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FAQ: Abatement and Demolition Work

What is next in the cleanup of the former Tinley Park Mental Health Center site?

Many buildings and structures on-site are in serious disrepair and have materials such as asbestos and waste that require special handling. All this material and waste will be carefully removed and secured by the contractor meeting all applicable environmental requirements. The Park District has retained an independent air monitoring company to help oversee waste and asbestos handling and conduct air-monitoring during the work to ensure the safety of the community and workers. Nearly all buildings and structures on site will be demolished once wastes are removed. Existing roadways and parking lots on site will be retained.

What types of materials remain on the site?

The materials and wastes present in and on buildings and structures are required by law to be handled and disposed of properly and according to environmental requirements, including asbestos, mold, and lead. Light fixtures, ballasts, petroleum products, and mercury-containing switches are also present on site and will be removed and disposed of properly.

What is going to be demolished?

Nearly all buildings on site will be demolished, excluding roadways and parking lots, as well as underground steam tunnels, conveyances, footings, and pavement. Construction and demolition debris will be sorted and separated according to environmental requirements. If material can be recycled and/or reused, the Park District will endeavor to do so.

What will be done to reduce potential noise and dust during the work?

The work will follow a plan to control and reduce dust that may be produced. Such control efforts may include wetting and/or stabilizing the ground during abatement and demolition or by placing windbreaks, if necessary. Abatement practices also require the containment and minimization of release of particles and fibers. The Park District's on-site project manager and third-party monitor will ensure work is being performed appropriately and disruption is minimized. Additionally, work is prohibited on weekends and legal holidays between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. and on weeknights after 10:00 p.m., unless in the event of an emergency.



How will the contractor protect the surrounding community and workers from exposure to materials that require abatement?

The Park District has hired an independent, experienced air-monitoring company to monitor the air for the duration of the work to ensure the safety of the workers and surrounding community. In addition to air monitoring, regular inspections of the personal protective equipment worn by the workers, the containment barriers, and the exhaust machines will also be conducted. This will provide us with another layer of safety precautions to ensure the community is protected

Once the abatement and demolition work are done, what happens next?

Once the abatement and demolition work are completed, the property will be entered into the Illinois' Site Remediation Program (SRP). The SRP is administered by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) and allows for regulatory oversight of property cleanup activities in the state. Once the IEPA is satisfied with the cleanup work performed, the agency will issue a "No Further Remediation Letter," allowing for redevelopment to proceed.

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