

NPDC/Skillman Village Montgomery Township's Redevelopment Project

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Update on NPDC/Skillman Village Cleanup and Demolition Work

What is the status of the steam pipe removal project by Weston Solutions?

Weston removed over 7 miles of steam pipes between April and August, twice as much as originally anticipated, but it did not complete all of the removal in the area about 500 feet to the northeast of the edge of the school property – the so-called “spaghetti area” – which it pledged to finish when the Village Elementary School is not in session. Weston has indicated that at the time steam pipe removal work re-starts, it will continue to honor this pledge. In other words, Weston does not intend to remove steam pipe in the “spaghetti area” when school is in session.

All the steam pipe removal work that remains, including that in the spaghetti area, is on hold for now, and will not be re-started until Weston presents the Township with a new schedule.

What other cleanup still needs to be done on the site?

The remaining cleanup work includes remediating all of the other so-called “Areas of Concern”, mostly consisting of low levels of contaminated soils, which have been identified during the course of several environmental studies conducted over the past decade.

This work will not begin until a Remedial Action Workplan (RAW) is submitted to the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) for review. Weston plans to provide the Township with a Remedial Investigation Report (RIR) and Remedial Action Workplan (RAW) for review within the next few weeks.

Before any remediation work begins, the Community Advisory Board will meet to discuss the details with staff and professionals, and the public is welcome to attend. Details of the meeting will be sent via the Township's e-bulletin. To be included on this list, please sign up at www.montgomery.nj.us by clicking on envelope that says in green “Join Our Bulletins Mailing List” at the middle right hand side of home page.

Weston also will remove the sediments and rebuild the dam at Sylvan Lake. Weston is waiting to get permits from the DEP to begin this work.

What does the demolition company, Brandenburg, still have to do?

Brandenburg is still performing site restoration – topsoil grading, reseeded, etc. and still needs to remove a small amount of concrete rubble located on the western side of the site, about half a mile away from VES.

The remaining concrete is located in an area designated for stockpiling construction materials. There is no remaining building debris containing asbestos on the site.

Thank you!