

December 2023

GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION UPDATE

Highlights:

- **The school continues to be safe.**
- Remediation work in Field 2, Field 5 and several areas in the Western Parking Lot commenced in June 2023. **Excavation work in Field 2 and Field 5 was completed in Fall 2023.**
- **Restoration of Field 5 is underway and weather permitting, Field 5 is expected to be available for use in Spring 2024.**
- **Restoration of Field 2 will be completed in Spring 2024 and the field will remain unavailable for use in through Summer 2024.**

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 four 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 limited remediation and 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. Cleanup activities have included:

- Excavating and disposing of over 50,000 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 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 was completed during Summer 2023.

Field 4 Cleanup & Restoration Activities

Cleanup work beneath Field 4 was completed in Fall 2021 and involved the excavation and disposal of 14,250 tons of contaminated soil and replacement of the Field 4 playing field. Field 4 re-opened for use in April 2022.

Field 3 Cleanup & Restoration Activities

Work on Field 3 began in June 2022 and included the excavation and disposal of 23,000 tons of contaminated soil, replacement of the Field 3 playing field, and construction of a new spectator area. Field 3 was re-opened for use in May 2023.

Field 2 and 5 Cleanup & Restoration Activities

Work on Fields 2 and 5 began in June 2023. Work during the 2023 Summer recess and Fall semester included the excavation and disposal of contaminated soil from beneath and adjacent to Fields 2 and 5, and excavation in the Western Parking lot and fenced equipment area. Approximately 15,800 tons of contaminated soil were excavated from the site and properly disposed. Placement of clean backfill and topsoil was conducted in late Summer and Fall 2023. Restoration of Field 5 was performed November 2023 and, weather permitting, Field 5 will be available for use in Spring 2024.

Remediation of Field 2 was completed in November 2023, and excavations are being backfilled with clean material. Restoration will recommence in Summer 2024. Due to the current time of year and the extent of restoration needed, Field 2 will not be able to be restored to a playable condition for the Spring 2024 season. It had been expected that the field would be available in Spring 2024. However, post-excavation verification sampling performed in accordance with the agencies' approval of the cleanup plan identified additional contaminated soil that required more excavation than was originally planned. Field 2 will remain closed through the Winter and Spring 2024 with work recommencing in June 2024. The field will be stabilized and protected by temporary fencing during the school year and will be replanted in Fall 2024, so that the field is ready for play in Spring 2025.

Cleanup Plans for Summer 2024

Work for Summer 2024 will include remaining work on Field 2 as well as other areas in the Western Parking Lot near the pool entrance and adjacent to the MISA building. Work is expected to begin in late June pending agency approval of work plans. A map showing the layout of the Site during Winter 2023-Spring 2024 is presented below.

Safety of the 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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