

June 2026

GREENWICH HIGH SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION UPDATE

Highlights:

- **The school continues to be safe. The final stage of athletic field remediation is planned for Summer 2026.**
- This remediation work will be performed in the area south of Field 2 beginning in June 2026 when school is in summer recess.
- The area south of Field 2, Field 2, the path around Field 2, and the Southwestern corner of the Western Parking Lot near Field 2 will be inaccessible during Summer 2026.
- Fields 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 have all been fully restored and will remain accessible throughout the summer and fall.

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 six 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. Cleanup activities have included:

- Excavating and disposing of over 54,000 tons of contaminated soil;
- Constructing an impermeable cap and stormwater management system beneath Fields 3 and 4; and
- Establishing clean soil caps beneath and around Fields 2, 5, 6, and 7, the Western Parking Lot, and the Performing Arts Center (PAC).

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 excavated 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 re-opened for use in May 2023.

Field 2 and 5 Cleanup & Restoration Activities

Work on Fields 2 and 5 began in June 2023 and extended into Fall semester. It included the excavation and disposal of approximately 15,800 tons of contaminated soil from beneath and adjacent to Fields 2 and 5, in the Western Parking lot and in the fenced physical plant equipment area. Restoration of Field 5 was performed November 2023. Field 5 reopened for use in March 2024. Restoration of Field 2 was completed in Fall 2024, and Field 2 reopened for use in March 2025.

Western Parking Lot & PAC Cleanup & Restoration Activities

Work in the Western Parking Lot adjacent to the PAC and Music Instructional Space and Auditorium (MISA) was performed in Summer 2025. This work included the excavation and disposal of approximately 1,600 tons of contaminated soil from areas in the Western Parking lot adjacent to the PAC. These areas were restored and reopened for use in September 2025.

Cleanup Plans for Summer 2026

Work planned for Summer 2026 will include excavation and restoration of areas South of Field 2. A map showing the layout of the Site during Summer 2026 is presented below. The work area will remain fenced, but access to the school building will not be affected. Restoration of the area adjacent to Field 2 is expected to be complete by the start of the 2026-2027 school year.

Upcoming Cleanup and Restoration Activities

Future remediation work in and around Cider Mill Pond and a portion of West Brothers Brook is anticipated following state review of prior reports.

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 will be demarcated with fencing and signage, and access to work areas will be restricted.
- A dust monitoring and control plan will be implemented when earthwork is occurring.
- 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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