The Guthrie Center Way Property Citizen Participation Plan

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1.0 Introduction and Overview

This document presents the Citizen Participation (CP) Plan for The Guthrie Center Way Property located in the City of Corning, New York that is a portion of three tax parcels: Tax Map IDs: 318.05-02-002.000, 317.08-01-041.120, and 317.08-01-050.100 (the "Real Property"). The Real Property is depicted on the map attached as Appendix "F".

In August 2021, Corning Incorporated and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) entered into an Order on Consent and Administrative Settlement (Order) to investigate the Real Property, including conducting *The Guthrie Center Way Characterization Work Plan* (the Work Plan; AECOM 2020), which is attached to, and incorporated into, the Order.

The Order also requires the development of a CP Plan for the Real Property, in accordance with New York Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) §27-1417 and Title 6 of the New York Codes Rules and Resolutions (6 NYCRR) sections 375-1.10 and 375-3.10. Corning is committed to informing and involving the public during the course of the remedial work to be conducted under the Order, and will work with the NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) to accomplish this goal. This CP Plan describes the minimum CP activities to be conducted during the environmental study; additional community outreach may also occur based on NYSDEC requirements or community feedback.

2.0 Background and Project Description

In 2015, the NYSDEC classified the Real Property as a State Superfund Program Classification P (potential) site. The Real Property was classified as a P site based upon "anecdotal reporting by multiple residents in the area that large quantities of glass waste were excavated during the construction of the Guthrie Medical Center building in the late 1980s" in conjunction with the surrounding area being a low-lying area "extensively filled from the 1930s, or earlier, to the early 1960s." (NYSDEC, 2015)

2.1 The Guthrie Center Way Property History

The Guthrie Center Way Property is located at 130 Center Way in Corning, Steuben County, New York. The Corning Guthrie Medical Center provides primary care physicians and services specialized in family and internal medicine. Corning Incorporated, which was formerly known as Corning Glass Works, historically owned the Guthrie Center Way Property.

The City of Corning has a long history of manufacturing, particularly in brick and glassmaking. Historical references indicate that, in the late 1800s and early 1900s, one of the country's largest brick manufacturers and more than sixty glass manufacturers were located in the City of Corning, including Corning Incorporated, which was formerly known as Corning Glass Works (Dimitroff, 2001; Sinclaire & Spillman,1997). During that time frame, coal was the primary fuel source in the Corning, New York, area, and most of the local industries and municipalities used coal to heat their furnaces. In the early 1900s, when natural gas was introduced to the region, some industries converted their fuel sources to natural gas.

Between 1949 and at least 1968, the City of Corning operated a municipal incinerator that created significant volumes of ash. Historical City Council meeting minutes indicate that the City applied ash and cinders to roadways within the City to control ice during, at least, the mid-1950s. (City of Corning,1936; 1941; 1958; 1959).

Several times during the City of Corning's history, the Chemung River overflowed its banks. This resulted in construction and improvement of flood control structures on multiple occasions, including in the mid-1940's and again after Hurricane Agnes in the mid-1970's, according to NYSDEC and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers records (USACE, 1941). Such construction efforts would have likely required the import of significant volumes of material of uncertain origin, the removal or relocation of material deemed unsuitable as a foundation for earthworks, the creation and filling of borrow areas from which soils suitable for construction were obtained, as well as other potential grading and filling activities. These activities occurred surrounding the Real Property, including along the Chemung River (USACE, 1941; USACE, 1973). The land use within the Real Property has developed over time from farmland, to residential apartment buildings and eventually into the current use, a medical clinic. Historic property records indicate that the Real Property was historically owned by Corning Glass Works. In 2015, the NYSDEC classified the Guthrie Center Way Property as a State Superfund Program Classification P (potential) site. The Guthrie Center Way Property was classified as a P site based upon "anecdotal reported by multiple residents in the area . . . that large quantities of glass waste were excavated during the construction of the Guthrie Medical Center building in the late

1980s" in conjunction with the surrounding area being a low lying area "extensively filled from the 1930s, or earlier, to the early 1960s." (NYSDEC, 2015).

2.2 Project Description

Corning Incorporated has retained an experienced expert technical consultant, AECOM to implement an environmental study of the Real Property in accordance with the NYSDEC-approved Work Plan (AECOM, 2020). The study will assess the nature and extent of fill material that may be encountered within the Real Property and evaluate potential exposure pathways completing soil borings in areas where this fill may be identified with a thorough visual inspection and reporting of the materials encountered; collecting surface and subsurface soil samples for analytical testing; and installing and sampling groundwater monitoring wells. After the sampling is complete, Corning Incorporated will report the findings and work with the NYSDEC, NYSDOH, and the property owner to determine whether any further action is necessary.

3.0 Citizen Participation (CP) Activities

This section describes the CP program for the Real Property. The program meets the requirements set forth in NYSDEC Program Policy No. 23, the Citizen Participation Handbook for Remedial Programs. The program will be implemented by Corning Incorporated, with oversight and input from the NYSDEC and NYSDOH. The following paragraphs describe the required or suggested minimum CP activities for the project; additional CP activities may be considered based on community feedback.

