



Remediate 280 Update

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Current Status

Work continues on the property, including

- ▶ Demolition debris continues to be removed
- ▶ Clean fill is being delivered to backfill foundation excavations
- ▶ Our contractor continues abatement of buildings, and demolition after a building is abated. For example, abatement of Building 24 is wrapping up and the contractor will obtain a demolition permit. In Building 26 (Howe Center), Pods 100 & 101-110 have been demolished, Pods 200 & 201-210 are in the process of demolition, and the remaining portions of Building 26 have been abated.
- ▶ Aboveground storage tanks are scheduled to be removed.

Current Status (continued)

- ▶ The team issued a directive to the contractor, establishing priorities for work moving forward. For example, completing demolition of Buildings 24 (Mimosa Hall) and 25 (Pine Hall); demolishing the water tower (Structure 19); removing transformers (no PCBs) and gear switches; abatement and demolition of Buildings 15, 16, and 17 and the well houses.
- ▶ The Park District continues to work with its legislators and the Governor's Office to secure additional funding for work on the property.

LUST Closure Update

- ▶ In 1995, while the property was owned by the State, there were two leaking underground storage tank (LUST) incidents. The State removed the leaking tanks and did initial reporting, but did not perform the steps necessary to close the two incidents.
- ▶ When the Park District acquired the property in 2024, the team consulted with IEPA and took action to properly close the two incidents. The Park District's environmental consultant prepared a site investigation plan and took soil and groundwater samples.
- ▶ The sampling results did not exceed the most stringent soil and drinking water standards. No remediation was required.
- ▶ The team has worked closely with IEPA on these closure activities. We submitted the final report to IEPA. We expect IEPA to issue final approval of the closure activities and issue a No Further Remediation (NFR) letter for the two 1995 LUST incidents.

Site Remediation Program (SRP)

- ▶ The team is moving towards enrolling the property in the Site Remediation Program (SRP).
- ▶ The SRP provides IEPA oversight of investigation of potential contamination on the property, and, if necessary, remediation of contamination.
- ▶ When IEPA is satisfied that the property complies with all applicable standards, it will issue an NFR.

Questions?

- ▶ The Remediate 280 Team is always happy to answer your questions and concerns.
- ▶ Does the Committee have any questions?