COMMUNITY UPDATE

New York State Superfund Program

Former Dzus Fastener Company Site Remediation

Willetts Creek and Lake Capri

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is committed to a careful and thorough clean-up of Willetts Creek, Lake Capri, and the surrounding impacted properties while keeping the West Islip Community informed of our actions. Our top priority is ensuring that students, faculty, and all other community members do not come into contact with any site-related contamination. DEC and the state Department of Health (DOH) are coordinating closely with the project contractors to complete this work expeditiously and limit impacts to the community.

This update includes the latest information on progress to address sediment contamination in Willetts Creek and Lake Capri and contaminated soils on adjacent properties, as well as the status of the Willetts Creek Tidal Area Investigation. We encourage you to sign-up for DEC's LISTSERV to continue receiving updates on these actions and future public information sessions.

Health and Safety

Safety is a priority on all DEC projects. All workers employed at the site attend a daily safety meeting prior to beginning work for the day. In addition, workers are required to have current documentation, certification, and physicals prior to performing work.

Dzus Project Safety Stats

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http://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/114710.html

Questions/Concerns can also be directed to: Dzus@eaest.com
Construction Activities and Schedule

Removal of contaminated sediment from Willets Creek behind Captree Plaza to the start of High School property (Phase I) has been completed. In previously excavated areas, restoration activities have begun, including the placement of clean backfill (sand, stone, and topsoil). After the placement of sand, stone will be placed in the creek as channel bed material. Topsoil will be placed over the sand and erosion control fabric will be placed over the topsoil prior to seeding. Tree and wetland plantings will follow these actions.

The middle school footbridge has been replaced and the new footbridge will be operational for student use at the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year. Phase 1 is on schedule and restoration, including removal of the temporary fabric structure (TFS) and access road, is anticipated to be complete by end of fall 2019.

The TFS at the West Islip High School is operating and receiving contaminated sediment removed from Willets Creek in the vicinity of the high school property. This TFS will also be used to handle sediment removed from Lake Capri. The TFS houses sediment dewatering pads and heavy construction equipment (i.e., excavators) required to amend sediments with drying agents (if amendments are needed prior to disposal). The structure includes an air filtration system that will control odors, dust, and other nuisance concerns, such as noise, from leaving the work area.

Sediment and soil removal along Willets Creek in the vicinity of the high school is ongoing and is expected to go through September 2019. To dredge Lake Capri, additional equipment has been mobilized. Dredging of Lake Capri is anticipated to begin in September 2019 following the Labor Day weekend. Water levels will be raised and lowered during dredging through the replacement/removal of boards in the weir at Montauk Highway. Dredging in the lake will continue through the winter. Following completion of dredging in Lake Capri, the remainder of Willets Creek, from the southern end of high school property to Lake Capri, will be dredged and restored, including removal of the remaining portion of the access road. Prior to and during excavation of the remainder of Willets Creek, engineering controls will be in place to ensure that the clean lake is not re-contaminated. Air monitoring will continue until all contaminated material is removed from the creek and lake. Restoration is anticipated to be complete in spring 2020.
Clean sand being placed behind Captree Plaza.

Sediment being loaded for disposal within the TFS located at the high school.

Sediment will be loaded into off-road dump trucks for transfer to TFS.
How will Lake Capri be dredged?

Mechanical dredging using a barge-mounted excavator will be used to dredge Lake Capri. To prevent turbidity in the lake, dredging will occur within an underwater silt curtain (moon pool). The barge mounted excavator will load sediment into barge scows, which will be transported to the shore (Willetts Creek Outlet). Once at the shore, another excavator will load the material from the scow into off-road dump trucks for transportation to the TFS located at the high school where it will be dewatered prior to loading into dump trucks for disposal.
Willetts Creek Tidal Area Investigation

In addition to the cleanup efforts related to Willetts Creek, Lake Capri and surrounding impacted properties, the investigation of sediment in the tidal area of Willetts Creek and soil sampling of adjacent properties in the floodplain (OU5) continues. Additional sampling is required and will be conducted beginning September 16, 2019, to refine the limits of contamination and to evaluate ecological risk. Approximately 50 additional sediment samples will be collected from areas of known contamination and that data will be evaluated to determine if the contaminated sediments may impact benthic organisms. Hard shell clams will also be collected, and tissue will be analyzed to aid in an evaluation of human health risk.

Additional sampling is required on adjacent properties in the floodplain. As data becomes available, DOH will contact property owners to review sampling results.

Following the remedial investigation (RI), an RI Report is expected by the end of 2019 that will summarize all results of the investigation work. After the release of the RI Report, a Feasibility Study will be conducted during the first quarter of 2020 to develop and evaluate various alternatives for the cleanup of contamination found during the investigation. Following the Feasibility Study, public comments on a proposed plan for cleanup will be solicited, including a public meeting to discuss the proposed remedy.

Additional information is being sought from property owners regarding the bulkheads along the tidal area. Contaminated sediment may have been removed during bulkhead construction or repair and placed on the adjoining properties. Please contact DEC if you have any information (permits, construction details) pertaining to bulkheads on your property.
Community Liaison Plan

DEC developed a Community Liaison Plan as a roadmap to the sources for information regarding the Dzus Superfund Site itself, as well as those project activities that may engender public interest and inquiries.


Project E-mail Address

An e-mail address has been established to address comments, questions, or concerns raised by residents during construction. Inquiries can be sent to Dzus@eaest.com.

Weekly Updates

A weekly door hanger is being distributed to residences adjacent to Willets Creek and Lake Capri. The hanger provides an overview of what may be happening in the vicinity of nearby properties the following week. If you would like to receive the weekly update via e-mail, please e-mail your request to Dzus@eaest.com.

Air Monitoring

Data from the Community Air Monitoring Plan (CAMP) will be posted at the following website:
www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/114710.html

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