

Parker Street Waste Site

November 1, 2011 Community Leaders Meeting

Attendees:

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Update on the Westlawn Development Property:

- EPA began surface soil excavation and backfilling activities the week of October 10, 2011. Work was completed on the property the week of November 7, 2011.
- EPA presented a map of the Westlawn Development Property which depicted the locations where EPA plans to address surface soils.
- EPA answered specific questions about the work being performed. EPA reanalyzed sampling points for one portion of the property. Based on these sampling results, EPA excavated surface soils from the area and then backfilled with clean soil to eliminate any contact threat.

Questions about a Commercial Property near Parker Street Waste Site:

- MassDEP is working with the owner of a commercial property, located outside the boundaries of the Parker Street Waste Site, to address any elevated levels of hazardous substances originating from that commercial property. Any additional questions about this property should be addressed to MassDEP.

Update on the Boys and Girls Club:

- Elevated levels of hazardous substances, including polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons ("PAHs") were found in surface soils at portions of the Jenney Street property.
- EPA began surface soil excavation and backfilling activities the week of October 17th.

- Due to the size of the property, it will take approximately 4-5 weeks to complete the work.

Overall Progress at the Parker Street Waste Site:

- Surface soil excavation and backfilling activities have been completed at approximately 24 properties. Soil removal activities are planned for approximately 16 additional properties.
- Sampling analysis indicates that EPA is identifying the full extent of the boundaries of the Site. EPA is collecting additional samples to confirm the southern boundary of the Site.
- Samples were collected within the wetland area of Shawmut Village and on both sides of the upper edges of the wetland. Sampling analysis did not detect any hazardous substances at levels above cleanup standards.
- As of the November 1, 2011 meeting, EPA has spent approximately \$3 million on removal activities at the Site.
- Significant response actions have been and are continuing to be undertaken to address PCBs in and around the high school. This work at the high school is being performed by the City of New Bedford pursuant to the Massachusetts Contingency Plan ("MCP"). Some of this work is being performed pursuant to EPA oversight under a PCB cleanup approval issued by EPA under the Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA").
- Sampling results for the Westwood property did not identify any elevated levels of hazardous substances in surface soils at the property. Elevated levels of one PAH were identified in soils located between 3 feet and 12 feet below the ground surface.

CLEAN would like to express to the EPA administration that EPA has done everything that CLEAN has asked for and is pleased with the relationship to date.