# SPRING VALLEY FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITE

Restoration Advisory Board Meeting
March 2021















#### **AGENDA REVIEW**



### **Co-Chair Updates**

Website Updates

#### **Task Group Updates**

New Membership Chair Vote

#### **USACE Updates**

- Site-Wide Remedial Action
- Glenbrook Road
- Groundwater

#### **Future RAB Agenda Development**

May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 RAB meeting





# SPRING VALLEY FUDS RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD



### **CO-CHAIR UPDATES**





# CO-CHAIR UPDATES





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#### Announcements

--- Next Restoration Advisory Board Meeting - July 14, 2020

Due to health concerns surrounding COVID-19, our May RAB meeting has been cancelled. The presentation for this meeting will be uploaded on the project website. The next RAB meeting will tentatively be held on Tuesday, July 14th at 7 p.m. These meetings are open to the public. Currently, the RAB meets every other month for 60-90 minutes in the 'Undercroft' meeting room at St. David's Episcopal Church, 5150 Macomb Street NW, D.C.

(Please note - The St. David's Episcopal Church staff have asked that we refrain from using the outside stairwells as a safety precaution due to water issues, poor lighting, and lack of stairs with grips; and use the bell tower entrance (which has internal stairs and an elevator). There will be signs clearly posted to direct RAB meeting attendees to the new entrance. We thank you in advance for following the request of our hosts, the St. David's Episcopal Church.)

--- Final Site-Wide Decision Document Now Available:

The Final Site-Wide Decision Document is complete and is now available at the Information Repository and for download here on our site. The Decision Document outlines the selected remedies to address both unacceptable risks posed by soil contamination and unacceptable explosive hazards posed by the possible presence of munitions and explosives of concern (MEC).















- January and February Monthly Site-Wide Project Updates
- January RAB meeting minutes have been posted to the project site
- Weekly 4825 Glenbrook Rd Project Updates with photos
- December and February Partner meetings update presentations were posted in lieu of meeting minutes



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### TASK GROUP UPDATES





### **TASK GROUP UPDATES**



#### **Open Positions on the RAB**

- Malcom Pritzker recently stepped down from the RAB, leaving the position of membership chair open on the RAB.
- With open seats on the RAB, it was suggested to take a vote fill the positions or leave them open for now.



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# SITE-WIDE REMEDIAL ACTION (RA)

92 Properties - USACE Updates

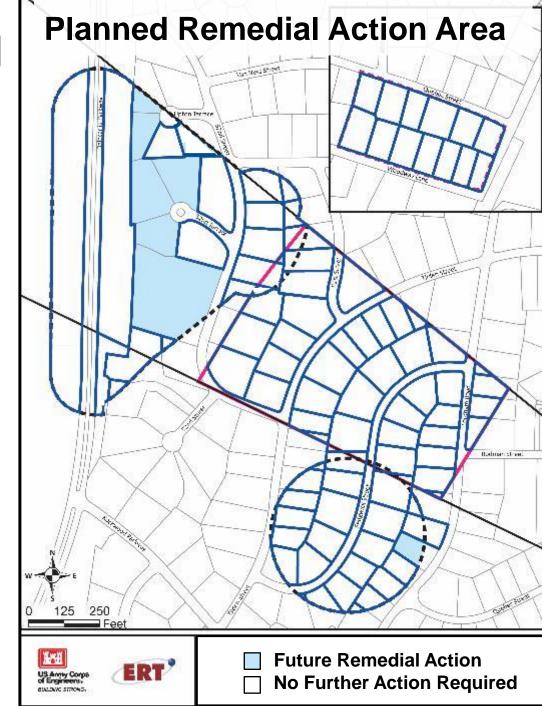
The project team continues to implement safety measures in response to COVID-19 including daily health monitoring of all workers, wearing masks, decontaminating tools, frequent hand washing, and social distancing.





