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**Project Name:** Study Area  
**NYSDEC Project #:** 851046  
**Address:** Corning Boulevard  
 Corning, NY 14830

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**Investigation to Begin at the Study Area Bounded by Pyrex Street,  
 E. Pulteney Street, Post Creek and Chemung River;  
 Public Meetings Announced**

**Tuesday, July 15, 2014 at 6:30 PM – Radisson Hotel, 125 Dennison Parkway East (for general information regarding the upcoming Study Area Characterization)**

**Thursday, July 17, 2014 at 3:00 – 5:00 PM and 6:00 – 8:00 PM – Radisson Hotel, 125 Dennison Parkway East (Availability Sessions for residents in the Study Area and other interested parties to speak one-on-one with State and Corning Incorporated representatives)**

NYSDEC invites you to public meetings to discuss an upcoming investigation of the Study Area. NYSDEC and NYSDOH, in cooperation with Corning Incorporated, will provide details about the study and invite your questions.

Corning Incorporated soon will begin an environmental investigation of the Study Area located in the City of Corning, Steuben County. Please see the map for the site location. Documents related to the investigation of this site can be found at the location(s) identified below under "Where to Find Information."

**Scope of Work**

Corning Incorporated, under a Consent Order with NYSDEC, has developed a "Study Area Characterization Work Plan," which NYSDEC has approved. Corning Incorporated, with oversight by NYSDEC and the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), will perform the investigation to assess soil and groundwater conditions in the area.

**Summary of Existing Data and Highlights of the Upcoming Work**

During expansion work at Corning-Painted Post East High School, fill containing ash, brick and glass was encountered in excavated soils. Some of this fill contained hazardous levels of lead, which required special handling and disposal. Three out of 220 samples that were collected also tested hazardous for cadmium. In addition to lead and cadmium, much of the fill contains elevated levels of other metals such as arsenic, barium, chromium, and mercury, which warrant additional characterization; however, these other metals were not considered hazardous waste. NYSDEC determined the presence of this material warrants additional investigation at the school property and in nearby properties within the Study Area. NYSDEC asked Corning Incorporated to conduct an evaluation and Corning Incorporated has entered into an order with NYSDEC to do so.

Until further characterization is conducted, there is not enough information to determine whether any fill material represents an exposure concern for residents in the Study Area or for areas of the school property that have not been evaluated.

A Study Area characterization will be undertaken by Corning Incorporated to determine the nature and extent of fill in the Study Area. The Study Area characterization will include an initial records search to be followed by additional sampling of soil and groundwater at the Corning-Painted Post East High School property, related sites, public rights-of-way, and some residential and other privately owned properties in the Study Area where the fill is believed to be present.

The Study Area is located in the northeastern area of the City of Corning. It is bounded by Pyrex Street to the west, the Chemung River to the south, Post Creek to the east, and E. Pulteney Street to the north. **If you live within the Study Area and would like to have your property tested, please contact NYSDEC Project Manager Greg MacLean (see page 3.)**

### **Next Steps**

Upon completion of the Study Area characterization, NYSDEC in consultation with NYSDOH, will evaluate the data and determine the next steps, including whether any cleanup measures or other remedial actions are necessary to protect public health and the environment. NYSDEC and NYSDOH are committed to working cooperatively with the Corning-Painted Post School District, the community, and Corning Incorporated to ensure the area is properly evaluated and that any necessary cleanup measures are taken.

### **Background**

**Location:** The Study Area is located in the northeastern area of the City of Corning. It is bounded by Pyrex Street to the west, the Chemung River to the south, Post Creek to the east, and E. Pulteney Street to the north.

**Site Features:** The Study Area includes Corning-Painted Post East High School, Corning Christian Academy, former Kent Philips Elementary School, Houghton Park, and more than 200 residential properties.

The school district is in the process of consolidating both of its high schools at the current Corning-Painted Post East High School location. Excavation work at Corning-Painted Post East High School began in 2012 and the reconfiguration is expected to be finished by the 2014-2015 school year.

**Current Zoning/Use(s):** Current property uses and zoning in the area include residential, commercial, and community services.

**Historical Use(s):** The Corning-Painted Post East High School property and much of the surrounding the neighborhood is a former low area along the river that has been extensively filled from the 1930s, or earlier, to the early 1960s when the school was constructed. Historic property deed records contain a condition that allowed Corning Glass Works to maintain ash dumps located in the Study Area in 1920.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

### Where to Find Information

Project documents are available at the following location(s) to help the public stay informed.

