

# Former Ash Street Tannery Danvers, MA

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**THE SUPERFUND PROGRAM** protects human health and the environment by investigating and cleaning up often-abandoned hazardous waste sites and engaging communities throughout the process. Many of these sites are complex and need long-term cleanup actions. Those responsible for contamination are held liable for cleanup costs. EPA strives to return previously contaminated land and groundwater to productive use.

## SITE DESCRIPTION:

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.

## WHAT TO EXPECT

EPA will be continuing the work that was started last year. Residents should expect to see heavy equipment in their neighborhood. EPA will be excavating up to three feet of soil in some places and replacing displaced soil with clean soil. During the work day, EPA will monitor the air in communities surrounding the Site and the soil staging area to ensure that no dust or contaminants of concern leave the property. EPA workers will also be protected and continuously monitored for exposure. It is expected that EPA's soil excavation work will continue into the Fall, and weather dependent, will be complete by the end of the year. Some landscaping restoration efforts could take place in the Spring of 2019.

## SOIL STAGING AREA

Soil will not be staged at Plains Park. As part of work beginning this spring, EPA will be taking samples to confirm that all excavated soil from the Ash Street Site was removed from Plains Park. Going forward, excavated soil will be moved from the neighborhood via truck to a staging area that is currently being determined by the Town of Danvers, the Massachusetts DEP and the EPA. The excavated soil will be sampled and shipped to an appropriate disposal location. The soil will need to reach a certain volume before it can be shipped for permanent disposal. The staging area will be fenced off, and the soil will be secured. EPA will use dust suppression techniques and air monitors to ensure that no contamination leaves the site.

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