



# Remediate 280

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## The Bidding Process

This month, we have been working through the bidding process for the next phases of the state-funded cleanup: safely removing asbestos and other wastes on the property to make way for demolition of all the vacant and dilapidated buildings.

After reviewing each bid for this work carefully, we have conducted needed follow up so that we can select a contractor that is the most responsive and the best value for the project. We will be updating you as to when and how the work will proceed once the contractor is selected.



## Setting the Record Straight

Recently, there were a number of inaccurate and misleading statements made by Tinley Park village officials regarding existing stormwater on the vacant property. It's important to set the facts straight: Stormwater that has accumulated on the property will not be discharged into any village systems and that was never our plan.

While there is stormwater on the property, keep in mind a few important facts:

- The water will be handled appropriately and will not be discharged into any village systems.
- The stormwater has been tested and revealed no contaminants, including no evidence of asbestos or other harmful materials.
- Our plan to manage the stormwater follows Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) requirements and will be done pursuant to an IEPA permit.
- Our plan for the stormwater is called a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPP for short) and has been submitted to IEPA. We are waiting for IEPA's approval before we can move forward.
- Many steps, including filtering, will be taken to ensure the water being discharged does not contain silt, gravel, and other sediments, including asbestos. We will also be visually checking the water for oil and grease and will stop discharging the stormwater, if observed, until the water quality can be addressed.
- We have a team of environmental experts overseeing all the work on the site in addition to the IEPA.

We've posted a helpful guide of [frequently asked questions](#) on our plan for the stormwater on our website. You can stay informed on the facts of the cleanup's

progress and developments in this newsletter, on our website, and by getting in touch with us directly.



## Cleanup Efforts

Once the next phases of cleanup begin, we will have many precautions in place to ensure the community's safety, including air monitoring conducted by a third-party company. We have been working through a separate bidding process to select an air monitoring contractor, and we will share more details soon.

Learn more about the next steps of the cleanup work in a separate [guide of frequently asked questions](#) that discusses these issues and more.



## Your Feedback

Our community Remediate 280 Committee continues to convene monthly to discuss the state-funded clean-up process of all 280 acres of the property. Find the schedule on our [website](#).



## Get Updates

Find updates and information on [our website](#) and through our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

[Remediation Meeting Schedule](#)

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.

We are so proud to be turning this blighted property into another reason to love Tinley parks!

## More to come in August!

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