3.1 Document Repository

A document repository is a file of documents pertaining to the Real Property and the associated citizen participation programs, which is made available for public review. The file is typically maintained in a nearby public building to provide access at times and a location convenient to the public.

For the Real Property, document repositories will be established, and will include the following documents, as available:

- Consent Order
- CP Plan
- Fact Sheets
- The Guthrie Center Way Characterization Work Plan
- Other materials (e.g., information sheets, notices, etc.)

Two repositories will be established for the Real Property: (1) the Southeast Steuben County Library, and (2) the NYSDEC Regional Office. The addresses for these repositories are listed in Appendix B.

3.2 Mailing List

A key element of the CP Plan is a mailing list of stakeholders, the community, and interested citizens in an area. Direct mailings of information allow people to review the information provided at their convenience (i.e., rather than in a public forum). These mailings also facilitate the distribution of information to everyone who needs or wants information about the project.

A mailing list has been established for the Real Property (referred to as the Project Contact List), which is composed of two components:

- The owner of the Real Property, and
- Other interested parties.

The contact information for interested parties (second bullet) is provided in Appendix D; property owner contact information is maintained confidentially in project files. Corning Incorporated will maintain and update the mailing list information regularly throughout the project.

3.3 Points of Contact

Several points of contact have been established for the project. The public is encouraged to contact any of the project staff listed below.

Technical Information:

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3.4 Print Media (Fact Sheets)

Printed communications materials, such as fact sheets, newsletters or brochures, are one of several citizen participation tools used to provide information to the community about a project. Fact sheets are typically two to four pages in length, and portray a specific topic of interest in community-friendly (non-technical) terms. Pictures and graphics are used as much as possible to enhance the fact sheet and more simply communicate key information.

The NYSDEC will prepare Fact Sheets at certain key milestones of the project in accordance with NYSDEC Program Policy No. 23 (the *Citizen Participation Handbook for Remedial Programs*). In addition, Corning Incorporated will prepare additional informative newsletters and/or fact sheets and

periodically distribute these materials to interested individuals and organizations. For example, Corning Incorporated newsletters/fact sheets may contain articles on the status of the environmental project, listings of recently issued documents, names of individuals to contact for more information, and descriptions of study techniques or technologies or project milestones. The newsletters/fact sheets will be used to increase community awareness and knowledge of the project and its status. All fact sheets will be reviewed and approved by the NYSDEC before being distributed to entities on the Real Property contact list.

3.5 Websites

In today's society, providing information on the Internet is an effective means of communication. Most community members have some access to the Internet (at home, at work, or at a public library), and this can be an important communications vehicle for consolidated, accurate, and up-to-date information and visuals.

NYSDEC and Corning will each establish a website for the project, and each will announce the addresses via a fact sheet.

3.6 Summaries of Technical Reports

In addition to technical reports placed in the document repositories, a summary (in the form of a fact sheet) will be provided after each technical report has been finalized to communicate the facts about the project in simple terms to enhance understanding. It is important that technical information is articulated with a realistic and understandable view of the work being done and the potential risks or exposures involved. It is, however, also important that the community be able to understand the issues in lay terms.

3.7 Public Notices

As required by NYSDEC Program Policy, formal public notices will be published to inform stakeholders and community members of certain milestones or events concerning the project. These notices will be placed in a local newspaper of general circulation, and will appear in a prominent position in the paper with adequate time for the community to plan participation.

3.8 Public Comment Periods and Comment Responses

If requested by the NYSDEC, the public will be given an opportunity to comment on certain project documents and to receive comment responses from the NYSDEC. Under NYSDEC program policy, the public would typically be allowed 30 days to comment on a particular document.

Formal comment response documents would be prepared by the NYSDEC, and provided to the public. In this manner, the public will obtain direct feedback on their comments, and will understand how the comments are being incorporated into final decisions being made regarding the project.

3.9 Meetings

Public or town meetings and/or availability sessions will be held as appropriate (e.g., to announce major milestones during the project), or as requested by the NYSDEC or the community. Such meetings will include (as appropriate) posters, exhibits, and displays that give audience members

graphic representations of project activities, findings, or program schedules. These materials will provide perspective to the community with respect to the study.

Public meetings will be held in a convenient and central location to the community. Meeting times and locations would be determined with input from local community leaders, and will be announced in local newspapers and/or a mailing to the community.

3.10 Media Notification

Media releases will be developed at key milestones of the program and distributed to local newspapers and other media outlets that may express interest. Media contacts are listed in Appendix D. Media briefings can also be arranged if media representatives have the need for additional background information on the project.

3.11 Elected State and Federal and Local Officials Briefings

Briefings to state and federal elected officials and local officials will be scheduled as needed or requested to communicate significant events during the project. Such briefings will keep these leaders involved and informed as to the progress of activities on the project. These briefings will also give officials the opportunity to ask questions or resolve any concerns.

