

New York City Clean Soil Bank

What is the NYC Clean Soil Bank?

The NYC Clean Soil Bank (CSB) is a program established by the New York City Mayor’s Office of Environmental Remediation (OER) to meet the growing need for inexpensive clean soil to make brownfield cleanup projects more affordable, to find clean soil for city capital construction projects, and to make properties and communities more resilient to climate change. The NYC Clean Soil Bank enables the transfer of certified clean native soil from remediated brownfield sites to city construction sites and other brownfield development projects that need clean soil.

What is the authority for OER to operate the program?

OER has been granted an omnibus Beneficial Use Determination (BUD) by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, which lays out the program terms. Both the generating and the receiving parties are required to indemnify the city before using this service. For more information and to see the CSB Statement of Purpose, please visit our website: www.nyc.gov/oer.

Who is eligible to use the Clean Soil Bank?

The Clean Soil Bank can be used on development projects enrolled in environmental programs overseen by OER. This includes the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) and the E-Designation Program. The soil being transferred must be deemed ‘clean native soil’ by meeting either New York State 6NYCRR Part 375-6.8(a) (Track I) Unrestricted Use SCOs (SCOs) or Part 375 6.8(b) (Track II) Residential SCOs, and the Protection of Groundwater Standards Part 375 6.8(b).

How does OER determine the quality of the soil?

The projects generating soil in the Clean Soil Bank all have OER regulated and approved remedial investigations and cleanup plans and required field oversight by a Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP). During soil excavation and loading the QEP will perform visual, olfactory, and PID screening to ensure that the soil is native and clean.

Who covers the cost?

No charges are permitted for the transfer of the soil. However, parties are expected to arrange for the costs of soil transportation in a mutually acceptable manner. Typically the generating project will cover the cost of the soil transportation because they are in control of the schedule for excavation.

How is a match established?

A developer or an environmental consultant must fill out a [Clean Soil Availability Form](#) (for soil generators) or a [Clean Soil Request Form](#) (for soil recipients) and email it to OE, please see contact info to the right. If the site is eligible, OER will search for city agencies and other cleanup projects with similar schedules and proximate locations that need clean soil.

What are the next steps?

Once a match is established, OER will set up a conference call with all parties from both the generating and receiving sites. During this call, OER will facilitate the discussion of site requirements and transfer logistics. When the transfer is underway there are daily reporting and trucking manifest requirements.

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