NYSDEC – Region 8 Office  
6274 East Avon- Lima Rd.  
Avon, NY 14414  
M-F: 8:45am – 4:30pm  
Contact: Linda Vera for an  
appointment (585) 226 - 5324

Southeast Steuben County Library  
300 Nasser Civic Center Plaza  
Suite 101  
Corning, NY 14830  
phone: (607) 936-3713

Project documents are also available on the NYSDEC website at:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/97180.html>.

### Whom to Contact

Comments and questions are always welcome and should be directed as follows:

#### Project-Related Questions

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#### Project-Related Health Questions

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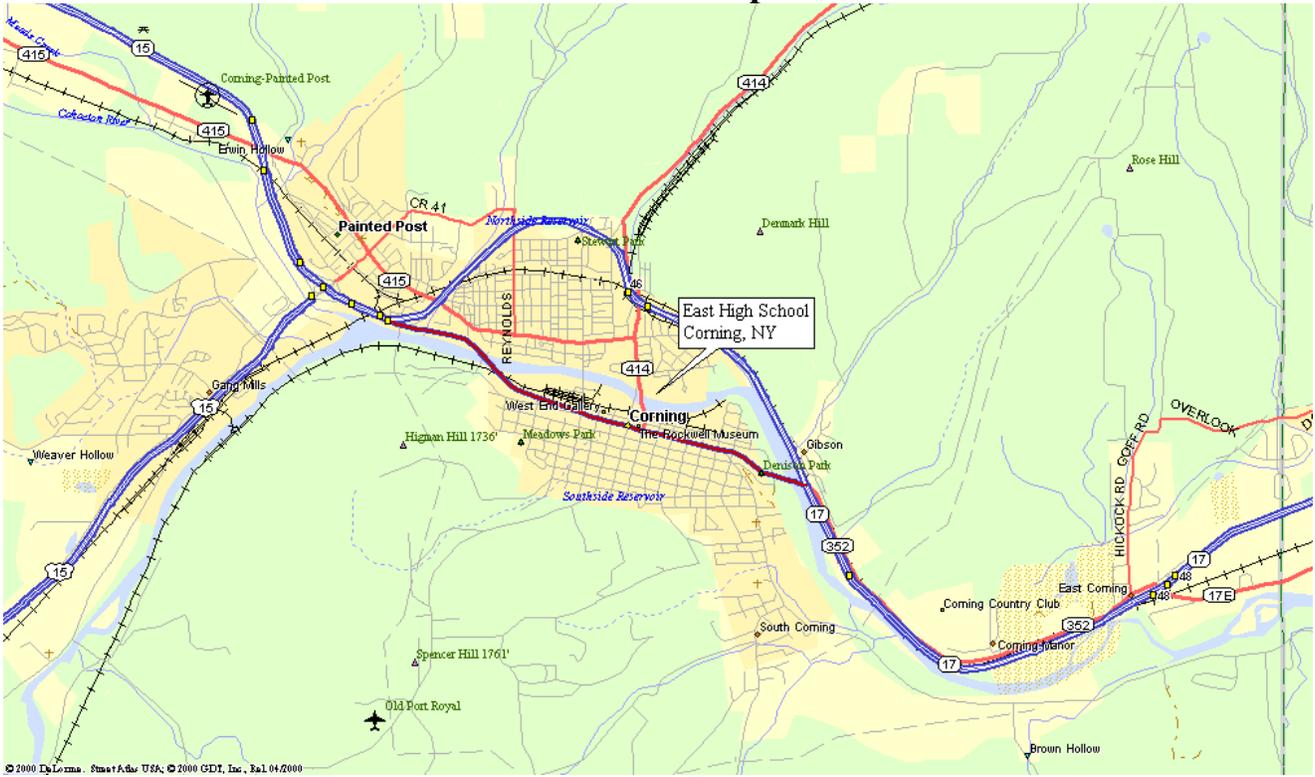


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Note: Please disregard if you already have signed up and received this fact sheet electronically.

**We encourage you to share this fact sheet with neighbors and tenants, and/or post this fact sheet in a prominent area of your building for others to see.**

# Location Map



# Study Area Map with Boundaries

