

# The **Maywood Project** Site



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## **ARRA Funding Speeds Progress at the Maywood Site**

### **Site Progress**

Additional funding provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the Recovery Act) has allowed the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to start cleanup activities at several locations at the FUSRAP Maywood Site. The accelerated work includes remedial excavations and property restoration at seven sites across the project. The properties include two historic burial pits created in the 1960s to store contaminated material collected from various locations at 100 West Hunter Avenue, Maywood (former site of the Maywood Chemical Works [MCW], now owned by the Stepan Company) and surrounding properties once owned by MCW. Two other locations at 100 West Hunter, portions of 151 Maywood Avenue and 205 Maywood Avenue, and 111 Essex Street and the adjacent New York, Susquehanna & Western (NYS&W) rail spur were also recipients of Recovery Act funds. Without the additional funding, cleanup at these locations would otherwise have been performed later as annual funding from Congress became available. The Recovery Act-funded cleanups of 111 Essex Street and the railroad property are especially noteworthy in that these are the last two of the 88 designated FUSRAP Maywood Site vicinity properties with accessible soils to be addressed.



### **Local Jobs**

To support the increased workload, the Maywood project hired additional workers. Recovery Act funding is directly responsible for the addition or retention of 31 full-time jobs at the Site. These positions include equipment operators, carpenters, laborers, truck drivers, construction and engineering management, safety technicians and administrative support personnel. Many of these positions were filled by local people from communities in the North Jersey area. The work has also trickled down to many area subcontractors. Subcontracted services such as fence installation, tree clearing and clean backfill have been obtained from local businesses.

