



**The EPA Invites the Public to Comment on the Proposed Cleanup Plan
Addressing Sediment and Floodplain Soil along a Portion of the
Eighteen Mile Creek Superfund Site in Lockport, Niagara County, New York**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a proposed cleanup plan for a portion of the Eighteen Mile Creek Superfund Site in Niagara County, New York.

The EPA is asking the public to comment on the plan during a 30-day public comment period, which begins on July 19, 2024 and ends on August 19, 2024. The proposed plan identifies the cleanup options and EPA's preferred cleanup plan. The EPA's proposed plan regarding the sediment within a portion of the creek, beginning at Harwood Street and extending downstream for approximately 5.3 miles includes excavating and disposing off-site contaminated sediment, placing clean backfill over the disturbed areas, long term monitoring and institutional controls. The preferred cleanup option for the floodplain soil includes excavating and disposing off-site the floodplain soil that is contaminated with lead and polychlorinated biphenyls across approximately 11 acres. Targeting these specific areas will allow the EPA to expedite the cleanup while continuing to evaluate the downstream segment of the creek.

The EPA will hold an in-person public meeting at 6:00 p.m. on August 1, 2024 at the Newfane Town Hall located at 2737 Main Street, Newfane, New York. At the meeting, the EPA will present information on its investigation, elaborate further on the reasons for recommending the preferred cleanup option, and solicit public comment on the proposed cleanup plan.

The proposed cleanup plan can be found online at: www.epa.gov/superfund/eighteenmile-creek. You may also find it at the following repositories: Lockport Public Library, 23 East Avenue, Lockport, New York; Newfane Public Library, 2761 Maple Avenue, Newfane, New York; and at the EPA Records Center, 290 Broadway, 18th Floor, New York, New York.

Written comments regarding the proposed plan must be submitted **no later than August 19, 2024** to Christopher O'Leary, Remedial Project Manager, EPA 290 Broadway, 19th Floor, New York, NY 10007, or via email: OLEary.Christopher@epa.gov.