

January 2021

## GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING AND REMEDIAL ACTION PLAN Phase II Cleanup Planning

### Highlights:

- **The school continues to be safe** and parking areas and athletic fields are available for use and will continue to be available throughout the school year.
- **Phase I cleanup activities for the Greenwich High School property (the Site) were performed over the 2020 summer recess.** This work focused on the northernmost athletic fields and several small areas on the property to allow for renovation of Athletic Fields 6 and 7. (This work expanded on cleanup done in prior years.)
- The Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for Phase II of the cleanup program at the Site has been submitted to the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEEP) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). **Phase II cleanup activities are expected to commence in Summer 2021**, contingent upon regulatory approval.
- Meetings have been held with EPA and DEEP to gather their input, and **a virtual public meeting to present the Phase II Remedial Action Plan (RAP) to the public is planned** for January 27, 2021.

### Public Opportunities to Learn About, Review and Comment on the Remedial Action Plan:

#### Public Meeting

January 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom:

The meeting can be joined using the link below:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88245018250>

Or Dial 646 558 8656 Webinar ID: 882 4501 8250

#### Public Comment Period

The public can offer input on the Phase II RAP by providing comments to DEEP by February 27, 2021.

A copy of the **Phase II RAP can be reviewed** at DEEP or on the Greenwich Public Schools website. (See text box on back of this page.)

#### Written comments can be submitted to:

Jeffrey Wilcox, CT DEEP  
79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106  
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### Current Status

The environmental investigation and remediation activities that began at Greenwich High School property (the Site) in July 2011 are progressing to Phase II of remediation under the Connecticut (CT) Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP). The Town entered the VRP in 2017, following several years of investigation and completing interim remediation measures. The VRP establishes a structured framework for CT Department of Environment and Energy (DEEP) review and approval of site remediation plans. The Town also continues to work with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to reach agreement on cleanup activities for the Site.

### Phase I Remediation Activities

In December 2019, the Town submitted a Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for the first phase of cleanup at the Site under the VRP. The RAP was approved by DEEP and EPA, and the majority of the planned Phase I work

was completed during the 2020 summer recess. A copy of the Phase I RAP and other reports related to site investigation and remediation are available on the Greenwich Public Schools website link below.

The Phase I cleanup primarily focused on the northern part of the school property to allow replacement of the artificial turf on Fields 6 and 7. Clean stone and a geotextile fabric were placed beneath the artificial turf and serve as an Engineered Control to prevent contact with deeper contaminated soils located beneath the fields. In addition, contaminated soil in six smaller areas across the Site was removed (excavated) and disposed off-Site.

### Remedial Action Plan for Phase II Submitted

The Town has submitted a RAP for the second phase of cleanup at the Site under the VRP. The RAP describes the planned cleanup activities to be conducted over an anticipated three-year period. The Phase II RAP focuses

on protecting human health and the environment while accommodating school activities and other uses of the Site.

This second phase of cleanup focuses on Fields 2, 3, 4, and 5, and a few smaller areas located west of the school building (refer to figure below). The cleanup work will mostly be conducted over the summer months, while restoration and construction of the athletic fields will mostly occur during the school year. The cleanup plan schedule has been sequenced to minimize the loss of use to school facilities and athletic playing fields during the project.

The cleanup plan includes:

- Excavating and disposing of approximately 31,000 tons of contaminated soil;
- Constructing an impermeable cap beneath and around Fields 3 and 4;

- Installing a new stormwater management system to prevent rainwater from contacting contaminated soil beneath Fields 3 and 4;
- Establishing clean soil caps beneath Fields 2 and 5;
- Long-term monitoring and maintenance of the remedy.

The impermeable cap and the athletic fields, western parking lot, and clean soil beneath them will be used as a series of Engineered Controls to prevent human contact with deeper contaminated soils located beneath the fields.

A public meeting will be held on January 27, 2021. A public comment period to offer input on the Phase II RAP is open through February 27, 2021. A copy of the Phase II RAP can be obtained through the Greenwich Public Schools website.

Please refer to the text boxes above and below for information about how the public can learn more and comment on the Phase II RAP.

**For all information requests, please contact:**  
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**OR, please visit our website for further information:**  
<https://www.greenwichschools.org/departments/facilities-rentals/building-grounds-projects/qhs-fields-remediation-project>

