

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
Spring Valley Restoration Advisory Board  
Conference Call  
Minutes of the October 2022 Meeting**

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

## **AGENDA**

**Starting Time:** The October 2022 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**

None

#### **2. General Announcements**

D. Noble reviewed the website updates and noted that this was the final meeting for calendar year 2022.

It was also noted that the calendar year 2022 mailing of the 3Rs Brochure and FUDS notification letter was sent to all residents and institutions in Spring Valley as required by the 2017 Decision Document. Several RAB members confirmed receiving this mailing.

It was briefly noted that American University has sold 4835 Glenbrook Road, former AU President Residence; and that this, along with the earlier sale of 4825 Glenbrook Road, means that American University is no longer a Glenbrook Road property owner.

### **B. Task Group Updates**

#### **RAB Membership**

D. Noble noted that with the expiration of their respective contracts, Holly Hostetler, Sarah Donohue, and Devamita Chattopadhyay will no longer be assisting the RAB nor attending any more meetings.

### **II. USACE Program Updates**

#### **A. Current Contractor Support and FY2023 Budget Update**

D. Noble reviewed the current contractors who work on the Spring Valley project for USACE (Weston Solutions, AECOM, Chenega Infinity, and Ames 1) and those who recently left the project due to the planned expiration of their contracts (ERT, DGI). D. Noble mentioned that there is a good chance that USACE will hire a new remediation contractor this year to continue work at the PSB site, and a new security contractor to take over when Chenega Infinity's contract expires at the end of the summer.

Budgetary numbers were reviewed, please see Presentation for details. The project has a budget of approximately 11 million dollars for the upcoming fiscal year (FY 2023). To date, over \$340 million has been spent on the Spring Valley project since it started in Jan 1993.

**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 conducted. All of these 91 homeowners have been issued an Assurance Letter at this time. Adding in the three (3) property owners who participated in the Pilot Project, and remedial activities were conducted on 94 private properties.
- Work on the 13 Federal and City lots is complete at this time as well, with the exception of a narrow strip of federal property just inside the Dalecarlia Reservoir fence-line; this approximate 1.2 acre strip of land will be cleared for metallic anomalies in the November timeframe, and an update on activities and any finds will be provided at the April 2023 RAB meeting.
- Administrative and contracting activities continue for the additional remedial work required on the hillside of the former Public Safety Building (PSB) site on the American University campus. It is anticipated that in the January/February timeframe that a new contractor will be hired to continue this effort. A return to work is planned for late spring/early summer, and the USACE will update the RAB on this site at the April 2023 meeting.

**2. Next Steps**

- Conduct Dalecarlia Reservoir property work in November 2022.
- Award work contract for remaining work at PSB site by January/February of 2023 and return to work at the site in late spring/early summer of 2023.

**C. Groundwater**

D. Noble, USACE Baltimore provided a brief update on 4825 Glenbrook Road and 4835 Glenbrook Road.

**1. Recent Activities**

- USACE continues to review the Remedial Investigation Report Addendum and intends to get this to the Partners very soon for their review. As soon as the Addendum is finalized, a No Further Action Proposed Plan will be prepared, and USACE will set a date to hold a public meeting for this document as required by federal regulation.
- USACE expects that groundwater project manager Todd Beckwith will give an in-depth update on the groundwater issues at the April 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 mentioned that this is the final RAB meeting for calendar year 2022, and that next year

in calendar year 2023 it is USACE intent to hold two meetings, one in April and one in October. There is no plan at this time to hold meetings in calendar year 2024, but this can be re-visited at the two 2023 meetings as the project progresses.

At this time USACE is planning to hold the April 2023 meeting as a virtual meeting. There was much discussion among the RAB and members of the public present as to the advantages and disadvantages of both virtual and in-person meetings. The RAB agreed that an electronic polling of the RAB will occur to see how the final two meetings should be held; whether they should be virtual or in person. D. Noble will conduct this polling and give the results to G. Beumel for his consideration and action.

As well there was discussion of the expiration of the TAPP contract and the fact that the RAB currently no longer has a TAPP advisor. The TAPP process, while a fairly modest dollar value, is fairly intense in level of effort to obtain authority and funding for the contractor. As well, the usual government contracting process has to be followed which adds time and effort in obtaining a contractor. When the RAB is polled on the issue of how to conduct future RAB meetings, D. Noble will also ask the RAB members to indicate their thoughts and preferences on whether it is worth the effort to obtain a new TAPP contractor. At least a time-frame of one (1) year from the present would most likely be needed to get a new contractor, at which time, most activity on the project could be winding down.

**III. Community Items**

**IV. Open Discussion and Future RAB Agenda Development**

The next RAB meeting will be April 11 and will likely be conducted using the same virtual format, pending the outcome of the RAB polling.

**A. Upcoming Meeting Topics**

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

**B. Next RAB Meeting:**

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

**C. Open Discussion**

**V. Public Comments**

**VI. Adjourn**

The conference call was adjourned at 8:20 PM.