# Final Survey effort at 92 Residential Properties & 13 Federal/City Lots:

- Currently working on 89 residential properties at different stages of the remedial action process.
- 89 civil surveys and 89 arborist surveys have been completed.
- 89 properties have been visited by the geophysicist team, who provide technical recommendations on plant removal.
- Vegetation has been removed from 85 private properties and 13 City/Fed lots.
- Geophysical surveys completed at 85 private properties and 13 City/Fed lots off Dalecarlia Parkway.
- Anomaly removal completed at 85 private properties and 13 City/Fed lots off Dalecarlia Parkway.
- Issued 55 Assurance Letters.



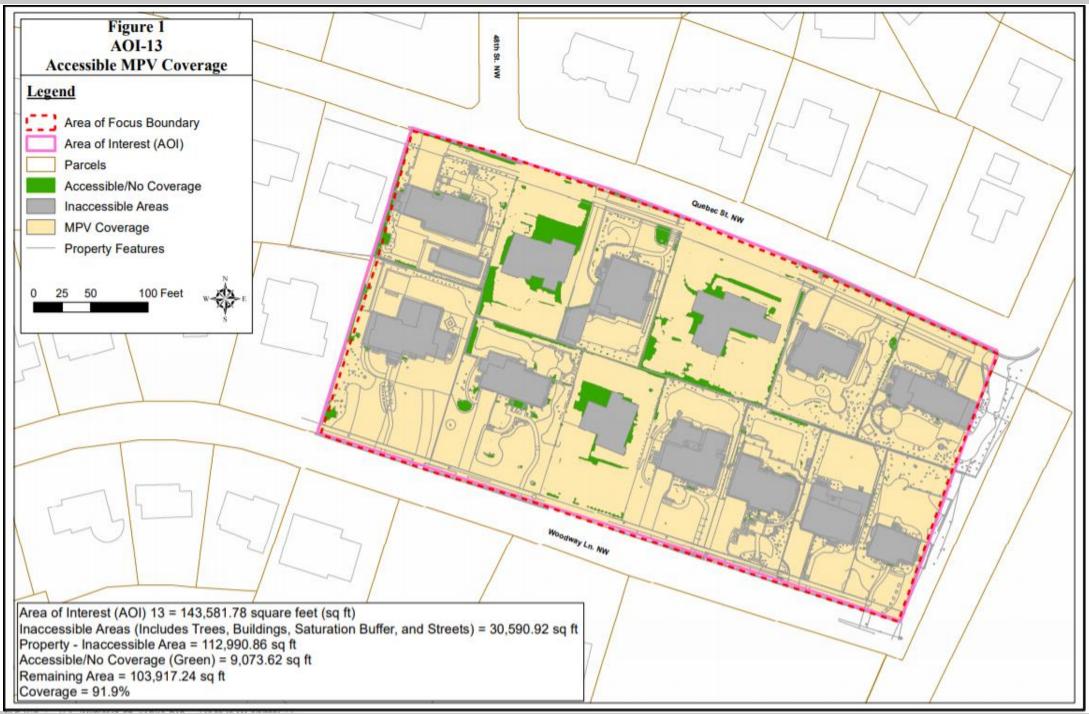




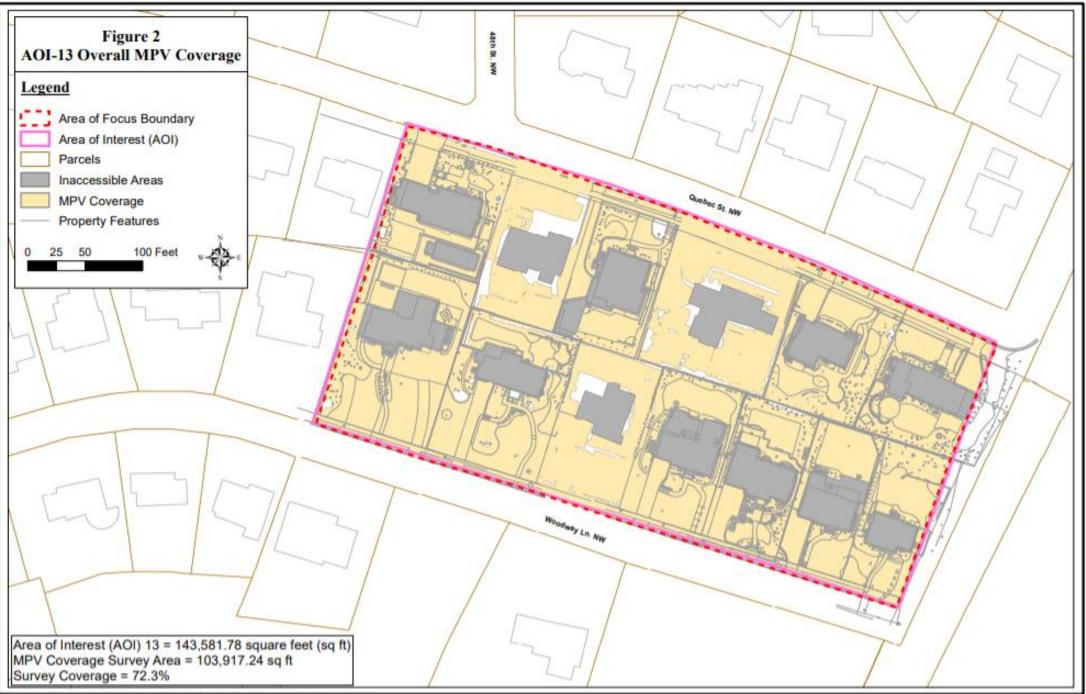
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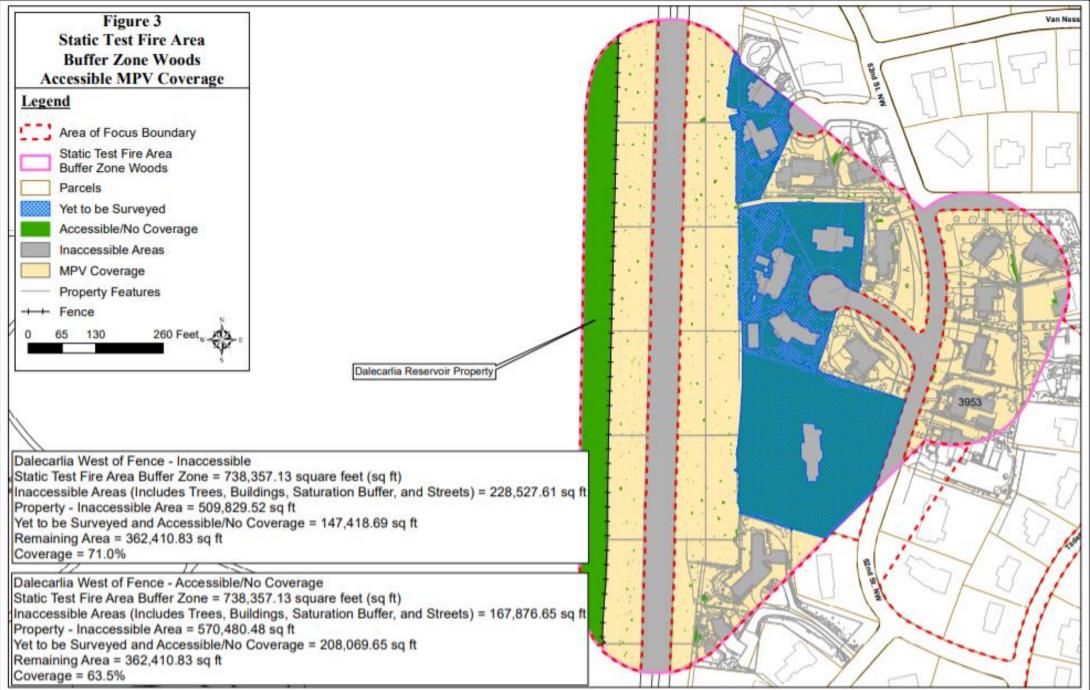
As the Remedial Action efforts conclude, a Final Report will be written to include all the clean-up efforts that were completed during the Remedial Action. The report will include several maps, which visually reflect the achieved survey geophysical coverage in the Area of Focus of the 92 private properties and 13 city/federal lots. The following maps will be updated as the team continues efforts in Spring Valley.





