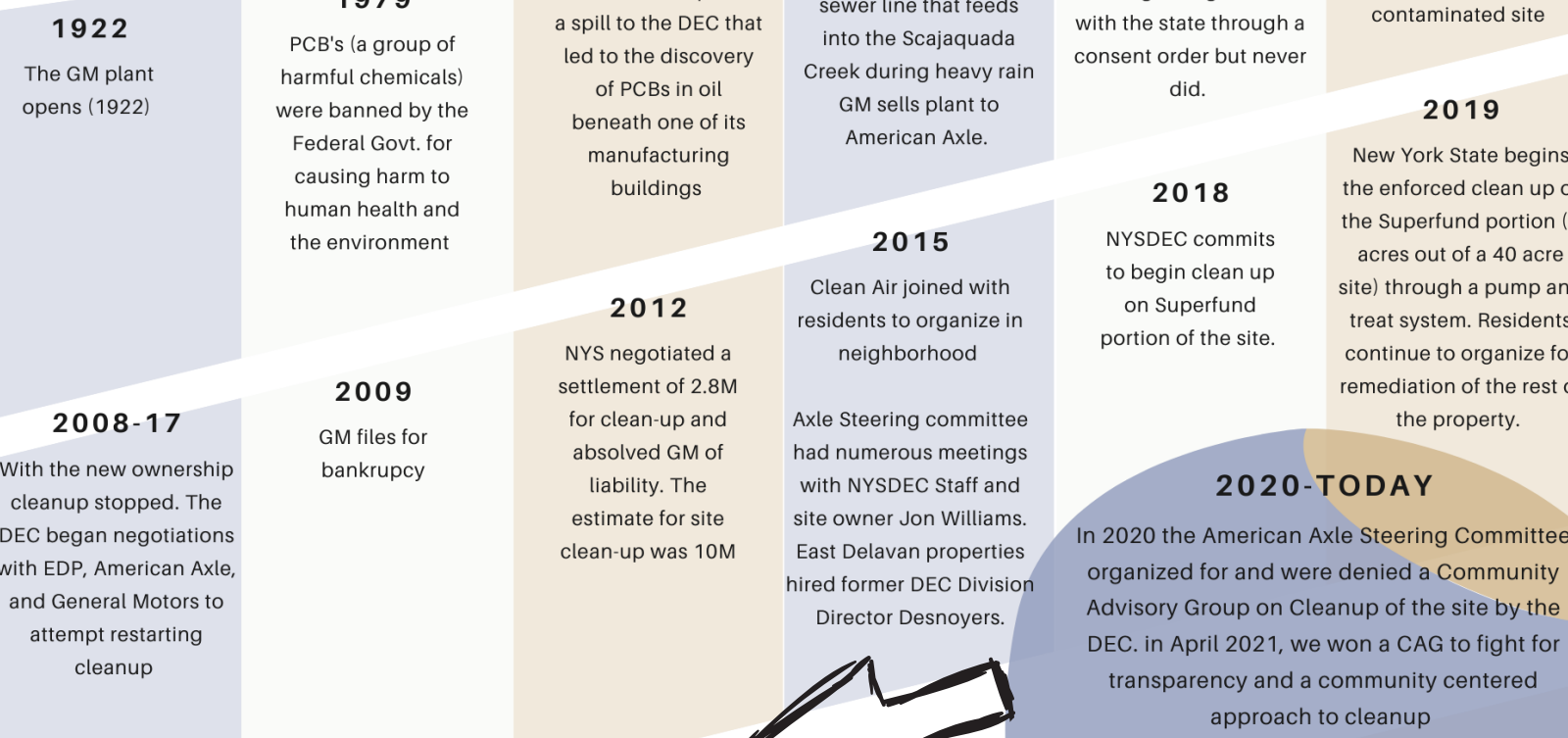


LIBERATE OUR COMMUNITY FROM TOXIC WASTE



This call to action comes to you from Clean Air's American Axle Team. Residents and our loved ones in Buffalo's Delavan-Grider community deserve health and justice! Our community has dealt with health impacts such as cancers & autoimmune disease and the fear of drinking our own water and planting food in our backyards for decades. **We need YOU to join us in our ongoing work to bring health, justice and action at this toxic waste site in our backyards.** Join our life saving work for our children, neighbors, friends and family today!

HISTORY OF AMERICAN AXLE



Where are we now?

The former American Axle site continues to be a threat for the health and wellbeing of our community.

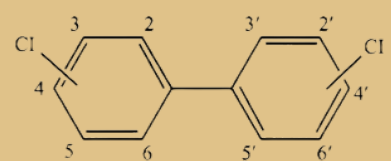
In 2021, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and Erie County announced the formation of a Community Advisory Group on Cleanup at the American Axle site. The CAG is set to begin meeting in June of this year.

We need all members of the community to come together to share their questions, concerns, hopes and invaluable knowledge of the site and surrounding community. Our community deserves health and justice and we need you to join us in our fight!

What are PCBs?

Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) are a group of manmade chemicals. They are oily liquids or solids, clear to yellow in color, with no smell or taste. PCBs do not readily break down once in the environment.

PCBs are known carcinogens and can cause other health issues such as autoimmune diseases. These toxic chemicals were leaking into the sewer that flows under community members' homes. Approximately 110 thousand gallons of PCBs are located underneath this site.



The cost of inaction

The cost of American Axle's legacy and Jon Williams and the NYDEC's lack of action to make our communities whole is immense. **No number can truly capture the toll that this site has had on our community, our families and our health.**

- The average cost of medical bills for a person living with cancers related to PCB exposure is \$7,150 per year.
- The average cost of funeral and burial expenses for a person living in Buffalo, NY is \$6,805
- Many people living in the community choose not to drink tap water out of fear of contamination from the American Axle plant. For an individual, the average cost of bottled water for drinking alone is \$1,460.

The people in charge

The majority of the former American Axle site is in the NYS Brownfield cleanup program. **This means that NY tax payers are funding the cleanup.** Only 5 acres out of the 38 acre site of the site are being paid for by the primary polluter for cleanup

- **Jon Williams** owns the former American Axle site and is responsible for cleanup of a large portion of the site through the NYS Brownfield program. His company, OSC, operates on the site.
- The **NYS Department of Environmental Conservation** has the power and authority to compel polluters to clean up their messes, monitor and investigate current and future toxic cleanup sites and authority to determine the future use. They have downplayed the hazards coming from the site for years. The Commissioner is Basil Seggos

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