

# JCP&L to begin phase 2 of remediation

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and about 1,125 feet in rectangular length by a large machine known as a one-pass trencher. Tennis and basketball courts were demolished and a small underground tank was removed, according to Frank Lawson, JCP&L supervisor of site remediation programs.

According to JCP&L, Phase 2 activities at the site will include excavation of soils down to 3.5 feet below ground surface amounting to about 13,000 tons of soil and the installation of a second underground containment wall. Lawson said the second wall was designed to control contamination outside the first work area. He said recovery wells would be installed to pump impacted water into a permanent groundwater treatment system that will be housed in a structure about 46 feet by 20.5 feet. The treated water will be pumped back below ground using injection wells, said Jim McLaughlin of Arcadis, the firm that supervises contractors handling the remediation.

"Because this is still a park and it's in a nice place, our treatment building looks very nice," Lawson said. "The town wanted it to fit in with the community." The dog park will remain open during this phase of

work.

Phase 2 will consist of removing shallow soils down to 3.5 feet below ground surface in upland and wetlands areas of the site to remove "any remnants that were left out in the wetlands area."

A clay pipe that formerly transported contaminated water from the MGP to the wetlands will be removed, according to Lawson. He said soil borings were undertaken to determine how far in the direction of Cape Island Creek to install the second contamination wall to keep material from migrating any further. The contamination moves very slowly, he said.

A former railroad spur was located along St. John Street that will help crews access the wetlands area, according to McLaughlin.

Prior to transportation, some excavated materials will be staged beneath a temporary tent, or "sprung" structure, made of fabric.

"We're going to bring impacted soils into the structure, mix them up so that we can truck them out," Lawson said.

He said it would keep the soil from getting wet and decrease any odors associated with the material.

Impacted soils removed from the uplands will also be exported for treatment and disposal. Soils removed from the wetlands area



The treatment building at the former manufactured gas plant was designed to fit in with the aesthetics of the city. 'Because this is still a park and it's in a nice place, our treatment building looks very nice,' JCP&L supervisor Frank Lawson said.

with high moisture content will be dewatered and/or chemically treated prior to being transported offsite to a licensed facility for treatment and disposal.

Trucks will be used to remove debris and soil from the work area and to bring clean soil and other construction materials to the work area.

As a result, there will be increased truck traffic along Lafayette Street. Construction vehicles will enter the site from the north on Lafayette Street, and exit to the south. This route may change based on potential concurrent local roadwork, according to JCP&L.

Air monitors will be installed along the perimeter of the work area and standard dust and vapor control measures (such as: water

mist, foam spray, plastic sheeting and sand cover) will be used to control potential dust and odor emissions during excavation and non-work periods; i.e. evening or weekend shutdowns.

JCP&L will install a second underground containment wall to create a barrier to prevent groundwater from flowing into adjacent wetlands. This will complete the design started in Phase 1, which included the installation of a low permeability primary containment wall around the perimeter of the former MGP site and an expanded area to the west. A natural clay layer serves as the "floor" for both these containment walls.

JCP&L will install a permanent 46 foot x 20.5 foot prefabricated groundwater

treatment building to treat groundwater captured from the site for the foreseeable future. Electricity for this building will run underground/above ground from power lines off St. John Street. Initial plans called for five subsurface vaults measuring 10 feet by 10 feet filled with charcoal to decontaminate groundwater but that has been changed to an above-ground system in a building.

Lawson said wells would be sampled quarterly but the system would be checked weekly as treatment begins. He said no contamination was found in the creek.

JCP&L will submit biannual reports to the DEP to verify the system is working.

All Phase 2 work will be completed by or before Memorial Day weekend 2017. Generally, work will be performed from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through

Friday. However, an agreement with the city allows work on weekends and extended hours: 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. in order to complete this phase by Memorial Day.

The existing temporary fence will remain in place to ensure security of the construction zone. The sidewalk adjacent to the site will remain open while the work is ongoing. In coordination with the Cape May City Elementary School, crossing guards will be posted on Lafayette Street to the north and south of the site during school arrival and dismissal hours to ensure children and their guardians are able to safely cross Lafayette Street.

