

## WESTERN MIDDLE SCHOOL FIELDS ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING AND REMEDIATION PLANNING UPDATE

### Highlights:

- **The project continues to move forward.** Coordination with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has progressed to a point, where remedial plans can be shared with the public.
- **The Remedial Action Plan (RAP) has been submitted to the regulators.** The RAP was submitted on August 1, 2022 and details the proposed remediation and restoration for the Fields.
- A copy of the [RAP can be reviewed](#) at DEEP or on the Greenwich Public Schools website.
- **Cleanup activities are expected to commence in Summer 2023**, contingent upon regulatory approval.
- Meetings have been held with EPA and DEEP to gather their input, and **a public meeting to present the RAP to the public is planned** for January 11, 2023.

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

#### Public Meeting

January 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.  
Western Middle School Auditorium

The meeting can be attended in person or joined remotely using the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86572888389>

Or Dial (312) 626-6799 | Webinar ID: 86572888389

#### Public Comment Period

The public can offer input on the RAP by providing comments to DEEP by January 17, 2023.

#### Written comments can be submitted to:

Jeffrey Wilcox, CT DEEP  
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### Current Status

The environmental investigation and remediation activities that began at the Western Middle School Fields (the "Site") in 2016 are progressing to remediation under the Connecticut (CT) Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP) (Remediation ID: 14385). Greenwich Public Schools (GPS) entered the Site into the VRP in 2020, following several years of investigation. The VRP establishes a structured framework for CT DEEP review and approval of site remediation plans. GPS also continues to work with the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to reach agreement on cleanup activities for the Site.

### Investigation Activities

Multiple phases of investigation have occurred between June 2016 and March 2022. More than 600 soil samples have been collected and ten groundwater monitoring wells have been installed and sampled periodically at the Site.

Contaminants of concern at concentrations above regulatory criteria in soil include polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), volatile organic compounds, semi-volatile organic compounds, metals, and pesticides. No exceedances of applicable criteria for groundwater or soil vapor criteria were identified at the Site. Therefore, remedial planning has focused on soil remediation.

### Remedial Action Plan Submitted

Following a series of discussions with DEEP and EPA, GPS submitted a RAP for the cleanup of the Site under the VRP on August 1, 2022. The RAP describes the planned cleanup activities to be conducted. The RAP focuses on protecting human health and the environment while accommodating school activities and other uses of the Site.

The cleanup plan includes:

- Excavating and disposing of approximately 58,000 tons of contaminated soil;

- Constructing synthetic turf athletic fields and surrounding concrete and asphalt areas, and grassed landscaped areas;
- Long-term monitoring and maintenance of the remedy.

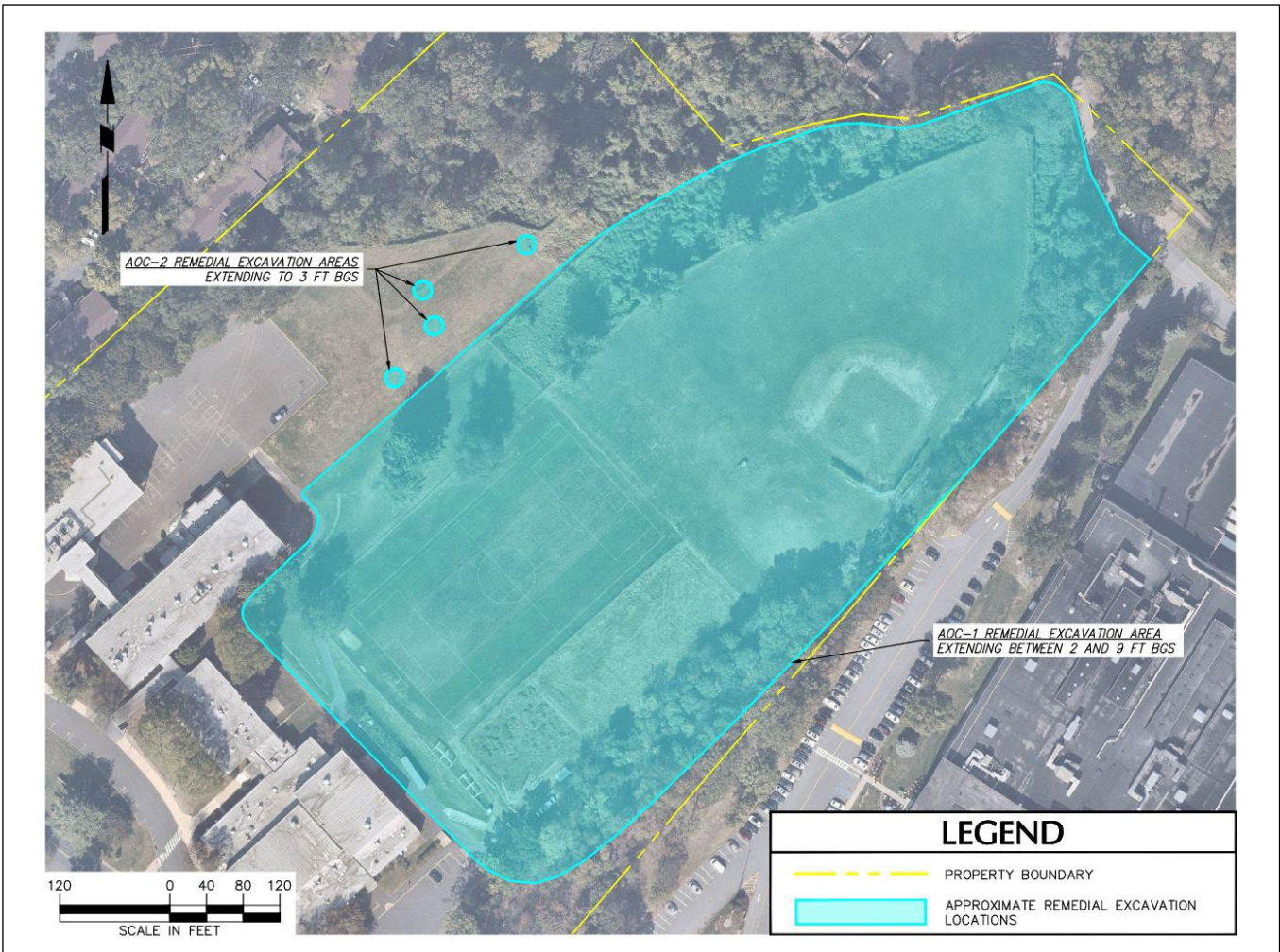
Excavation will remove the most heavily contaminated soil at the Site. The synthetic turf athletic fields, asphalt and concrete areas, and landscaped areas will be used as a series of Engineered Controls to prevent human contact with deeper, less contaminated soils. The areas of

