

# FUSRAP Maywood Superfund Site Update – March 2021

#### Ongoing Remedial Construction in Lodi

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) is currently removing contaminated soil under several streets in the Borough of Lodi. These areas are referred to as Real Property Interests (RPI) and the locations of this work are shown on page 3 of this notice. Please note not all locations shown are currently scheduled for remediation. The work is being conducted as part of the ongoing cleanup of the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Maywood Site.

## **S**tatus

The excavation work began January 13, 2020. The project paused in March 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic and resumed in June 2020. Currently, work is proceeding on Brook Street north of the intersection with Garibaldi Avenue and will be followed by work within the intersection of Brook Street and Garibaldi Avenue. In response to the coronavirus pandemic, the following health and safety protocols are being followed:

- Our workers will continue to comply with public health recommendations (physical distancing, hand-washing, daily disinfection of equipment, personnel protective equipment use, and staying home if sick, etc.).
- Our standard work practices maintain a safe and protective distance from the public by means of temporary fencing around our work zones; and our workers already wear personal protective equipment that can help protect them from exposure and prevent the virus from spreading.

USACE shares in the toll that the coronavirus outbreak has taken in our community. Many of our project staff live in the immediate area.

Traffic management has been a major challenge on this project. USACE believes that current reduced traffic conditions will allow us to perform our work safely, and quicker, thereby reducing community impacts. Our presence at this time is less likely to inconvenience or create a nuisance to local residents and businesses.

We continue to monitor all government announcements and other relevant information and will constantly reassess our work activities accordingly. We hope to issue fact sheets like this one regularly to keep the community updated on our progress.

## Progress

As of March 15, 2021, approximately 2,940 cubic yards of contaminated soil had been safely excavated and removed. Excavation depths typically range from 4 to 8 feet below the ground surface. Two sites have been remediated and restored: Industrial Road/Borough of Lodi Pump Station and Columbia Lane. Work is ongoing at three other sites: Garibaldi Avenue, Brook Street, and Money

Street. Challenges related to our work are traffic management in a heavily trafficked area and working around numerous underground utilities. We appreciate the public's patience and continued cooperation as we execute this project.

#### Next Steps

The next location to be addressed is the Redstone Lane RPI area shown on page 3 of this notice. That work is expected to begin in May 2021. USACE has obtained access permission from the property owners expected to be directly affected. Nearby residents, including those not directly affected, will receive notice of the work in advance.

## **S**afety

Safety practices in the FUSRAP Maywood Site Safety and Health Plan (available at www.fusrapmaywood.com) will be strictly followed during this work. Specifically, buried utilities will be marked out in advance of any digging by the New Jersey One Call service and by a private contractor. USACE has also worked closely with the Borough of Lodi in planning this work. Traffic management will be handled by the Lodi Police Department as available; if not, other certified personnel and/or project personnel will serve as traffic flag persons. Every effort will be made to keep roads open, but single lane traffic or closures may be needed at times. We will also strive to maintain access to private driveways and parking lots. Public services such as garbage collection, mail delivery and snow removal will be maintained at all times. Please give our workers a "brake" by following all posted signs and traffic instructions.

## What is FUSRAP?

The Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) was established by the federal government in 1974 to clean up low-level radioactive contamination from the nation's early atomic research program. USACE has executed FUSRAP since 1997. Before that, it was run by the U.S. Department of Energy. There are over 60 different FUSRAP sites across the country. Many have been completed and are subject to long-term monitoring. Others are in the process of being cleaned up. The FUSRAP Maywood Site is one of these active sites. The primary contaminant of concern at the Maywood Site is thorium, a naturally occurring radioactive material. For additional information on the Maywood Site, please visit www.fusrapmaywood.com or visit our Information Center at 75A West Pleasant Avenue, Maywood. Please call 201-843-7466 for our business hours.

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