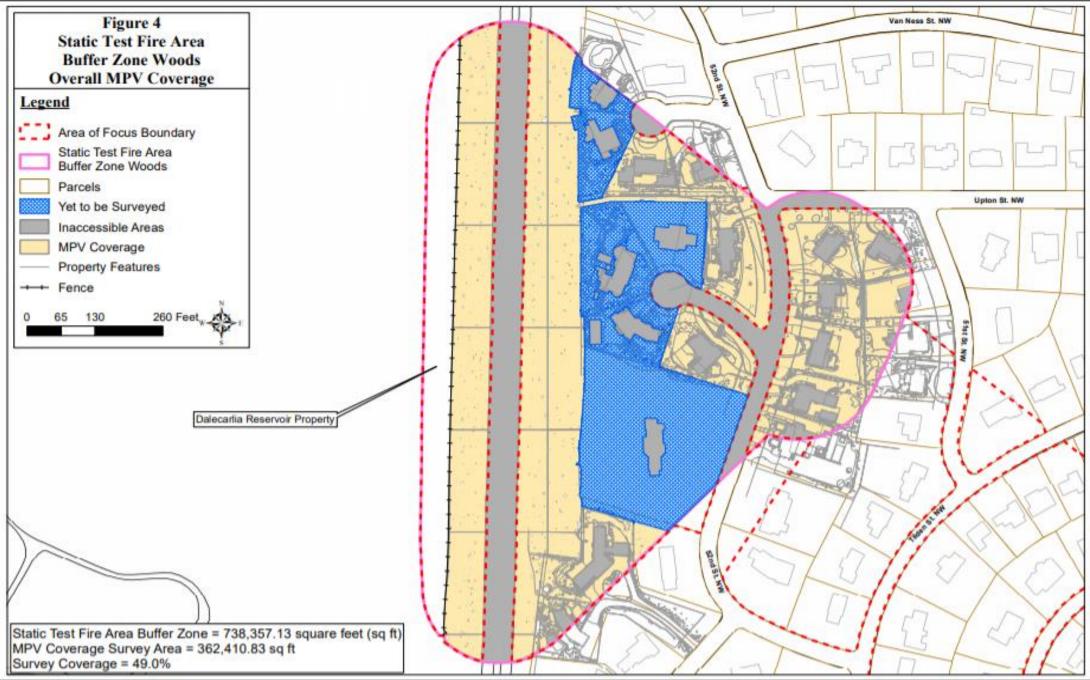


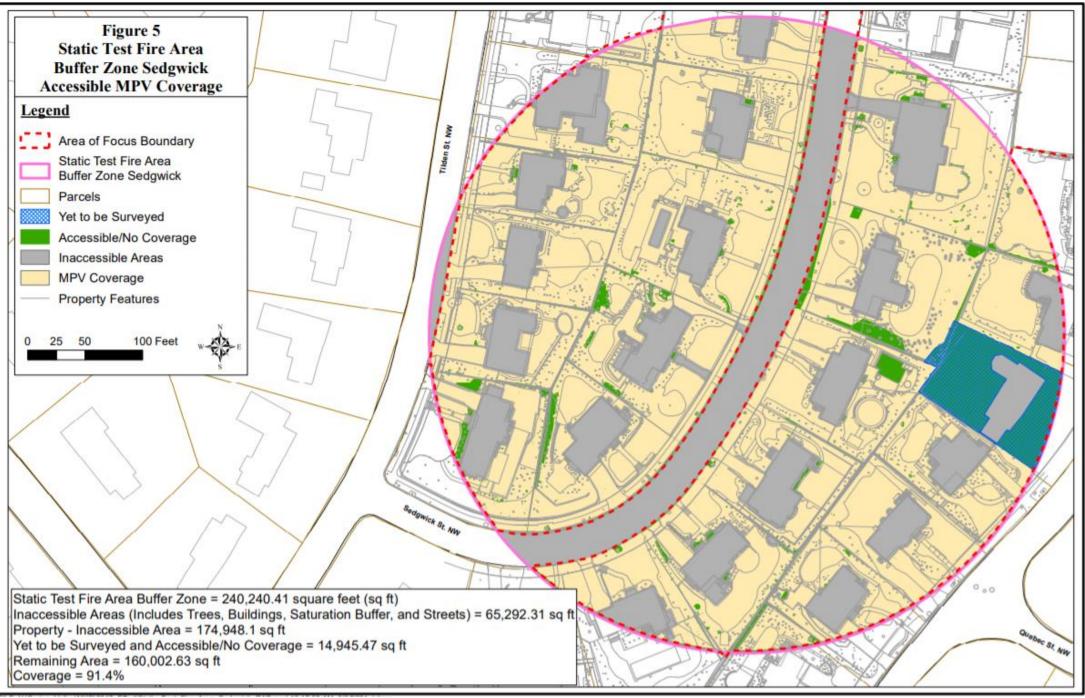








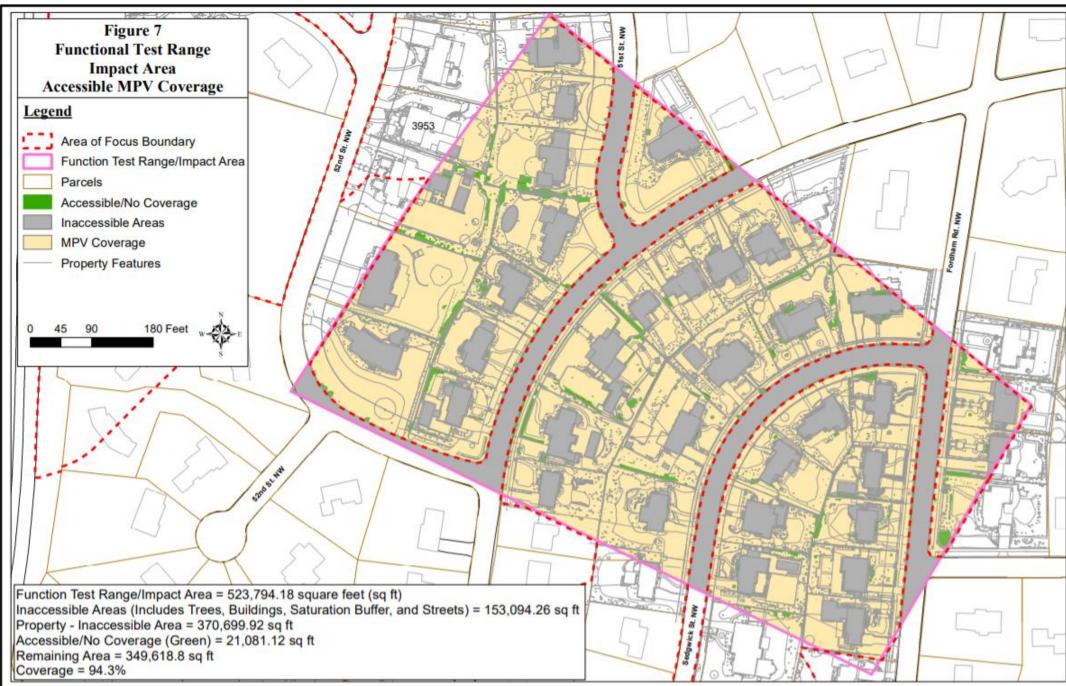




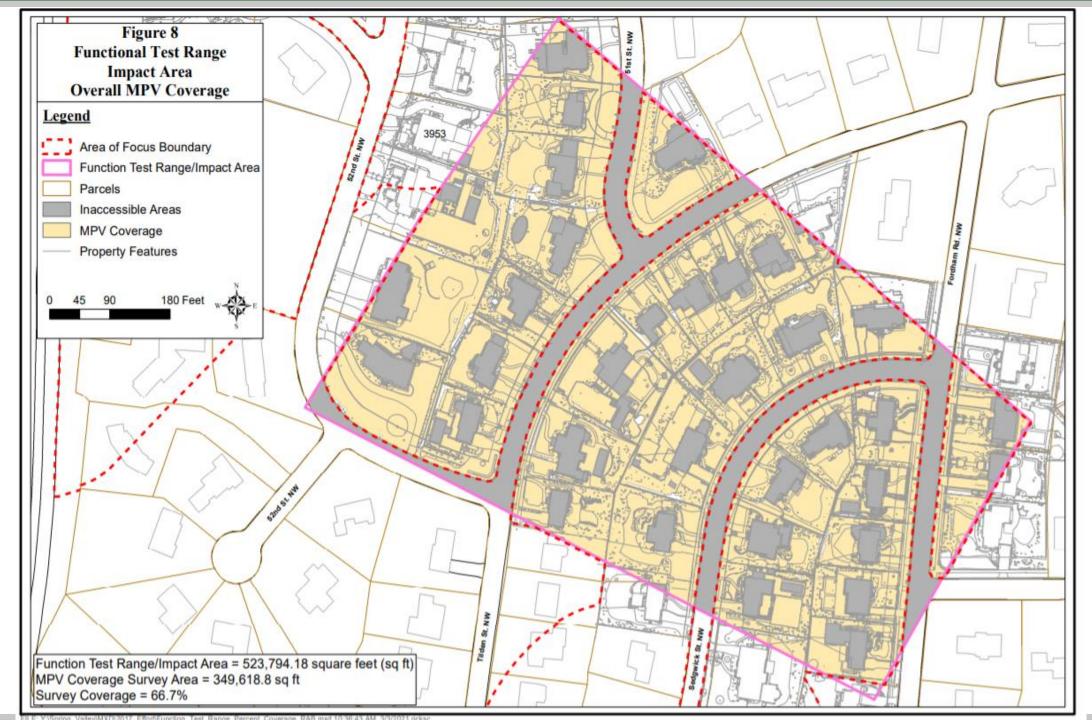






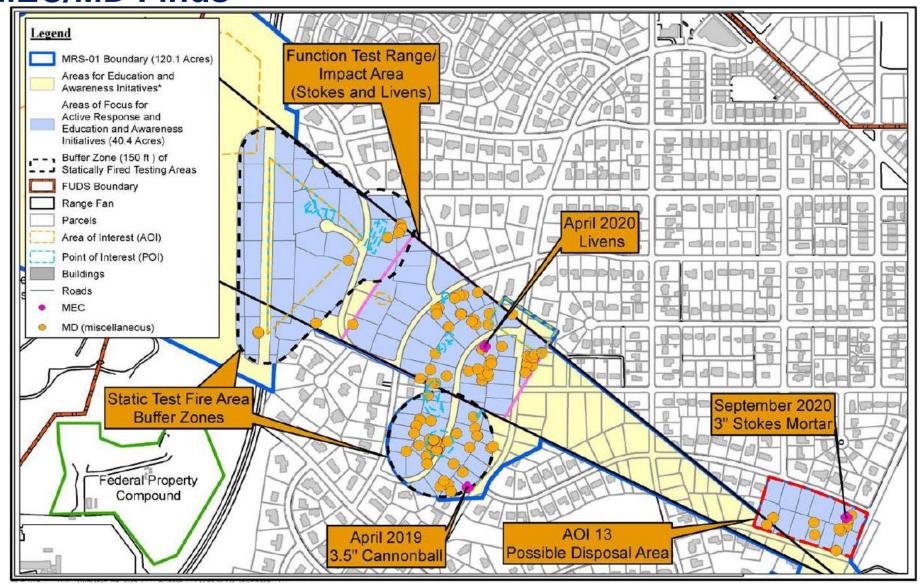






# SITE-WIDE REMEDIAL ACTION RAMEC/MD Finds



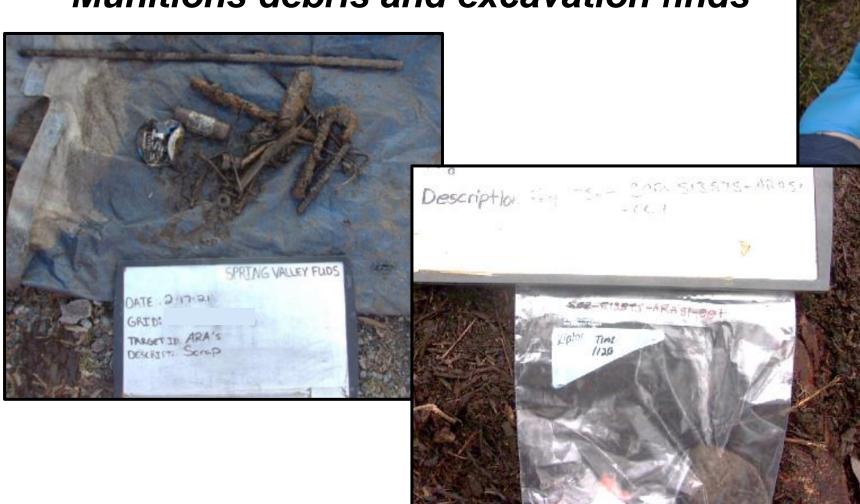






### **Anomaly Excavation Finds**

Munitions debris and excavation finds



Spring Valley Fuds

Date: 2-16-21

Sixid:

Target: 31 1

Description Fres SCR-3823FR-AUSI-001

@1625



#### **Munition Debris Items Disposal**

- The cutting operation for the small amount of munitions debris in storage at the Federal Property took place January 26<sup>th</sup> in a filtered Engineering Control Structure (ECS) with near real-time air monitoring (MiniCAMS).
- The team used a remotely operated saw to cut the items in half. The items were then soaked in a bleach solution, rinsed, and allowed to dry. The items then underwent a headspace analysis and sent for recycling.
