



US Army Corps  
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## FUSRAP Maywood Superfund Site Update – June 2020

### Resuming Remedial Construction in Lodi

In January 2020, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) began a project to remove contaminated soil under several streets in the Borough of Lodi. The locations are shown on page 3 of this notice. The work is being conducted as part of the ongoing cleanup of the Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) Maywood Site. The excavation work at the first location, Industrial Road at Hancock Street, was suspended on March 31 in response to the coronavirus pandemic. After careful consideration, USACE has decided to resume the work on June 8, at that same location. Factors leading to this decision include:

- Concurrence from the Borough of Lodi to resume the project.
- New Jersey Governor's Executive Order No. 107 exempts construction projects as those workers cannot work from home.
- Just as they had been doing, our workers will continue to comply with public health recommendations (social distancing, hand-washing, daily disinfection of equipment, personnel protective equipment use, and staying home if sick, etc.).
- Our standard work practices are especially supportive of the decision to resume the work: we always maintain a safe and protective distance from the public by means of temporary fencing around our work zones; and our workers already wear personal protective equipment that can help protect them from exposure and prevent the virus from spreading.

Traffic management has been a major challenge on this project. USACE believes that current reduced traffic conditions will allow us to perform our work more safely, thereby reducing community impacts. And overall, our presence at this time is less likely to inconvenience or create a nuisance to local residents and businesses.

USACE shares in the grief and hardship that the coronavirus outbreak has caused in our community. Most of our project staff live in the immediate area. However, we believe that the current situation offers an opportunity to perform our work "more safely" and faster than before. We continue to monitor all government announcements and other relevant information and will constantly reassess our work activities accordingly. We hope to issue fact sheets like this one regularly to keep the community updated on our progress.

### Current Status

Active remediation on Industrial Road began on January 13, 2020. When the project paused on March 31, approximately 640 cubic yards (cy) of contaminated soil had been safely excavated and removed from the site, at depths ranging from 5 to 8 feet below the ground surface. The maximum estimated total volume of soil to be removed from the site is 1,810 cy. It should be noted that soil volume estimates are engineering calculations based largely on sampling results; actual conditions found in the field often differ, sometimes significantly so. Other challenges related to our work are

traffic management in a busy commercial/industrial area and working around numerous underground utilities. We appreciate the public's patience and continued cooperation as we execute this project.

### **Next Steps**

The next location to be addressed is the Columbia Lane area shown on page 3 of this notice. That work is expected to begin in mid-summer 2020. USACE is currently working to obtain access permission from the property owners expected to be directly affected. All nearby residents, including those not directly affected, will receive notice of the work in advance.

### **Safety**

Safety practices in the FUSRAP Maywood Site Safety and Health Plan (available at [www.fusrapmaywood.com](http://www.fusrapmaywood.com)) will be strictly followed during this work. Specifically, buried utilities will be marked out in advance of any digging by the New Jersey One Call service and by a private contractor. USACE has also worked closely with the Borough of Lodi in planning this work. Traffic management will be handled by the Lodi Police Department as available; if not, other certified personnel and/or project personnel will serve as traffic flag persons. Every effort will be made to keep roads open, but they may narrow to single lanes at times. Access to driveways and parking lots and public services such as garbage collection and snow removal will be maintained at all times. Please give our workers a "brake" by obeying all posted signs and traffic instructions.

### **What is FUSRAP?**

The Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP) was established by the federal government in 1974 to clean up low-level radioactive contamination from the nation's early atomic research program. USACE has executed FUSRAP since 1997. Before that, it was run by the U.S. Department of Energy. There are over 60 different FUSRAP sites across the country. Many have been completed and are subject to long-term monitoring. Others are in the process of being cleaned up. The FUSRAP Maywood Site is one of these active sites. The primary contaminant of concern at the Maywood Site is thorium, a naturally occurring radioactive ore. For additional information on the Maywood Site, please visit [www.fusrapmaywood.com](http://www.fusrapmaywood.com) or visit our Information Center at 75A West Pleasant Avenue, Maywood. Please call 201-843-7466 for our business hours.

