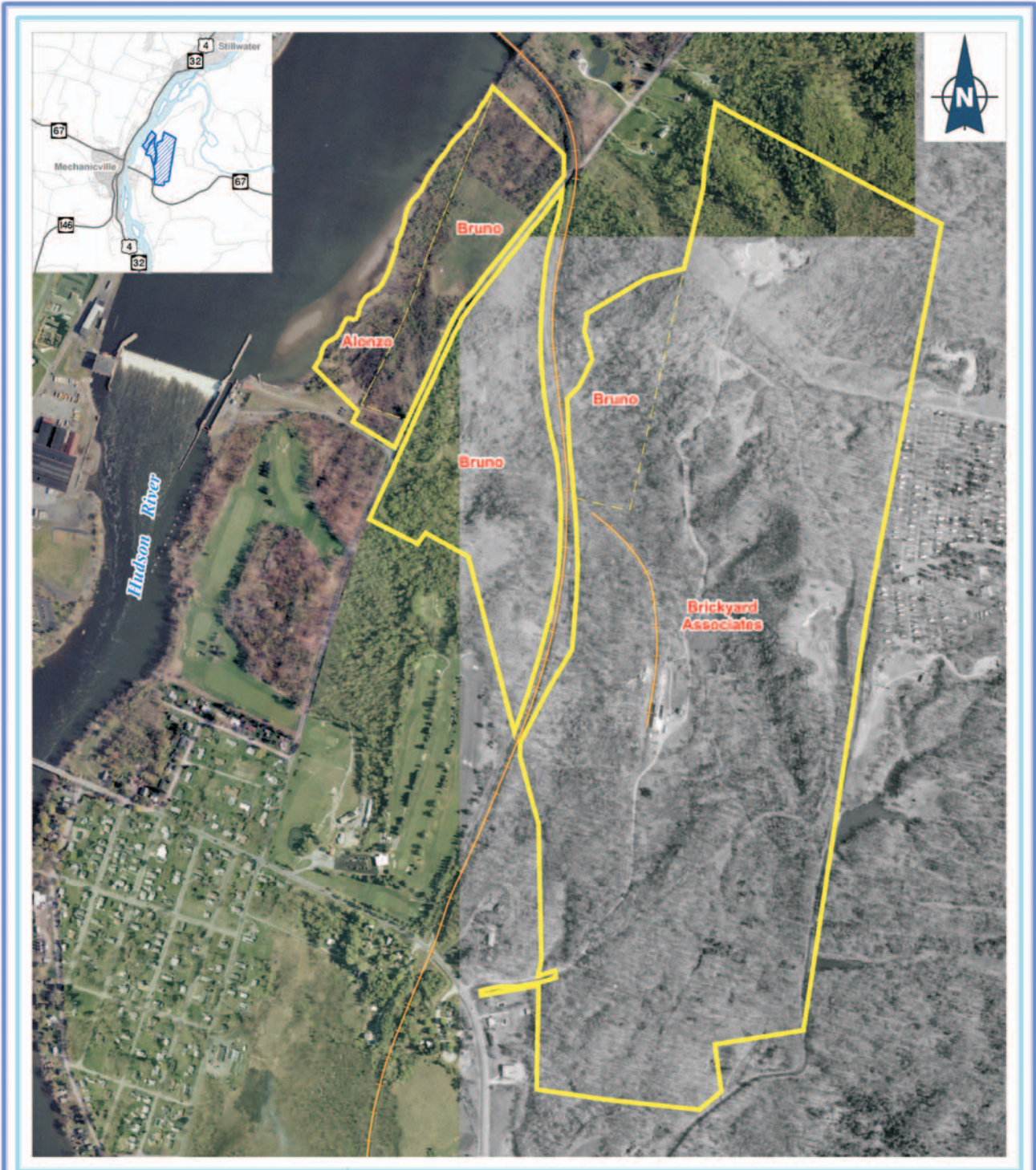
The Bruno site is located in the Town of Schaghticoke in Rensselaer County (see Figure 1). The site, composed of several different parcels, is classified as both rural/vacant and storage/warehouse/distribution property. It is located on the Hudson River and is next to an active rail line and existing road.

The Bruno 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 Bruno Site

- Located directly on the Hudson River with adequate river frontage.
- Located in River Section 3, where approximately 20% of the dredging will occur.
- Sufficient space to construct and operate dewatering and rail yard facilities.
- Direct access to the Guilford Rail System, providing additional transportation flexibility to and from the site.
- Site could be used for a sediment processing/transfer facility, with barging to another rail load-out facility.

*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.*



**LEGEND**

-  Approximate Site Boundary
-  Tax Parcel Boundary
-  Railroad



**Figure 1**  
**Bruno / Brickyard Associates / Alonzo**



### Limitations of the Bruno Site

- Waterfront located in the 100-year floodplain.
  - 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.

### Additional Design Considerations at the Bruno Site

- There is low clearance for water vessels traveling under the nearby rail bridge.
- Proper clearance and depth of the navigation channel depends on the water level adjustment made at the Upper Mechanicville Dam.
- The site's proximity to Lock 3 may cause a possible vessel congestion concern.
- Elevation differences between the riverfront the anticipated rail yard area, and Knickerbocker Road, which may impact the movement of material or personnel.

### Summary

The benefits of the Bruno site outweigh the potential limitations; many of these limitations can be minimized and/or eliminated in design and by locating the dewatering facility in a way that lessens impacts on Knickerbocker Road and avoids sensitive habitats. Other limitations such as proper clearance, floodplain issues and elevation concerns, will be factored in when designing the dewatering facility. This means that the Bruno site is suitable for use as a dewatering facility. Additionally, because this site offers proximity to an active rail line and sufficient usable space, EPA is recommending that this site 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.

### 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, Bruno 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 and is one of three sites that EPA is recommending 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](http://www.epa.gov/hudson). Copies are also 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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