3.12 Revise the CP Plan

During the course of implementing the CP Plan, Corning Incorporated and the NYSDEC may identify additional community needs, issues, or concerns regarding the Real Property that are not currently addressed in this CP Plan. As such, the CP Plan will be updated as needed, or at least every three years.

4.0 References

The Guthrie Center Way Property Characterization Work Plan, (AECOM, October, 2020)

Appendix A

Project Contacts

For additional information about the program, the public is encouraged to contact any of the project staff listed below.

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Appendix B

Document Repositories

Two document repositories have been established to provide the public with convenient access to important project documents and other information. This information will include reports, data and information gathered and developed during the course of the assessment and evaluation of conditions surrounding the Real Property. These repositories can be found at the following locations:

Southeast Steuben County Library

300 Nasser Civic Center Plaza

Corning, NY, 14830 Phone: (607) 936-3713

Contact: (reference librarian) for an appointment

Hours: Monday 9:00am-6:00 pm

Tuesday 9:00am-8:00pm Wednesday 9:00am-6:00pm Thursday 9:00am-8:00pm Friday 9:00am-6:00pm

NYSDEC Region 8 Office

6274 Avon-Lima Rd. (Rtes. 5 and 20)

Avon, NY 14414-9516

Contact: Regional Public Participation Specialist

at (585) 226-5324 for an appointment

Hours: Monday through Friday 8:30am-4:45pm

Appendix C

List of Available Documents

According to the NYSDEC, the following documents are available at the document repositories listed in Appendix B of this CPP:

- Order on Consent and Settlement Agreement DEC Index No. A8-0856-15-06, dated August, 2021
- The Guthrie Center Way Property Characterization Work Plan, (AECOM, October, 2020)
- Citizen Participation Plan, dated August 2021

Within the initial months of the project, Corning Incorporated will also provide copies of the following documents for the document repositories:

• Fact Sheets prepared and distributed to the Project Contact List

Additional documents not listed above will be placed in the designated repositories as the program for the Real Property develops.

Appendix D

Project Contact List

The following contact list has been developed to help keep the community informed about and involved in the project activities relating to The Guthrie Center Way Property. The list includes local, regional and state officials; local media; civic, business, and environmental organizations; and others. The Project Contact List will be reviewed periodically and updated as appropriate.

Note: The property owner is maintained confidentially in project files, not in a CP Plan or repositories.

Environmental Groups

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Property Owner List – To Be Maintained Confidentially

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Property Owners to the North

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Property Owners to the South

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Appendix E

Glossary

Term	Definition		
Availability Session	A scheduled gathering of project staff and members of the public in a casual setting, without a formal presentation or agenda but usually focusing on a specific aspect of an environmental study.		
Citizen Participation	A program of planning and activities to encourage communication among people affected by or interested in the project and the government agencies and other parties responsible for an environmental study.		
Citizen Participation Plan	A Citizen Participation Plan describes the citizen participation activities that will be conducted during a specific project's environmental study.		
Comment Period	A period for the public to review and comment about various documents. For example, a 30-day comment period after submittal of a remedial investigation or feasibility report is provided when NYSDEC determines it to be necessary.		
Consent Order	A legal and enforceable agreement negotiated between NYSDEC and a potential responsible party. The order sets forth agreed upon terms by which the potential responsible party will undertake an environmental study and pay for the NYSDEC's costs to oversee the study. The Consent Order includes a schedule for implementing the agreed scope of the study.		
Document Repository	A document repository is a file of documents pertaining to the environmental study of a study area and the associated citizen participation programs, which is made available for public review. The file is typically maintained in a nearby public building to provide access at times and a location convenient to the public.		
Fact Sheet	A written discussion about part or all of an environmental project, prepared by NYSDEC or the potential responsible party and provided to the public. A fact sheet may focus on: a particular element of a project; opportunities for public involvement; availability of a report or other information, or announcement of a public meeting or comment period . A fact sheet may be mailed to all or part of a project's contact list, distributed at meetings, placed in a document repository and/or sent on an "as requested" basis.		
New York State Department of Health	Agency within the executive branch of New York State government which: performs health-related inspections at suspected hazardous waste sites; conducts health assessments to determine potential risk from environmental exposure; reviews risk assessments; conducts health-related community outreach around sites; and reviews remedial actions to assure that public health concerns are adequately addressed.		
NYSDEC Project Manager	An NYSDEC staff member (usually an engineer, geologist or hydro geologist) responsible for the day-to-day administration of an environmental project. The Project Manager works with legal, health,		

Term	Definition
	citizen participation and other staff to accomplish project-related goals and objectives.
Public Meeting	A scheduled gathering of NYSDEC staff and potential responsible party staff with the public to give and receive information, ask questions and discuss concerns about a study area. Staff from multiple NYSDEC divisions and legal and NYSDOH often also attend. A public meeting, unlike an availability session , generally features a formal presentation and a detailed agenda.

Appendix F

The Guthrie Center Way Property Map

