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GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING UPDATE

Remediation Activities Underway

Highlights:

Work has begun on the environmental remediation of the Greenwich High School (GHS) grounds!

- *Remediation work is beginning this summer on the south side of the GHS grounds as described in the Remedial Action Plan for the Site.*
- *Specific work to take place this summer includes constructing a staging area for contractor access from Route 1 into the property, removing vegetation in areas where soils will be excavated and replaced, followed by the actual excavation, testing, soil replacement, and restoration activities.*
- *Final landscaping and site restoration activities for the area are planned for Summer 2015.*

Remediation Project Summary

As a result of the extensive testing, analysis, and reporting to the regulatory community, approval has been obtained to begin remediation work this summer on the south side of the Greenwich High School (GHS) grounds. This will allow the Town to remediate this area, as it continues working with the regulators to obtain approval of the Remedial Action Plan for the remainder of the Site.

Remediation activities will occur in the areas shown in the attached figure and will be completed as described in the Remedial Action Plan designed for this portion of the Site. Specific tasks for this summer's work include:

- constructing a staging area for contractor access from Route 1 into the property,
- removing vegetation in areas where soils will be excavated and replaced,
- excavating impacted soil and testing of remaining soil to ensure impacted soil has been removed,
- replacing removed soil with new soil,
- restoring the area (note that final landscaping and site restoration activities for the area are planned for Summer 2015).

We hope to begin the next phase of the remediation project in the Summer 2015 – this phase will include removal of impacted soil near the west parking lot and athletic fields 2, 3, and 4.

Safety of Site for Users

The site continues to be safe for its current use (high school and athletic fields).

The comprehensive environmental study conducted on the Site, which included a Human Health Risk Assessment completed in accordance with Federal Environmental Protection Agency guidelines, confirmed that the cleanup measures taken in the fall of 2012 (when surface soil was removed from several small areas around the athletic fields) were protective (impacted areas were removed), and that no new impacted surface areas were found. Both Federal and State regulators have been involved throughout the study and the Risk Assessment, and have reviewed and agreed with the findings from this study. The remaining impacts that will be addressed in future cleanup actions at the Site are located beneath the surface, where people are not coming in contact with the material.

Project Schedule and Safety Measures

Initial tasks, coordinated with the Board of Education (BOE), will center on preparing the site for the excavation work. This will involve clearing specific areas of vegetation.

During the project, the Town will have a full-time inspector on site to monitor activities. Throughout all work on site, controls will be instituted so that work can be performed efficiently and safely, with monitoring when and where needed.

Activities will wrap up by August 18th, to allow fall sports and school activities to be resumed as normal.

The contractor will continue to access the southern area to make sure that restored turf is watered and sedimentation and erosion controls remain in place as required; excavation will have ceased.

School and Athletic Field Access during Project

As coordinated with the BOE, once school is out, GHS's south side will be closed for the summer to allow cleanup activities to proceed unimpeded. This includes the southern parking lot, which will be closed to the public for the summer.

There are no student or staff programs scheduled at the high school this summer. For minor administrative business, visitors may park in the spaces in front of the school or out on the street.

The Town has coordinated with the MISA Building Committee, the BOE, and Parks and Recreation Department to provide use of the athletic fields this summer as follows:

- Fields 5, 6, and 7 are available for use during the week and on weekends, and
- Fields 2, 3 and 4 are available for use on the weekends.

To attend athletic events on Fields 5-7, parking is available in the northern lots. On the weekends (when Fields 2, 3, and 4 are available for use), parking is available in these areas as well as the western lot.

Routine maintenance projects will close the tennis courts, as well as Cardinal Stadium and the school's pool this summer.

All lots will be available again when school is back in operation.

Future Communications

The Town and the BOE will continue to provide the community with updates such as this one throughout ongoing regulatory review and performance of the cleanup work.

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