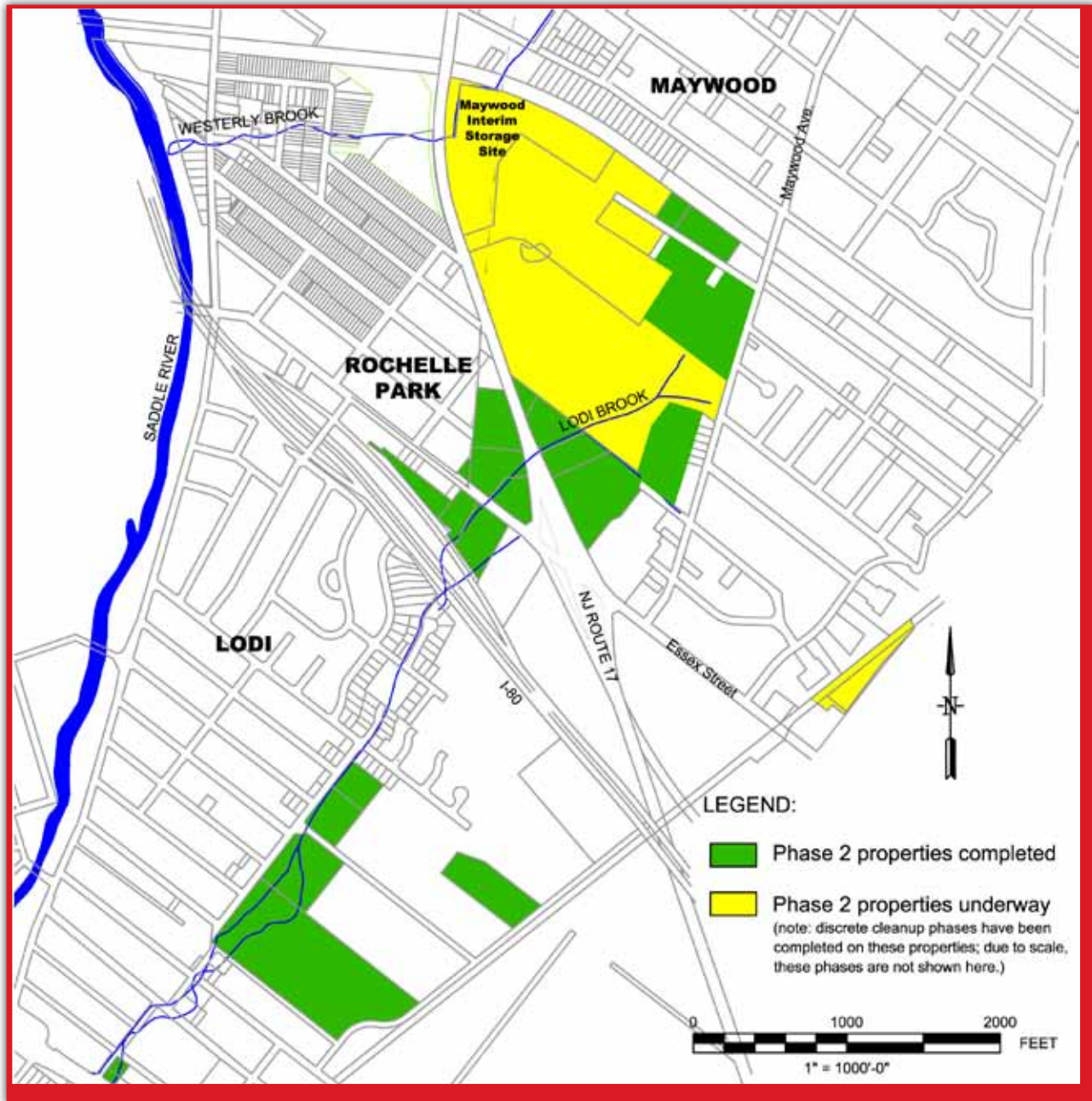


*Remedial excavations well underway at one of two Recovery Act-funded burial pit cleanups at the FUSRAP Maywood Site.*



*Installation of bypass piping to manage the flow of Coles Brook during soil remediation at the 111 Essex Street, Maywood property.*

## Site Status Update



Cleanup activities have been completed or are now underway at all of the commercial (Phase 2) Maywood Site properties with accessible soil. Contaminated soil is also known to exist under buildings on some site properties and under portions of Route 17, Interstate 80 and the NYS&W Railway mainline in the site area. Under the cleanup plan approved by federal regulators for the Maywood Site, these soils are considered inaccessible until they are made available for cleanup by their owners, through building demolition or road closures for example. 64 residential properties in Lodi, Maywood and Rochelle Park (not shown here) have also been remediated under the FUSRAP cleanup.



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*An April 2010 view of remediation at one of three waste disposal pits on the 100 West Hunter Avenue, Maywood vicinity property. Excavations in this area went as deep as 15 feet.*

## **The Groundwater Program**

Decision documents known as a Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan for groundwater at the FUSRAP Maywood Site were forwarded to the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection for review in July. Taken together, these documents examine the various remedies for groundwater contamination identified during field studies at the site and present the recommended option for addressing those contaminants. Once the regulatory review process is completed, the Proposed Plan and supporting studies will be made available for public review and comment and a public meeting on the proposed option will be held. Please watch local media for notices on the comment period and meeting date. Public input on the Proposed Plan will be addressed in the final Record of Decision document for groundwater that will follow. We hope to hear from you.

## **Working with County and State to Improve Route 17**

Bergen County and New Jersey Department of Transportation officials and the FUSRAP Maywood Team are working together regarding the county's plan to improve Route 17 in the site area. The plan, officially known as the Route 17 Bottleneck Project, is aimed at reducing traffic congestion on a nearly two mile stretch of Route 17 north of Essex Street (information on the project can be found at [www.rt17bottleneckstudy.org](http://www.rt17bottleneckstudy.org)). The planned improvements would directly affect several Maywood Site properties, including the government-owned Maywood Interim Storage Site (see map on page 2) that serves as the staging and shipping point for all contaminated soil generated by the Maywood Site cleanup. Initial contacts between the agencies have included several onsite meetings and follow-up exchanges of environmental, engineering and schedule information. The county's engineering team for the project has also toured the Maywood Interim Storage Site and surrounding properties to gain a better understanding of cleanup operations that would be affected by the highway construction. The FUSRAP Maywood team will continue to work with the Route 17 Bottleneck Project to ensure that common interests are effectively addressed and the public benefits of both projects are advanced.

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