

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Spring Valley Restoration Advisory Board
Conference Call
Minutes of the April 2023 Meeting**

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AT THIS MEETING	
Dan Noble	Military Co-Chair/USACE, Spring Valley MMRP Manager
Greg Beumel	Community Co-Chair
Paul Bermingham	Community Member
Kelsey Tharp	Agency Representative - Department of Energy & Environment
Lawrence Miller	Community Member
Alma Gates	Community Advisor to the RAB
William Krebs	Community Member
Helen Lyons	At Large Representative – Long & Foster Realty
Fitz Smith	At Large Representative – American University
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT AT THIS MEETING	
Marguerite Clarkson	At Large Representative – Horace Mann Elementary School
Mary Bresnahan	Community Member
Joe Vitello	Agency Representative – EPA Region III
Lee Monsein	Community Member
Jonathan Harms	Community Member
John Wheeler	Community Member
ATTENDING PROJECT PERSONNEL	
Cynthia Mitchell	USACE, Public Affairs Officer
Todd Beckwith	USACE, Groundwater Project Manager
HANDOUTS FROM THE MEETING	
I. Army Corps of Engineers Presentation (emailed PDF)	

AGENDA

Starting Time: The April 2023 Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) conference call began at 7:05 PM.

I. Administrative Items

A. Co-Chair Updates

Dan Noble, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Spring Valley Project Manager, welcomed everyone and opened the meeting.

1. Introductions

Fitz Smith, New American University Representative was introduced; Fitz replaces Dan Nichols who has retired.

2. General Announcements

D. Noble reviewed the website updates and noted that this was the first meeting for calendar year 2023, and perhaps the penultimate meeting of the Spring Valley RAB.

B. Task Group Updates

D. Noble noted that there are no Task Group updates.

II. USACE Program Updates

A. Current Contractor Support and FY2023 Budget Update

D. Noble noted that a new contractor, Weston Solutions has been hired to complete the hillside excavation work at the former Public Safety Building site. Weston was the contractor who previously completed the work in the area of the former footprint of the building. Efforts also continue on the hiring of a new security guard contractor to replace the current contractor whose contract will expire at the end of August 2023. It was also mentioned that the facility maintenance contractor, Ames 1, recently completed maintenance and improvements to the site trailers at the Federal Property.

Work completed by Ames 1 on the Fed Property site trailers was reviewed via photographs, please see Presentation for details. These repairs should allow the trailers to be used for the next few years.

It was noted that at the last meeting the contracting firms working on the project were identified so the RAB would understand what firms are on the project and what their role is. At this meeting the key USACE team members (government employees) were identified and their role on the project provided. D. Noble mentioned that if any of the RAB members wish to speak to any of these subject matter experts that the easiest way to get in touch with them is to go to D. Noble or

Cynthia Mitchell with a request to speak or communicate with any member of the team.

B. Site Wide Remediation (92 Properties/13 Federal and City Lots; Public Safety Building)

D. Noble, USACE Baltimore provided a brief update on the Site Wide activities.

1. Recent Activities

- At this time all remedial activities have been completed on the 92 private properties. One (1) homeowner declined participation and so in the end, 91 homeowners agreed to grant the USACE access so that remedial activities could be performed. The last task requiring completion was the clearance of a strip of federal land behind the federal fence that runs in front of the Dalecarlia Woods. This was completed in December 2022 and no WWI munition items were found.
- D. Noble reviewed the results of the remedial activities with respect to the percent coverage achieved of the four major munitions use areas that were under investigation and clean-up. These percentages are detailed in the attached presentation. This information has been presented in a Draft Final report to the regulatory Partners, and the USACE is awaiting their comments on this document. Once finalized, the USACE will make the document available to the community and public via the project website. Consideration will be given to placing a physical copy (DVD) in the Tenley Library.
- A contract to Weston Solutions was successfully awarded in March 2023 for the additional remedial work required on the hillside of the former Public Safety Building (PSB) site on the American University campus. The USACE and Weston have resumed custody of the site and it is anticipated that by late summer or early fall a return to work at the site will be possible. The contractor is preparing work plans, and once accepted, will remobilize to the site to begin setup and preparations for continued remedial work. The USACE will update the RAB on this site at the October 2023 meeting.

2. Next Steps

- Receive and respond to any Partner comments on the remedial action report for the site wide effort for the 92 properties and 13 Federal/City lots. Issue Final report when ready.
- Finalize work plans for the PSB site and return to work at the site in late summer/early fall of 2023.

C. Groundwater

T. Beckwith, USACE Baltimore provided an update on groundwater efforts with respect to the Exposure Unit 2 area of concern.

1. Recent Activities

- USACE submitted the Remedial Investigation Report Addendum to the Partners in January and received comments back by the end of February. There were technical comments from the U.S. EPA that are being addressed, but these comments are not expected to impact the ultimate recommendation of the report, a No Further Action determination. The document will then be submitted for USACE Center of Expertise review, and once finalized the USACE will proceed to draft a Proposed Plan. Both a public comment period and a public meeting will be held for the Proposed Plan, most likely sometime this fall. The signing of a Decision Document is expected sometime in calendar year 2024. There was discussion at this meeting of non-

cancer risks as described by the RI Addendum, and observed trends of contaminant concentrations over time, see attached presentation for details.

- USACE expects that groundwater project manager Todd Beckwith will give another in-depth update on the groundwater issues at the October 2023 RAB meeting.

2. Next Steps

- Finalize RI Report Addendum and produce the Draft No Further Action Proposed Plan.
- Set a date for the required Public Meeting to discuss the Proposed Plan.

D. Future of the RAB

D. Noble noted that while the October 2023 meeting was planned to be the last meeting, if the RAB feels it is in the best interest of the community and project to consider holding at least one more meeting in 2024 that USACE is not opposed to this idea. Greg Beumel, Community Co-Chair, polled the RAB, and it was decided that a decision on whether to hold a 2024 meeting would be made at the October meeting (and be based on where the remaining project efforts stood), and it was also decided that the October meeting would be an in-person meeting. The USACE will investigate potential meeting sites and confer with G. Beumel on where the meeting should be held. A determination will be made in the near future so as to give RAB members sufficient time to be informed of the plans.

III. Community Items

IV. Open Discussion and Future RAB Agenda Development

The next RAB meeting will be October 10 and will likely be conducted as an in-person meeting.

A. Upcoming Meeting Topics

- RAB Membership
- Site-Wide RD/RA
- Groundwater Update & Proposed Plan presentation
- Future of the RAB

B. Next RAB Meeting:

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

C. Open Discussion

V. Public Comments

VI. Adjourn

The conference call was adjourned at 8:21 PM.