

COMMUNITY UPDATE

The mission of DTSC is to protect California's people and environment from harmful effects of toxic substances by restoring contaminated resources, enforcing hazardous waste laws, reducing hazardous waste generation, and encouraging the manufacture of chemically safer products.

Jean Sweeney Open Space Park Draft Removal Action Workplan Available for Review

The Department of Toxic Substance Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for Jean Sweeney Open Space Park (Site), at 1925 Sherman Street in Alameda, California 94501. The draft RAW is a cleanup plan to address soil contamination. The City of Alameda (City) has proposed development of a public park at the Site. The City plans to cleanup the Site prior to development. DTSC is overseeing this proposed cleanup.

Site Location and History

The 27-acre Site is located in Alameda approximately ¼ mile from the Oakland Inner Harbor and formerly operated as a railyard and maintenance facility. The Site was developed with numerous parallel railroad tracks, buildings, and maintenance shops. The northern portion of the Site contained employee housing barracks. Other developments at the Site included above-ground storage tanks, which were likely used to store water and diesel fuel. After railroad operations ceased in 1998, a tenant area, including vehicle storage, occupied a small portion of the northeast corner of the Site. The City of Alameda acquired the Site by 2010.

Environmental Investigations

Site investigations from 1999 through 2016 identified chemicals of potential concern at the Site. The contamination is primarily petroleum hydrocarbons and lead in a few localized areas (see Site map on last page). Polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) are also found at low concentrations in the soil. The contamination at the Site was caused by the operations of the former railyard and maintenance facility.

What Can Be Done to Clean It Up?

The draft RAW summarizes previous studies and identifies the possible cleanup alternatives. DTSC evaluates cleanup alternatives on the basis of their effectiveness, ability to implement, and cost. The objective at this Site is to cleanup petroleum hydrocarbons, lead, and PAHs to a level acceptable for recreational use. Additional soil samples will be taken where a fruit orchard is planned in order to ensure that it is safe for planting. Groundwater impacts

Public Comment Period



October 24, 2016—November 23, 2016

DTSC invites you to review and comment on the draft RAW for Jean Sweeney Open Space Park. All comments must be mailed or e-mailed by **November 23, 2016** to:

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from petroleum hydrocarbons will be addressed in a later cleanup plan. The groundwater is not a source of drinking water for the neighborhood.

Recommended Alternative

DTSC recommends Soil Excavation, On-Site Consolidation, Off-site Disposal and Institutional Controls as the cleanup action. Approximately 1,900 cubic yards of soil with low concentrations of contaminants would be excavated and consolidated on-site and capped under a proposed trail. Approximately 450 cubic yards (25 truckloads) of soil contaminated with petroleum hydrocarbons would be transported off-site to a permitted disposal facility. An Operations and Maintenance plan would ensure that the consolidation area is properly maintained. This alternative would effectively protect human health and the environment.

Safety Measures

The following safety measures would help ensure that public health and the environment are protected during cleanup activities:

- The Site would be fenced off for public safety.
- Water would be sprayed during soil removal to control dust.
- Plastic sheeting would cover any stockpiled soil.
- Trucks would be covered and tires cleaned prior to leaving the Site.
- Air and dust monitoring would occur upwind and downwind of the excavation.

A Work Notice would be distributed to the community prior to the start of work. The work would take approximately four weeks.

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

The City of Alameda prepared an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for this project in June 2014. As the lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), DTSC prepared an Addendum to the IS/MND to include more technical details related to the implementation of the proposed project. The Addendum to the IS/MND concluded that with the use of mitigation measures, the proposed project would not result in significant impacts to the environment. As such, DTSC concluded that an Addendum to the IS/MND was the appropriate document to prepare under CEQA. If the proposed project is approved, DTSC will file the Addendum to the IS/MND with the Governor's Office of Planning & Research/State Clearinghouse. This filing starts a 30-day period under CEQA in which public challenges to DTSC's approval of the project may be initiated in court.

What Happens Next?

DTSC will review and consider all public comments before making a final decision on the draft RAW. We have not scheduled a public meeting for the Site at this time; however, will consider holding one if requested. At the end of the public comment period, we will evaluate comments received and make any necessary changes to the RAW. We will send a Response to Comments document to all those who comment and make it available in the information repositories listed below.

Information Repositories



The draft Addendum to the IS/MND and draft RAW are available to review at the following locations:

Alameda Main Library
1550 Oak St.
Alameda, CA 94501
(510) 747-7777; call for hours

Department of Toxic Substance Control
700 Heinz Ave.
Berkeley, California 94710
(510) 540-3800; call for appointment

You can also view the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park documents on DTSC's EnviroStor database at:

<http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>

To find documents for the Jean Sweeney Open Space Park on DTSC's EnviroStor database click on "Site/Facility Search" and enter "Alameda" in the City field, then click on "Get Report." Find "Jean Sweeney Open Space Park" and click on the "Report" link next to the Site name.

