

GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION UPDATE

Highlights:

- **The school continues to be safe.**
- **Remediation work on Field 3 work commenced in June 2022 and was completed in June 2023.** The bulk of excavation work was completed during the 2022 school recess.
- **Construction of the new Field 3 and Field 4 is complete.** Fields will be available throughout the 2023-2024 school year.
- DEEP and EPA have issued their approval for the Town to proceed with remediation in the area of Fields 2 and 5 and other areas adjacent to the Western Parking Lot. This work was initiated in late June 2023 and will be completed over the Summer 2023 school recess
- Fields 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 and the Western Parking Lot will be closed to the public during the Summer 2023 school recess.

Current Status

The environmental investigation and remediation activities at the Greenwich High School property are progressing through cleanup under the Connecticut Voluntary Remediation Program.

Completed Remediation Activities

Over the past three years, the Town has conducted remediation at the high school in conjunction with the construction of new athletic fields. This work has been phased to perform most of the cleanup work over the summer recess with some construction of fields occurring during the school year. The cleanup schedule has been sequenced to minimize the loss of use of school facilities and athletic fields during the project. However, access to the fields will continue to be limited at times, particularly during the summer months. Cleanup activities include:

- Excavating and disposing of over 40,000 tons of contaminated soil,
- Constructing an impermeable cap and stormwater management system beneath Fields 3 and 4, and
- Establishing clean soil caps beneath Fields 2, 5, 6, and 7, the Western Parking Lot and the areas around the fields.

Fields 6 & 7 Cleanup & Restoration Activities

Cleanup work around Fields 6 & 7 was performed in Summer 2020. This work involved the excavation and disposal of 600 tons of contaminated soil and artificial turf field construction. Fields 6 & 7 re-opened for use during the 2020-2021 school year. A small area north of Field 7 remains to be cleaned-up during Summer 2023.

Field 4 Cleanup & Restoration 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. Field 4 re-opened for use in April 2022.

Field 3 Cleanup & Restoration Activities

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. 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 was completed in May 2023.



Cleanup Plans for Summer 2023

Work for Summer 2023 began in late June. Activities will include excavation and restoration of portions of Fields 2 and 5, as well as a couple areas at the edge of the Western Parking Lot. Site work will be performed Monday through Friday between the hours of 7:00 AM and 6:00 PM and Saturday between 7:00 AM and 5:00 PM, weather permitting.

During Summer 2023, Fields 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 and the Western and Northern parking lots will be unavailable for use. The goal is to complete restoration of Fields 2 and 5 in time for the Spring 2024 sports season. However, the work is weather dependent, and bad weather may impact the project timeline. A map showing the layout of the Site during Summer 2023 is presented below.

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 continue to 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 are installed and are inspected and maintained routinely to protect West Brothers Brook and other natural resources.

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