



Former Ash Street Tannery Danvers, Massachusetts

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INTRODUCTION:

The site is located in a residential neighborhood and includes both developed and undeveloped areas. Contamination on these properties consists of arsenic and is presumed to have originated from soil dredged from what is now known as Brown Pond. This pond is fed by Crane Brook which flows beside Ash Street and was used to provide clean water to tannery operations in the early 1900s.

NEXT STEPS:

Residents should expect to see heavy equipment in their neighborhood. This equipment may include excavators, skidsteers, and dump trucks. EPA will be excavating up to three feet of soil in some places and replacing displaced soil with clean soil. Soil will be moved from the neighborhood via truck to a secured staging area at the back of Plains Park. The excavated soil will be sampled and shipped to an appropriate disposal location.

During the work day, EPA will monitor the air in communities surrounding the Site to ensure that no dust or contaminants of concern leave the property. EPA workers will also be protected and continuously monitored for exposure.

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