

# Riverview Innovation & Technology Campus



Department of  
Environmental  
Conservation

Brownfield Cleanup Program

Site No. C915353

Tonawanda, Erie County

July 2026

## Environmental Cleanup to Begin at Brownfield Site

Action is about to begin that will address contamination related to the Riverview Innovation & Technology Campus site ("site") located at 3875 River Road, Tonawanda, Erie County. Please see the map for the site location. The cleanup activities will be performed by Riverview Innovation & Technology Campus, Inc. ("applicant") with oversight provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). DEC has determined that the Remedial Action Work Plan (RAWP) protects public health and the environment and has approved the plan.

- Access the approved RWP and other project documents online through the DECinfo Locator: <https://extapps.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C915353/>.
- Documents also are available at the location(s) identified under "Where to Find Information."

Cleanup activities are expected to begin in July 2026 and last over one year.

### Highlights of the Upcoming Cleanup Activities

The goal of the cleanup action for the site is to achieve cleanup levels that protect public health and the environment. The key components of the cleanup are:

- Excavation of soil exceeding unrestricted soil cleanup objectives (SCOs) from approximately 4.7 acres along portions of the site perimeter to achieve a Track 1 cleanup;
- Biotreatment of approximately 13,000 tons of petroleum-contaminated soil that exhibits nuisance conditions;
- The in-situ (i.e. underground and in-place) solidification of approximately 3,800 tons of coke oven gas purifier waste residuals in two areas of the site;
- Solidification and consolidation of approximately 25,000 tons of soil which is a source of contamination. The materials will be solidified in-situ and then consolidated in a portion of the site to improve long term containment and monitoring of the consolidated materials;
- Construction of a site cover over all exposed soil that exceed commercial SCOs to allow for commercial or industrial use of a portion of the site;
- The collection and treatment of groundwater in areas of residual contamination, primarily present in the northwestern portion of the site;
- The removal or closure of historical utilities to eliminate potential contaminant migration pathways;
- The recording of an Environmental Easement to restrict future use of the site and require compliance with the Site Management Plan; and
- Development of a Site Management Plan for the long-term care and monitoring of the site to ensure that the remedy remains in place and is effective.

### Next Steps

After the applicant completes the cleanup activities, they will prepare a Final Engineering Report (FER) and submit it to DEC. The FER will describe the cleanup activities completed and certify that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved.

When DEC is satisfied that cleanup requirements have been achieved or will be achieved for the site, it will approve the Final Engineering Report. DEC will then issue a Certificate of Completion to the applicant. The applicant would be able to redevelop the site in conjunction with receiving a Certificate of Completion. In addition, the applicant would be eligible for tax credits to offset the costs of performing cleanup activities and for redevelopment of the site.

DEC will issue a fact sheet that describes the content of the Final Engineering Report. The fact sheet will identify any institutional controls (for example, environmental easements) or engineering controls (for example, a site cover) necessary at the site in relation to the issuance of the Certificate of Completion.

## Site Description

The 86.46-acre site is generally bordered by the Huntley fly-ash landfill and vacant property to the north, railroad and utility property to the east, the 3821 River Road, Inc. site (Site No. C915003) and utility property to the south, and Vanocur Refractories and Swift River Associates to the west. The site was formerly operated by the now defunct Tonawanda Coke Corporation to produce metallurgical coke. Operable Units 01 and 02 of the Tonawanda Coke Superfund Site (#915055) are adjacent to the BCP site.

The site is a former coke production facility that contained coke ovens, coke by-products plant, storage tanks, maintenance buildings, boiler house, and coal/coke handling infrastructure formerly located in the north-central portion of the site. Many of these structures have been demolished as of June 2023. The southern and eastern portions of the site are generally open areas formerly used for outdoor storage of raw materials, finished coke, or surplus materials. Coking operations at the site ceased in October 2018 and the site is currently inactive.

It is anticipated that the site will be redeveloped for commercial and/or industrial uses. The current planned redevelopment is expected to be related to data storage, offices, or other high-tech manufacturing.

