

Herkimer County

Brownfield Site



Charlestown Mall

Address: 311 Turner Street
Utica, NY 13501

Tax ID: 319.20-1-11.1 and 319.20-1-11.2

Acreage: 32.7

Site Ownership (Private/Public) & Owner: Private - Charlestown Mall of Utica LLC

Zoning: Commercial

Current Site Use: Unoccupied

Utilities: Public water, sewer, gas, electric connections available.

Improvements: Vacant with remaining basement slabs. Site buildings razed in 2022 following a structural fire in 2020.

Environmental Reports Completed Under HCIDA EPA Grant (PHI, PHII, RA): HRP has not completed any env. reports.

Additional Environmental Reports: Hazardous waste drum removal, asbestos abatement, building demolition.

Environmental Concerns: The Site has been used for commercial and manufacturing purposes since the early 1900s.

The Savage Arms Company first a weapons factory. Univac occupied the Site in 1950 and utilized it for computer manufacturing. The Site was later converted to a retail shopping outlet an commercial business center. Approximately 100 55-gallon drums of waste were discovered on-site. Approximately 35 of the drums contained flammable and corrosive wastes. Minor chemical spills and leaks were reported. ACM material was identified throughout the buildings.

Status of Known Contamination: In 2008 the EPA was referred to the site by the NYSDEC when unpermitted demolition activities at several Site building released asbestos to the environment. EPA lead cleanups in 2010-2011 and 2020-2022. Asbestos, 55-gallon drums containing hazardous substances, and PCBs were removed from the Site. The minor leaks and spills were cleaned up. Following a fire in 2020, the EPA demolished the remaining structures on-site and disposed of the remaining hazardous materials and fire debris. A total of 45,000 tons of debris was removed. The Site is a NYSDEC Superfund program class C. It has been satisfactorily completed under a remedial program

Asbestos: Former building materials are considered to have impacted the soil, groundwater, and soil vapor on-site and are considered to be a primary source of contamination.

Potential Future Use: To be determined.

Access: N/A

Current Status: IDA is working on an agreement with the EPA to lift the 14M lien

Path Forward: Phase I/II

