

## GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION UPDATE

### Highlights:

- **The school continues to be safe.** Most of the parking spaces and athletic fields will be available for use during the school year.
- **Field 3 work commenced in June 2022 and will continue into the Fall/ Winter 2022-2023 school year.** The bulk of excavation work was completed during the school recess. The remaining work includes replacement of the artificial turf for Field
- Field 3 and a portion of Fields 2 and 4 will remain inaccessible during Fall 2022.
- The details of remaining cleanup activities planned for Field 2 and Field 5 and several smaller areas located west of the school building are still being discussed by the Town, DEEP, and EPA and are pending regulatory approval.

### Current Status

The environmental investigation and remediation activities that began at Greenwich High School property (the Site) in July 2011 are progressing through cleanup under the Connecticut Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP). Remediation and renovation of the athletic fields is ongoing, as discussed further in this newsletter.

### Remedial Action Plan

The Remedial Action Plan (RAP) for cleanup of the Site includes two phases. Phase I addressed cleanup of Fields 6 and 7 and was completed in 2020. A RAP for the second phase of cleanup at the Site was submitted to DEEP and EPA in January 2021 and describes the planned second phase cleanup activities to be conducted over a three-year period. This phase focuses on protecting human health and the environment over the long-term while accommodating school activities and other uses of the Site.

This second phase of cleanup encompasses Fields 2, 3, 4, and 5, the Western Parking Lot, and a few smaller areas adjacent to the parking lot. The cleanup work is primarily being conducted over the summer months, while restoration and construction of the athletic fields is planned to occur during the school year. The cleanup schedule has been sequenced to minimize the loss of use of school facilities and athletic playing fields during the project. However, access to the playing fields will be limited at times, particularly during the summer months. The cleanup plan includes:

- Excavating and disposing of approximately 42,000 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, and
- Long-term monitoring and maintenance of the remedy.

The impermeable cap, athletic fields, Western Parking Lot, and clean soil will be used as a series of Engineered Controls to prevent human contact with deeper soils.

### Field 4 Cleanup Activities

Cleanup work beneath Field 4 was completed in Fall 2021, involved the excavation and disposal of 14,250 tons of contaminated soil, and was followed by artificial turf field construction performed through the Winter and early Spring of 2022. On April 8, 2022, Field 4 opened for use during the Spring 2022 season. The temporary barrier set up between Fields 3 and 4 will remain in place until the completion of Field 3 re-construction in Spring 2023.

### Field 3 Cleanup Activities & Restoration Plans

Work on Field 3 began in June 2022. Work during the 2022 summer recess included the excavation and disposal of contaminated soil from beneath and adjacent to Field 3. Over 1,060 truckloads carrying approximately 23,000 tons of contaminated soil, were safely removed from the site. Installation of the impermeable cap and stormwater management system beneath Field 3, replacement of the Field 3 playing field, and construction of a new spectator area began in September 2022. Site work will be performed Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 AM and ending at 6:00 PM and Saturday between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM, weather permitting.

### Fall/ Winter 2022/2023:

- Field 3 will be unavailable for use, and limited portions of Fields 2 and 4 will be unusable due to construction work for Field 3. A construction barricade has been set-up between Fields 3 and 4 that will limit the length of Field 4. Fields 1, 5, 6 and 7 remain open for use. The playing surface of Field 5 will remain open. However, the bullpen areas and the practice area beyond the outfield fence will be inaccessible because that area is being used for construction staging.
- Trucking of materials for construction of Field 3 will occur during the school day in coordination with school activities and facilities.
- One row of parking spaces at the edge of the Western Parking Lot, along Fields 3, 4 and 5, will be blocked off.

The goal is to complete restoration of Field 3 in time for the Spring 2023 sports season. However, the work is weather and temperature dependent, and bad weather may impact the project timeline. A map showing the layout of the Site during 2022 is presented below.

### Future Activities

The Town is continuing discussions with EPA and DEEP regarding the cleanup activities planned for Summer 2023. Those activities will include excavation and restoration of portions of Fields 2 and 5, and in several areas at the edges of the Western Parking Lot.

### Safety of Community

The health and safety of students, faculty, neighbors, and the public is paramount to the Town during the performance of this work. To ensure public safety:

- Work areas have been demarcated with fencing and signage, and access to work areas will be restricted.
- A dust monitoring and control plan is implemented when earthwork is occurring.
- Truck traffic will be limited during school operational hours and will be directed to avoid busy times at the beginning and end of the school day.

Sediment and erosion controls will be installed, inspected, and maintained routinely to protect West Brothers Brook and other natural resources.

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