

# The Maywood Project Site

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## Commercial Property Cleanups Begin in Maywood

Cleanup of contaminated soil at two commercial properties in the Borough of Maywood is well underway as progress on the U.S. Army Corps FUSRAP Maywood project accelerates. Work on the Maywood properties, at 113 Essex Street and 200 Route 17 South, began in early January. Meanwhile, soil removal activities continue at a third property, also on Essex Street, in Lodi. Work at the Lodi property requires relocation of a 5-foot by 8-foot storm water culvert that passes under the site. A temporary bypass pipe has been installed to handle storm water as contaminated soil in the permanent culvert location is being excavated.

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*Soil removal underway at 113 Essex Street, Maywood. The safety fence prevents unauthorized access into the construction zone, and is one of many measures in place to protect the health and safety of workers and the public.*



*An Army Corps project engineer looks over an excavation site in Maywood. New Jersey Route 17 is in the background.*



## Commercial Property Cleanups Begin in Maywood (cont.)

More than 12,000 tons of contaminated soil and debris have been removed from the three properties to date. This material is trucked to the government-owned Maywood Interim Storage Site (MISS) on West Hunter Avenue, where it is loaded onto rail cars for transport to an authorized offsite disposal facility. Groundwater encountered during the soil excavations is collected in tank trucks and also taken to the MISS. The water is cycled through an onsite treatment system and then sampled for laboratory analysis prior to discharge to the local storm sewer system. The treatment and discharge process complies with a permit acquired by the project contractor from the Bergen County Utilities Authority. Approximately 320,000 gallons of treated water have been discharged in this way.

All three properties are busy commercial operations, some with round the clock staffing. This has required close cooperation between the Corps and the property owners, in both the planning and execution phases of the removals. Numerous meetings and other contacts have taken place to address safety requirements, schedules, and logistical matters such as parking, security and access to onsite utilities. The Corps is making a sincere effort to accommodate ongoing business operations, and appreciates the cooperation it has received from the affected property owners and tenants to date.

These cleanups, or removal actions, were authorized by the Army Corps in November 2001 after a mandated regulatory and public review and comment process. In March 2002, the Corps successfully completed cleanup of a commercial property on Route 46 in Lodi under this same authority. Eleven properties at the Maywood Site are eligible for removal actions under this authorization. Cleanup decisions for the remaining site properties will be outlined in a Record of Decision document (see page 3).



