

THERE'S MORE TO LOVE AT TINLEY PARK - PARK DISTRICT



REMEDiate 280

February 2024

We did it! We officially closed on the former Tinley Park Mental Health Center site for only \$1 last Friday. After over a decade, the Park District has taken ownership of this vacant land and is well underway to clean it up for redevelopment. Now that's progress!

Historic Day

On Monday, February 26, we gathered at the site to celebrate the news of the property's closing as well as the Park District's obtaining \$15 million in state dollars to fund the environmental cleanup work necessary to revitalize the property.

We are so proud to be turning this blighted property into another reason to love Tinley parks! Our Board of Commissioners Donald Cuba, Bernie O'Boyle, Lisa O'Donovan, Ashley Rubino, and Marie Ryan have shown great leadership to get us to this point.

Find more pictures and videos from Monday's celebration on our [website](#).



Cleanup

Even before officially owning the site, we began environmental cleanup work on the land. In the fall of 2023, environmental firm Tetra Tech conducted an updated environmental study to determine the extent of remediation work needed on the land. Find their report on our [website](#).

Homer Landscaping also dramatically cut back vegetation and overgrowth on the property to provide access to roads and buildings

on the site and help pave the way for the rest of the cleanup process. You've probably noticed those changes driving by!

This week, crews are working to remove three underground storage tanks on the property. This is a safe process that will not affect residents.

Once the underground tanks are removed, cleanup work will move to remove asbestos and any other regulated materials in the vacant buildings on site and demolish all buildings. That work will be done with many precautions to ensure the surrounding community's safety. We will be sharing much more on this process soon.



Oversight

The clean-up process is being led by our expert team of former Illinois EPA Director Renee Cipriano, leading environmental attorney Elizabeth Harvey, and Project Manager Michael Maloney, all under the oversight of the IEPA. Our experts are helping us ensure the safety of environmental work done at the site and ensure we receive the IEPA's stamp of approval to redevelop the site once clean-up work is done.

Your Feedback

February has been a busy month! Our new Remediate 280 Committee, led by Chair Lisa O'Donovan and Co-Chair Ashley Rubino, held its first meeting on February 8. The committee was established with a diverse set of Tinley Park residents to work collaboratively with us to ensure safe and proper cleanup of contamination and provide regular updates to our community.

We created the Remediate 280 Committee as part of our efforts to include your feedback in this process, and we encourage you to participate in the Committee's meetings to hear updates and provide input. Head to our [website](#) for the committee's schedule.

Once the property's environmental clean-up is complete, we will also want to hear from you about redeveloping the land. More information to come!

Our Pledge

We will continue to update you once a month in this newsletter, and you can stay tuned through our social media channels for more! Find us on Twitter @TinleyParkFUN and Facebook at www.facebook.com/tinleyparkFUN.

We again thank Board President Marie Ryan, Chair Lisa O'Donovan, Co-Chair Ashley Rubino, and Commissioners Donald Cuba and Bernie O'Boyle for their leadership and work to get us here.

Onward!

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