The first few weeks of work will focus on preparing the site for Phase 2. Site trailers, which will serve as temporary office space, will be moved into place and construction equipment will be brought on site.

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there for the fire department that should go and they don't go."

Mogck said "victims" were anything the Beach Patrol could handle without calling fire department EMTs. He said some life-guards are EMTs.

"This was a mild summer," Mogck said.

MacLeod said August was the busiest month of activity for the Beach Patrol, with 73 rescues, 94 victims, 44 first aid and 15 calls to 911. A total of 11 surf-related injuries were recorded. Mogck said the highest rate of injuries occurred in the first week of August.

The Cape May Fire Department recorded specific incidents. On June 20, a person at Beach and Grant avenues was body surfing and struck his or her head on the ocean floor, reporting pain and tingling in hands. The patient was immobilized and transported to Cape Regional Medical Center (CRMC).

Among the calls for service to the fire department, on July 11 at First Avenue, an individual body surfing struck a bather's leg with his or her head. He or she reported neck pain, was immobilized and transported to CRMC.

On July 12 at Decatur Avenue, a person tumbled in the surf, walked to a lifeguard stand with neck pain, was immobilized and transported to CRMC.

On Aug. 2 at Brooklyn Avenue, an individual tumbled in the surf, reporting middle and lower back pain. He or she was immobilized and transported to CRMC.

On Aug. 4 at Pittsburgh Avenue, a person body surfing tumbled in the surf and suffered an abrasion to his or her nose and neck pain.

He or she was immobilized and transported to CRMC.

On Aug. 8 at Pittsburgh Avenue, an individual was knocked down by a wave and reported back pain and a bloody nose but refused further treatment.

On Aug. 18 at Ocean Street, a person was struck in the head by a surfboard and refused treatment. At the same location Aug. 28, a person was knocked over by a wave, struck his or her head on the bottom of the ocean and reported neck pain but refused further treatment.

On Aug. 28 at Howard Street, an individual was body surfing and struck his or her face into the bottom. Her or she reported neck pain, was immobilized and transported to CRMC.

The fire department responded to a total of 24 incidents for EMT/ambulance service.

Fire Chief Alex Coulter said 51 incidents requiring EMTs occurred last year. He said the ocean was calmer this year.

MacLeod said 20 percent of injuries were related to body surfing, boogie boarding or surfboard-related activities.

"There are some ways we could curtail or reduce some of the injuries but they're probably not going to be highly received in taking those steps," he said.

DeSatnick asked if the reports of injuries could be used to address the surf zone injuries. MacLeod said prior to an Aug. 25 public information meeting in Convention Hall, he had supplied the Army Corps and state Department of Environmental Protection

similar reports from recent years. He said prior to the Oct. 28 Beach Safety meeting, he forwarded the most current injury information to the two agencies.

DeSatnick said he believed the efforts of beach taggers and lifeguards paying more attention this year reduced the number of injuries.

City Solicitor Tony Monzo said he looked at reports of Cape May surf zone injuries compared to state averages.

"Cape May per the number of people on the beach as a percentage are lower than the state average in just about every category," he said. "It may be attributed to the job that the lifeguards do here and also the educational program."

Monzo said the Army Corps hasn't seen data relating to beach slope, beach nourishment and beach injuries that give them the ability to go to their leaders and say more needs to

be done because there is a problem.

DeSatnick said no beach injury studies were undertaken prior to beach replenishment so no comparison is available after beach replenishment.

Monzo said CRMC would be working next summer with the city to report on beach injuries treated at the hospital. He said the injuries would be compared to surf conditions at the time of the incident.

DeSatnick said the city was working on the medical aspect but professionals were needed to look at the surf zone and find a solution to the problem. MacLeod said the committee discussed moving a large amount of sand in the surf zone. He asked if the committee wanted to revisit the idea with the city bearing the cost of about \$1 million.

DeSatnick said the committee determined a city-funded project was not feasible.

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