

# TOWN OF FAIRFIELD – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS RECLAMATION YARD

September 8, 2017

Update No. 14

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The following is the bi-weekly status update for the Public Works Yard remediation and reduction of the existing material pile. The Town will be providing bi-weekly updates of the status and progress to remediate the isolated area of contaminated fill materials at the site while also working on the long term goal of reducing the size of the existing pile. All status updates and related information will be posted to the Town website located at: <http://www.fairfieldct.org/pwyard>

## **ENVIRONMENTAL**

- To date, the remediation contractor, Connecticut Tank Removal (CTR), removed has removed approximately 3,600 tons of PCB contaminated material between Jun 20<sup>th</sup> and August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The contaminated material removed from the site has been shipped to Hazelton Creek Properties, LLC in Hazelton, PA for certified disposal.
- More contaminated material was found during the course of the remediation than was originally discovered during the initial remedial investigation that was conducted in February 2017. The PCB remediation is isolated to an area at the site that measures 120' x 90' and is located along the northeast corner of the property. The Town has delineated and removed the horizontal/lateral extent of the PCB contamination and is now dealing with the vertical extent of the impacted soils. Based upon the 150+ vertical "base" sample results we have received to date, there appears to be small "hotspot" areas that require additional removal. It is not anticipated that more than 1 foot of soil/debris will require removal in these hotspot areas. The impacted soils have low levels of PCBs with exceedances of the RSR criteria ranging from 1.2 ppm to 4.3 ppm.

The Town is still waiting on the results of a dozen samples that were collected from the last round of sampling. The final sampling results should be received no later than the week of September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at which time a decision as how to best to proceed with the remediation will be made by the Town's LEP. The goal is to continue with the final stage of the remediation by the week of September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

- A final Remedial Action Report (RAR) of the project will be prepared and provided to the Town ensuring compliance with the CT DEEP PCB Division requests. The Remedial Action Report will be submitted to the CT DEEP PCB Division and will be posted on the Town's website after the completion of the work. It will take approximately 3 weeks to generate the report after the completion of the remediation at the site.

- Design of capping, proposed groundwater monitoring wells, and grading plan for this area was submitted to Fairfield TPZ and Conservation Dept. on 6/21/17. The application was presented at the Fairfield Planning & Zoning meeting of 8/22/17. Due to the comments received, the application has been withdrawn until the outstanding concerns are addressed. A Certificate of Wetland Compliance Permit # 2016-17-119 has been issued for this project.
- A special meeting to review the design and clarify questions regarding the proposed berm design will be held with Professor Peter Miniutti, LA of UConn Tuesday September 12, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Fire Training Center

### **LEGAL**

- The Town has engaged a law firm for legal action. All public information on this matter is available and on the website of the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch. This is frequently updated with any new information.

<http://civilinquiry.jud.ct.gov/CaseDetail/PublicCaseDetail.aspx?DocketNo=FBTCV175032827S>

### **OTHER**

- The Yard Waste site continues to be monitored to eliminate potential fire risks. Responses to RFP #2017-78 for a successor to the current Harvest New England operations were received on June 7, 2017. A proposed new contract is currently in the final review stage.
- The design and permitting application of the Town's Flood Control Barrier around the WPCF / Fire Training Grounds / Conservation Garage / Animal Control Facility was submitted to CT DEEP on April 7, 2017 and is currently being reviewed by that agency. This project will be scheduled for a Town Planning & Zoning Public Hearing this fall. A Certificate of Wetland Compliance Permit # 2016-17-115 has been issued for this project.
- A landscaping plan for screening trees consisting of 40 14' tall white pines (*Pinus Strobus Fastigiata*) located at the rear property line of the training grounds has been developed. Bid prices will be received this summer. This will be funded by the State of Connecticut Department of Administrative Services. The installation of the landscape/ screening will be coordinated with the construction of the above referenced Flood Control Barrier. If CT DEEP approvals for the Flood Barrier are received shortly, the construction can begin and screenings will be installed this calendar year.
- The Town will begin the development of a five year plan for the Fire Training Grounds, Mulch Operations, and the PW Yard.

If you have any questions or comments, or would like to be added to the distribution list for future project updates, please send an email to [kfournier@fairfieldct.org](mailto:kfournier@fairfieldct.org)

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Status Update No. 14 will be issued on September 8, 2017.

Special Public Meeting regarding the Landscape Berm Design with Professor Peter Miniutti, LA will be held Tuesday September 12, 2017 at 7:00 PM at the Fire Training Center.

Next regular scheduled Public Meeting will be held Tuesday October 10, 2017 at 7:00 PM.