Additional site details, including environmental and health assessment summaries, are available on DEC's Environmental Site Remediation Database (by entering the site ID, C915353) at:

<https://appfactory.dec.ny.gov/DERExternalSearch/ERDSearch>

## Brownfield Cleanup Program

New York's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) encourages the voluntary cleanup of contaminated properties known as "brownfields" so that they can be reused and redeveloped. These uses may include recreation, housing, business or other uses. A brownfield site is any real property where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the soil cleanup objectives or other health-based or environmental standards, criteria or guidance adopted by DEC that are applicable based on the reasonably anticipated use of the property, in accordance with applicable regulations.

For more information about the BCP, visit:

<https://dec.ny.gov/environmental-protection/site-cleanup/brownfield-and-state-superfund-programs/brownfield>

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Interactive map to access DEC documents and public data about the environmental quality of specific sites: <https://dec.ny.gov/maps/interactive-maps/decinfo-locator>

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## **WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION**

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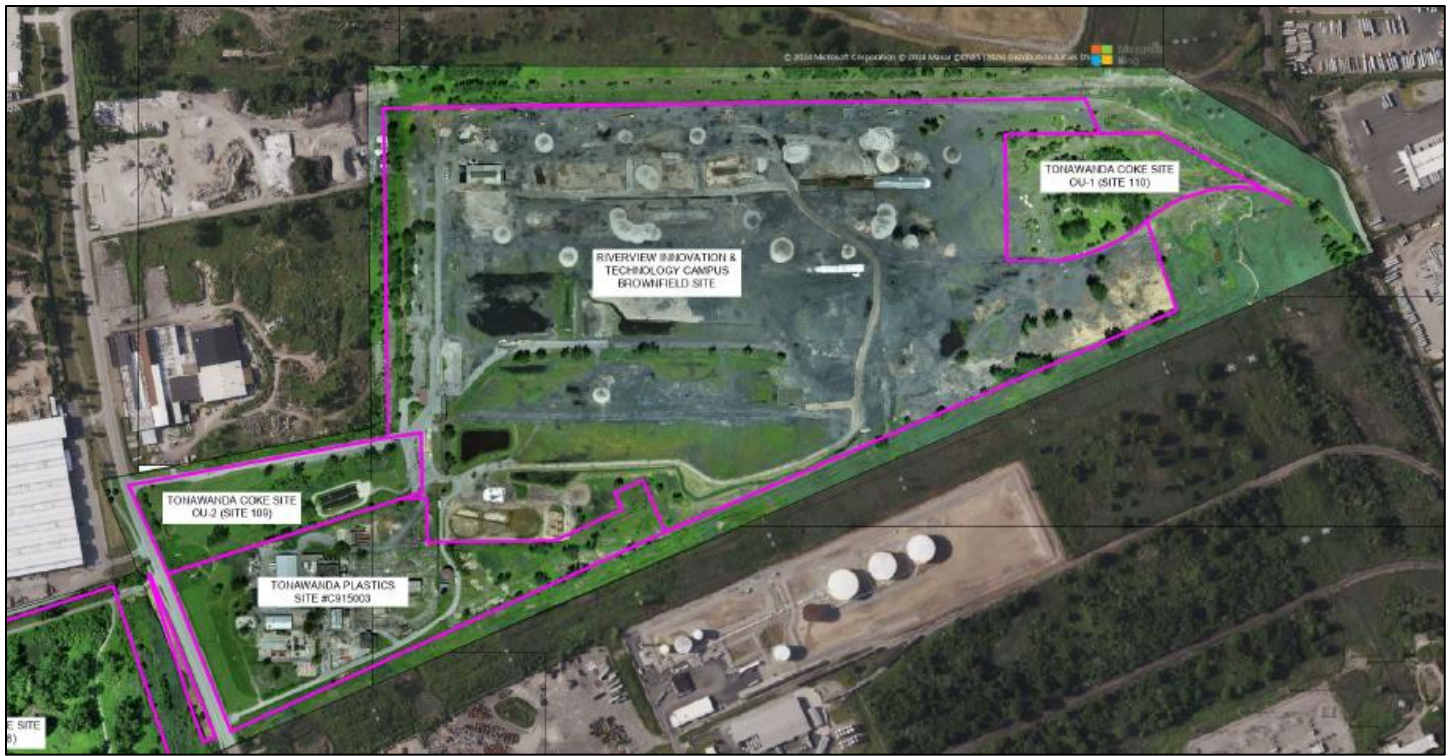
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