excavation and Engineered Control construction are depicted below.

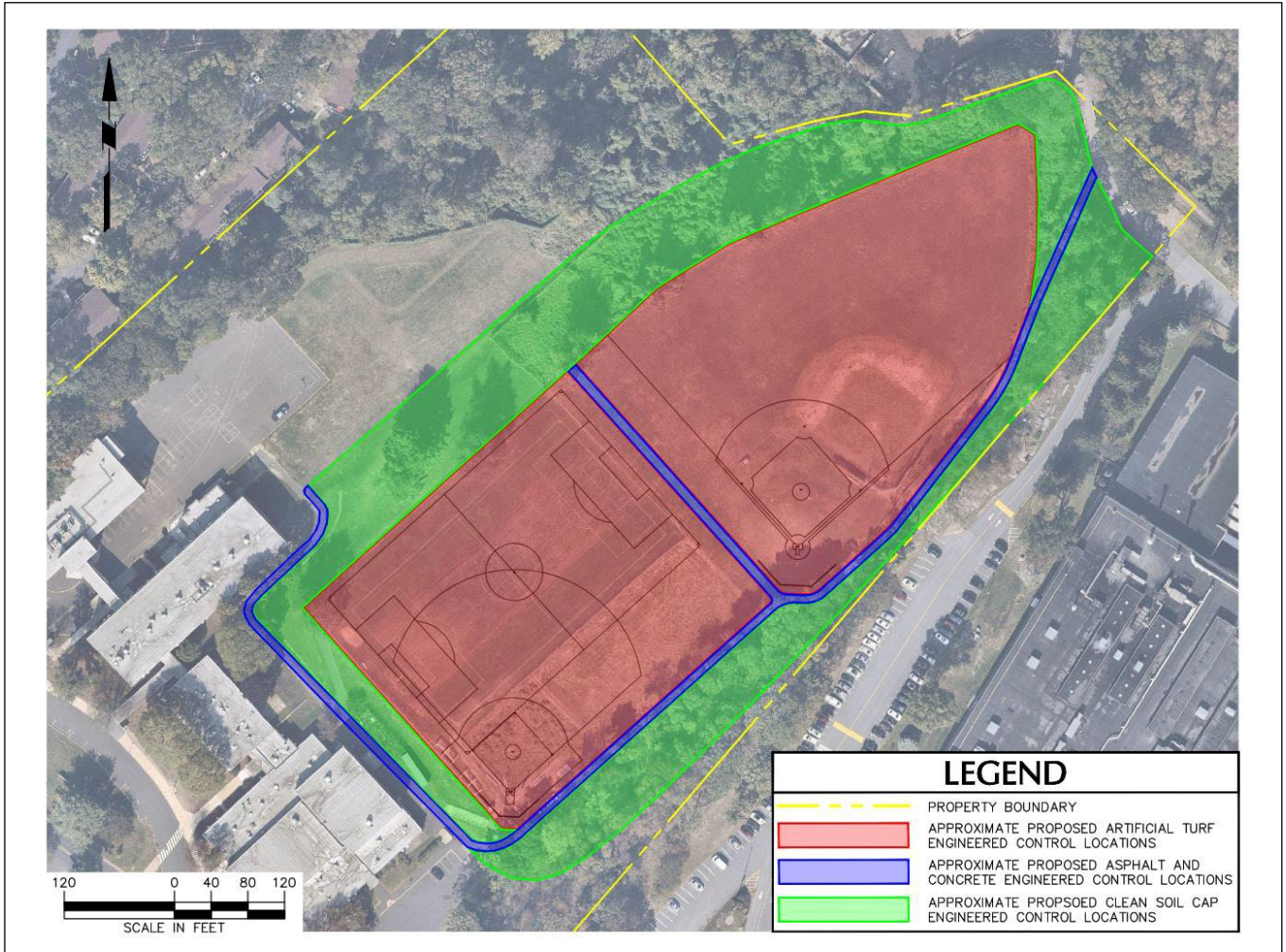
A public meeting will be held on January 11, 2023. A public comment period to offer input on the RAP is open through January 17, 2023. A copy of the RAP can be obtained through the Greenwich Public Schools website, as detailed below.

Please refer to the text boxes above and below for information about how the public can learn more and comment on the 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/western-middle-school-fields>



**Proposed Remedial Excavation**



**Proposed Engineered Controls**