

## The **Maywood Project Site**



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### **Major Milestone, Continued Progress at the Maywood Site**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recently reached a major cleanup milestone at the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Maywood Superfund Site. In January 2005, Shaw Environmental, Inc., the Corps' environmental cleanup contractor, loaded and shipped its 1000th rail car of contaminated soil from the site. That number was nearing 1,200 as of April.

The soil is being excavated from the various vicinity properties that make up the Maywood site (see map on page 2). It is first trucked to the government-owned Maywood Interim Storage Site, where it is temporarily staged and then loaded into railroad cars specially designed for hauling bulk materials. The soil is then shipped to an out-of-state disposal facility permitted to accept such materials. Each rail car holds approximately 75 cubic yards, or nearly 107 tons of material.

Since assuming responsibility for FUSRAP in 1997, the Corps has completed cleanups on all residential and municipal properties that are part of the Maywood site, and is currently addressing the remaining commercial and government-owned site properties. Of those, five have been completed, and work at eight others is currently underway. All impacted areas are fully restored and suitable for their previous uses once cleanup is completed. Current work is being executed under the Record of Decision for the site released in September 2003 after close coordination with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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*Army Corps and Shaw Environmental construction managers mark the 1000th rail car shipped from the Maywood site since April 2001.*



## Major Milestone, Continued Progress at the Maywood Site (cont'd)

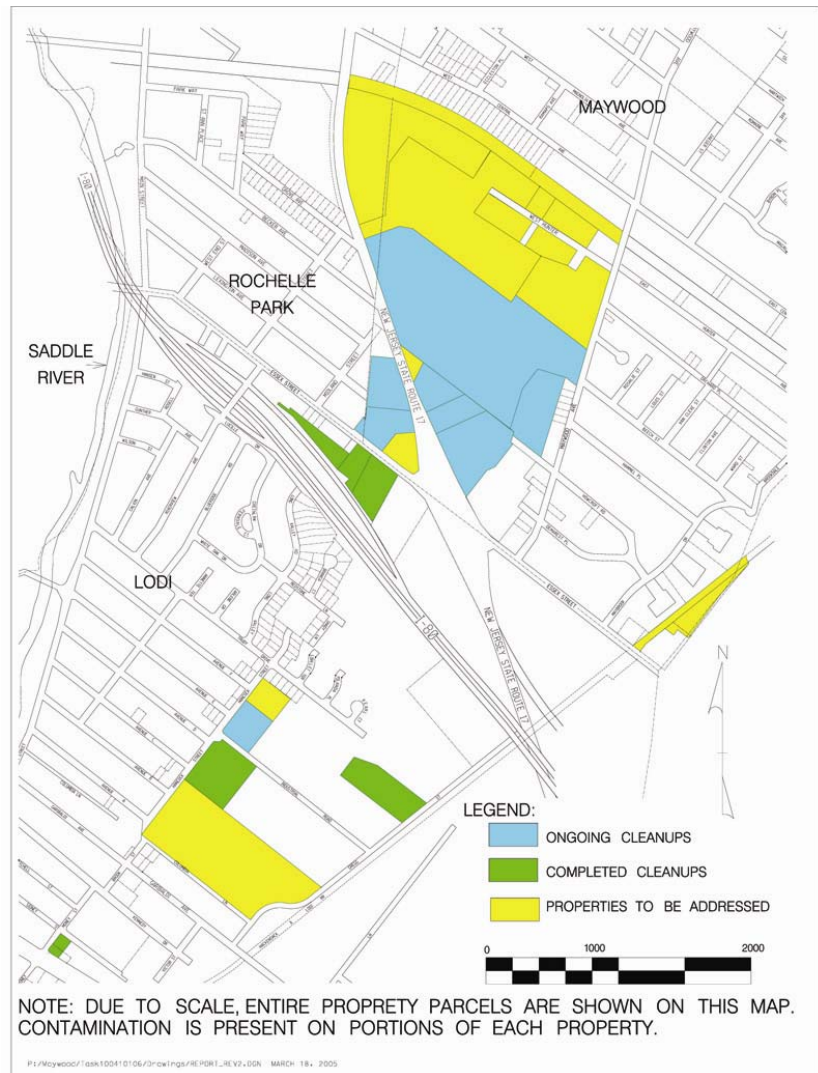
And the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, and extensive public review and comment.

"Having the Record of Decision in place has provided the Corps project team with the flexibility to execute our work and reach this important milestone," explained Danny Lee, the Corps' construction manager at the Maywood site (third from left in page one photo). "With the support of elected officials, property owners, and the community, we look forward to continued progress on the cleanup," Lee said.

The Corps has excavated and shipped over 125,000

cubic yards of contaminated soil for offsite disposal since 1997. Nearly 33,000 cubic yards of material were shipped in 2004 alone, testimony to the Corps' ongoing pursuit of efficiency and productivity improvements. Completion of all Maywood site property cleanups is expected by 2012.

The primary contaminant of concern at the Maywood site is thorium, a naturally occurring radioactive ore. Thorium was processed at an industrial plant that formerly occupied one of the vicinity properties. Process waste materials containing residual amounts of thorium were disposed of in onsite waste pits and lagoons, and eventually carried offsite through a local surface stream, flooding events, and use of the material as fill.





# The FUSRAP Maywood Superfund Site: A Work in PROGRESS!

*Some representative scenes highlighting various aspects of the Maywood site cleanup*



*Communication with affected property owners*



*Innovative construction techniques*



*Safe management of soil and construction water*



*Simultaneous cleanup at multiple properties*



*Restoration after cleanup*



*Support from public officials*



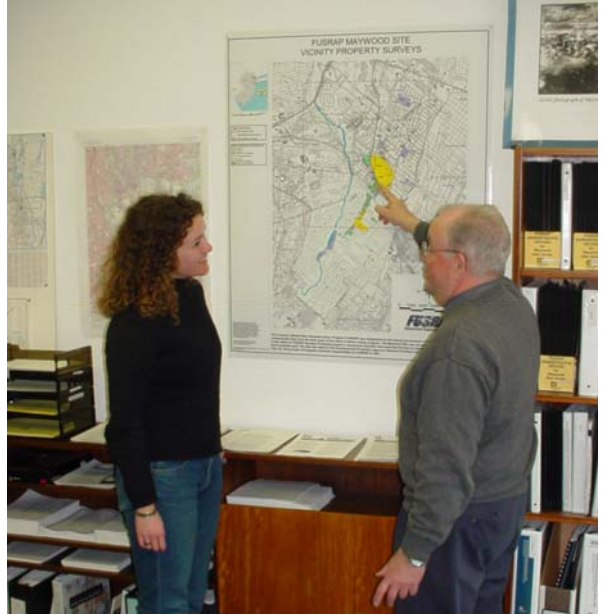
## Contacts and More Information

The Corps wants to hear your questions, comments and concerns. In addition to regular newsletters like this one, the Army Corps encourages you to use these other resources to stay informed and involved in the FUSRAP Maywood Superfund Site cleanup:

- FUSRAP Public Information Center, 75A West Pleasant Avenue, Maywood, NJ

Community involvement is important to our project's success. The Corps staffs a conveniently located public information office in Maywood that provides accurate and timely information about our project. Environmental science, engineering and regulation can be confusing. That's why we have responded to hundreds of contacts to help the community better understand our work at the Maywood site. Let us help you. Drop in or give us a call.

- Monday & Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
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