Sign up for DTSC email alerts notifying you when new documents are available by clicking at the top right link on the EnviroStor report page for this Site. To learn more about DTSC, please visit our website at www.dtsc.ca.gov.

Contact Information

For more information about the cleanup process or related documents, contact:

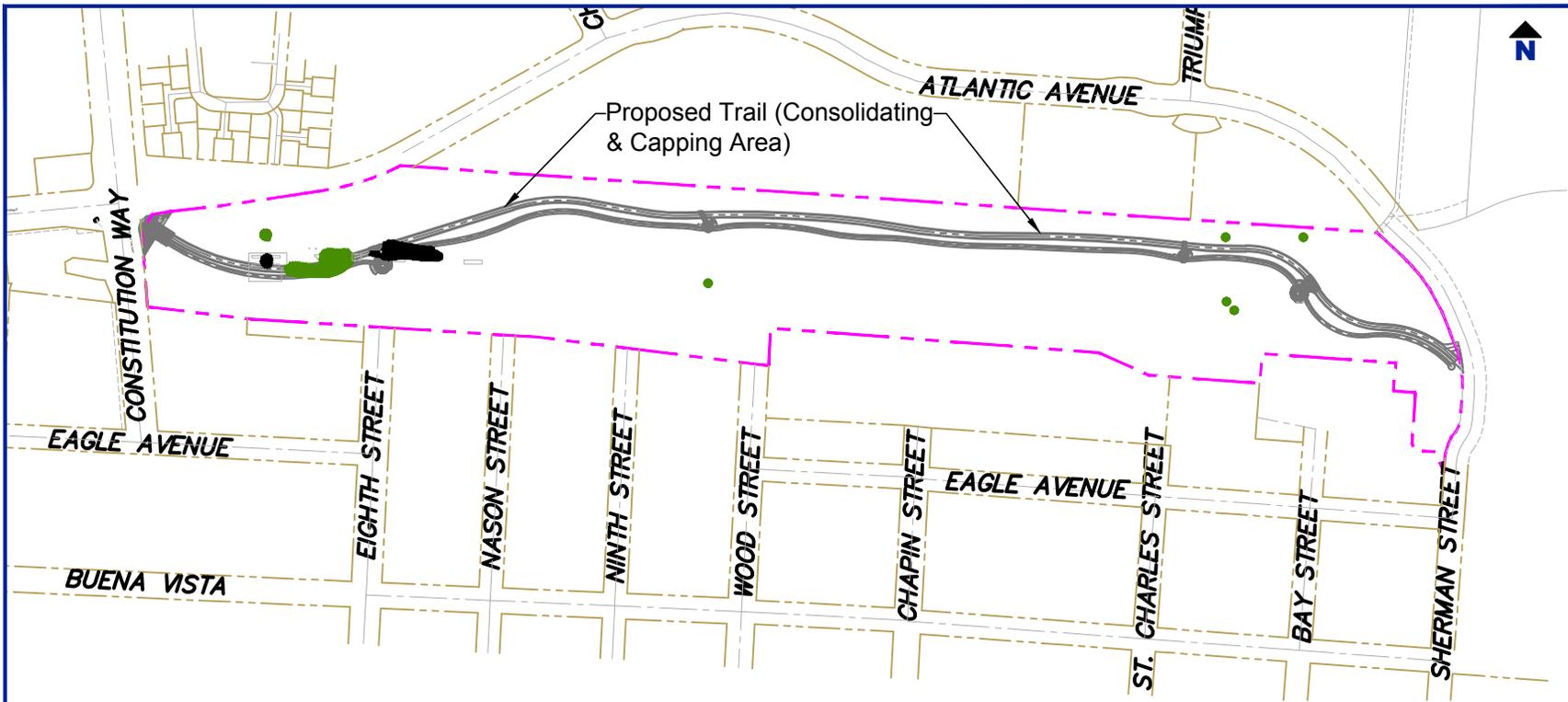
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Proposed Trail (Consolidating & Capping Area)

LEGEND

-  PROPERTY BOUNDARY.
-  EXCAVATION AREAS WITH LOWER CONCENTRATION OF CONTAMINANTS TO BE CONSOLIDATED UNDER THE TRAIL.
-  HYDROCARBON SATURATED SOIL LOCATION (PLANNED TO BE HAULED OFFSITE TO LANDFILL).
(LOCATIONS ARE APPROXIMATE)



Site
Jean Sweeney Open Space Park, Alameda, CA

Drawing
Site Plan Showing Excavation Areas

