

**Questions for the Army Corps of Engineers**  
**From: Charlie Bermpohl of the NW Current**  
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**Re: Dalecarlia Mound**  
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Response from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are placed below the questions  
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**Mary Beth:**

**One of three proposals for disposing of solid waste from the Dalecarlia water treatment plant would be to build a hill adjacent to the reservoir and facing the Dalecarlia Parkway on land owned by the Washington Aqueduct.**

**Looking at a map showing the location of the proposed monofill, it seems that the mound would cover the Rick Woods burial pit.**

**Question 1: What does Gary think of the proposal?**

Response:

The Aqueduct Sediment Disposal study is exploring options for managing and disposing of residual sediments generated from the Dalecarlia Reservoir. This was brought up and discussed at the August RAB meeting. As the Washington Aqueduct representative indicated at the meeting, there are no current plans to place sediments in the area associated with the Spring Valley project, but this is one of the options under consideration. It should be stressed that the Aqueduct is in the data-gathering phase for all three potential sites, meaning that no decision has been made.

As part of this data-gathering effort, Aqueduct representatives did meet with Spring Valley project personnel to understand the projects needs and timetables. Based on these discussions, Gary is satisfied that the Aqueduct study team is well aware of the potential for further Spring Valley investigation on the Dalecarlia Reservoir grounds. Gary is also confident that he will be kept well informed as the Aqueduct team progresses in their evaluation of potential sites. At the appropriate time, Gary will make sure that the Restoration Advisory Board is given an update on the Aqueduct's efforts. With regard to keeping the broader public informed, it should be noted that the Aqueduct representative informed the RAB that public meetings would be held on this topic.

**Question 2: I've been told that Gary saw ordnance at the Rick Woods site. Is this true?**

Response:

No. See response to question 3.

**Question 3: If Gary did see ordnance at the site, is he preparing a program to deal with the ordnance or preparing a report outlining the problem?**

Response:

A Civil War artifact collector, Rick Woods, reported that he had discovered and removed World War I munitions from a site in Dalecarlia Woods in past years and that additional munitions remained. In response, a two-hour visit to the site was conducted in April 2002. Attendees included Mr. Woods, Maj. Michael Peloquin, Richard Albright, Terry Slonecker, Ken Shuster, a representative of the Maryland Department of the Environment, a representative from Delegate Homes-Norton's staff, security and operations officers from the Washington Aqueduct, several

Corps' Spring Valley team members and a safety officer. Although several attendees used metal detectors during the site visit, Mr. Woods and the group were unable to relocate the site where Mr. Woods reported he had found ordnance items.

Despite this unsuccessful site visit in 2002, the Area of Interest Task Force looked into this area as two, separate areas of interest. The task force has completed their recommendations for both the Rick Woods and the Dalecarlia Impact areas, but has not yet formally presented their recommendations to the larger partnering group. Once the task force presents its recommendations, the partnership's voting representatives from the Corps, EPA and D.C. Health will then 1) decide what specific actions should be considered in the Rick Woods and Dalecarlia investigations and 2) confirm when and how those investigations will fit into the overall project schedule. With regard to the current macro schedule, as reported to the RAB at the August meeting, additional work for the Rick Woods and Dalecarlia areas is slated for fiscal year 2008-2010.

**I will be writing a story on this issue for the coming issue of the paper.**

**Thanks.**

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