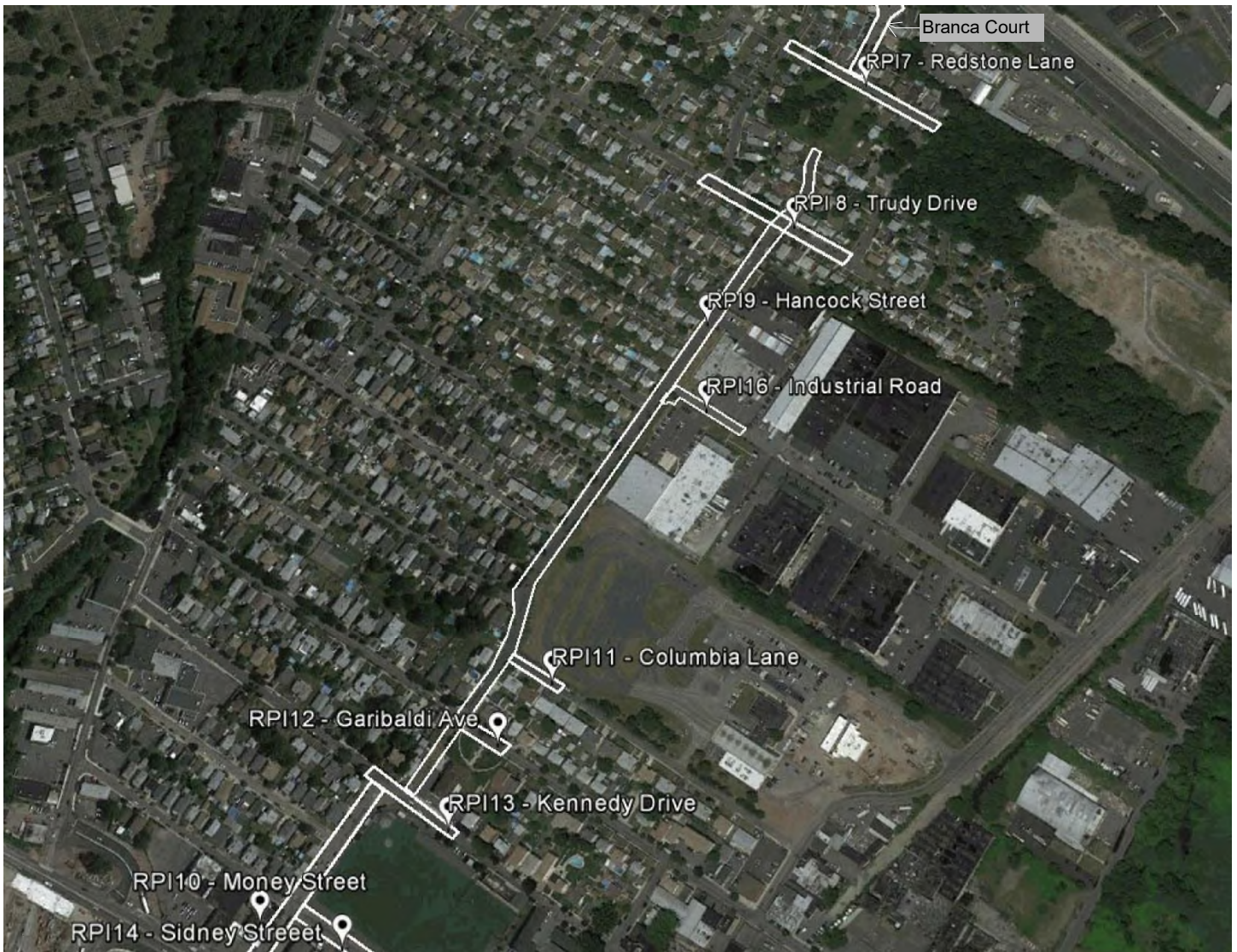
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**Lodi Streets Scheduled for Soil Remediation**  
(due to figure scale expected limits of excavation not shown)

**Portions of the following streets will be affected by the project:**

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| Branca Court     | Industrial Road (underway)                   |
| Brook Street     | Money Street                                 |
| Columbia Lane    | Redstone Lane (including Redstone Lane Park) |
| Garibaldi Avenue | Sidney Street                                |
| Hancock Street   | Trudy Drive                                  |