

WELL PLUGGING PROJECT FACTS AND FIGURES

NAME:

Wanamaker 3

TYPE:

Gas Well

DRILLED:

Nov. 12, 1962

PLUGGING BEGAN:

July 27, 2023

FAST FACTS:

- The well was drilled to a total depth of 1,127 feet.
- It is approximately 100 feet away from Cazenovia Creek and 500 feet from local shops.
- For several decades, this well was orphaned and leaked natural gas until it was plugged in 2023 through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.



BEFORE CONSTRUCTION:
Wanamaker 3 well, Town of Holland, Erie County



DURING CONSTRUCTION:
Wanamaker well capping, August 2023.

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WHAT TO DO IF YOU LOCATE AN ORPHANED OR ABANDONED WELL



DO NOT TOUCH the well!



**Take photos from a safe distance
(~35 feet or more from the well)**



**Note the location or obtain GPS
coordinates from a safe distance
(~35 feet or more from the well)**



**Contact DEC's Division of Mineral
Resources at (518) 402-8056,
or by email at: dmn.oilgas@dec.ny.gov**

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ADDRESSING NEW YORK'S FOSSIL FUEL LEGACY THROUGH THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW

- **Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions**
- **Protecting Water Quality**
- **Safeguarding Communities**
- **Creating Jobs**

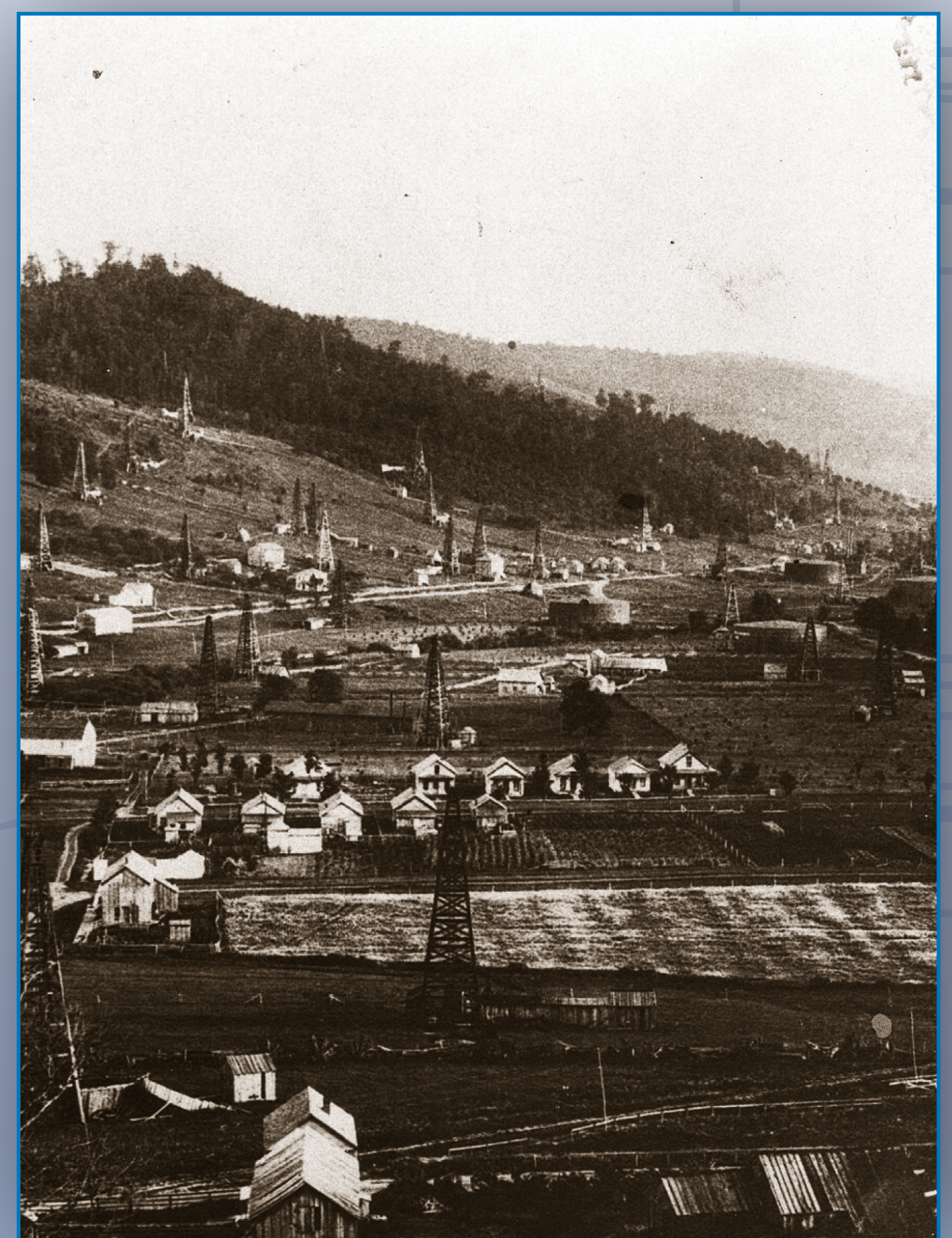


Photo of wells across Richburg, Allegany County, around 1890. Courtesy: Pioneer Oil Museum of New York

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NYSDEC WELL SAFETY TIPS

Natural gas emissions from abandoned wells are typically odorless.

Never have open flames, lit cigarettes, sparks, or burning items near oil or gas wells.

Never hook up an abandoned natural gas or oil well to your house.

- **If you have a “home-use” well connected to your house or other structure, install methane detection alarms in any closed space where methane may accumulate.**

Never attempt to plug an oil or gas well on your own.

- **Well plugging and land reclamation must be performed by a registered well plugger in accordance with DEC’s stringent well plugging regulations.**

Contact the appropriate DEC Division of Mineral Resources office to report any oil, brine, or gas leak from a well.



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