*Excavation at an open drainage channel on the Essex Street, Lodi property.*



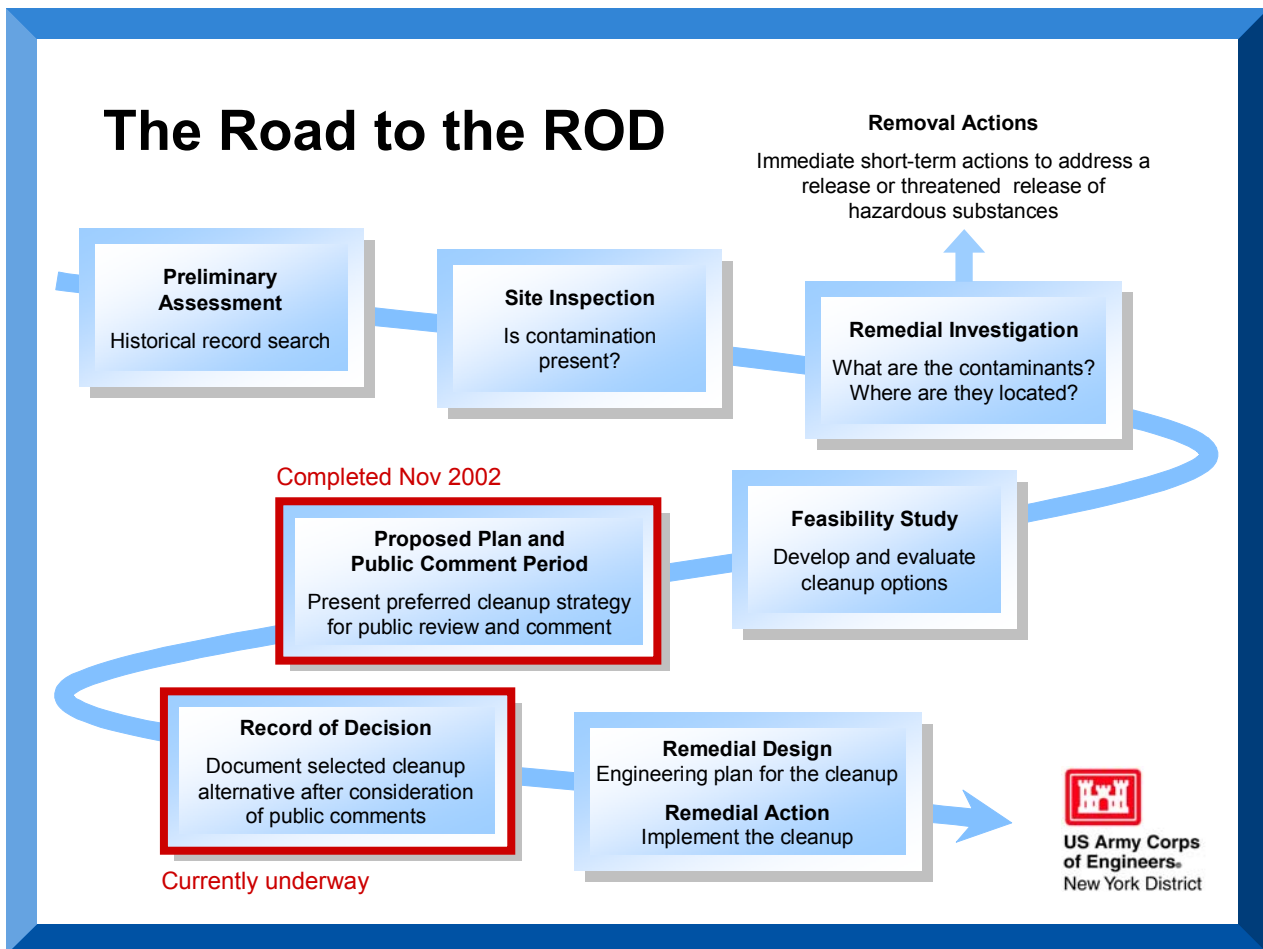
*A well-marked and protected walkway adjacent to a Corps work site ensures pedestrian safety.*

# Progress Continues on Final Cleanup Plan

Some significant milestones have been reached in the development of a final cleanup decision for the FUSRAP Maywood Site. The Proposed Remedial Action Plan for contaminated soil and buildings at the Maywood Site was made available for public comment from August 14 to November 11, 2002, including a well-attended public meeting on August 28 in the Maywood Borough Hall. More than 70 individual comments totaling more than 300 pages were received on the plan, which presented the Corps' preferred cleanup alternative. The proposed plan and public comments are available in the site Administrative Record (see back page). Commenters included residents, property owners and public officials from the Maywood area, as well as others from outside the area concerned with potential offsite disposal options for the contaminated material. The comments covered a range of topics. Some of the most common comment categories included:

- Cleanup standards/applicable regulations
- Cleanup alternatives
- Transportation and disposal
- Future land use
- Schedule for cleanup
- Potential risks of site contaminants

The Corps is currently drafting a Record of Decision (ROD) that will document the selected cleanup plan for soil and buildings at the FUSRAP Maywood Site. The ROD will also include a summary of public comments received and responses to them. Release of the ROD is expected later this year, and its availability will be publicized in local media.



*Development of a Record of Decision is underway.*

## Contacting Us/Further Information

The Corps is committed to public involvement and welcomes your questions and comments. Please visit our web site at [www.fusrapmaywood.com](http://www.fusrapmaywood.com). Project information including photos, maps and documents are available on the site. You can email the project through the community participation link, or view the latest available online version of the project Administrative Record file. In this file you will find the Proposed Remedial Action Plan and public comment document noted on page 2, as well as dozens of other project documents.

You are also encouraged to visit or call the FUSRAP Public Information Center at 75A West Pleasant Avenue, Maywood, 201-843-7466, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday. The official Administrative Record file for the FUSRAP Maywood Site is available for review at this location.



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