- Low levels of the compound 1,4 Dithiane, a Mustard breakdown product, were detected in the decontamination rinse down water when the process was completed. This water was properly disposed of.





# **SITE-WIDE REMEDIAL ACTION Munition Debris Items Disposal**



Photos of the cutting operation





A remotely operated saw cutting munitions debris item



## SPRING VALLEY FEDERAL PROPERTY



#### **Munition Debris Items Inventory**

During a recent inspection of the Federal Property fence line, the Army Corps onsite explosive safety specialist discovered a padlocked day box containing two 75mm items.



- These items are closed cavity and include duct tape handles. The agencies, contractors, and personnel on site in recent years were unable provide any information; speculation is that these items may have been used as training aids.
- EOD was called and a formal assessment process of the items began on February 16. The items are currently stored in the MARB Holding Facility under negative pressure carbon filtration.



# **SPRING VALLEY FEDERAL PROPERTY**

#### **Munition Debris Items Found**

- While one of these items were empty, one did contain 10 to 20% liquid fill, seen in the x-ray to the right.
- The Army's Material Assessment Review Board (MARB) determined with high confidence that this liquid water. It is likely groundwater that has made its way in over time, which is usually the case with 20% or less liquid fill present.





#### SPRING VALLEY FEDERAL PROPERTY



### **Munition Debris Items Inventory**

- A complete search of the Federal property was made; no other munitions items were found other than those pictured on the right.
- These items are known to be inert and were used as seed items in the Geophysical Prove Out grid at the Federal Property.
- The items will be properly disposed of at a later date.







#### **Tentative Schedule**

Winter 2021	<ul> <li>Continue geophysical surveys.</li> <li>Continue anomaly removal efforts.</li> <li>Continue obtaining Rights-of-Entry from the next group of homeowners.</li> </ul>
Spring 2021	<ul> <li>Finalize plant removal plans with the last groups of homeowners and conduct plant removal at private properties in preparation for geophysical surveys.</li> <li>Begin subsequent round of geophysical surveys.</li> <li>Complete subsequent round of anomaly removal efforts.</li> </ul>



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# SITE-WIDE REMEDIAL ACTION (RA)

Public Safety Building (PSB) - USACE Updates





**AU's Former Public Safety Building (PSB)** 

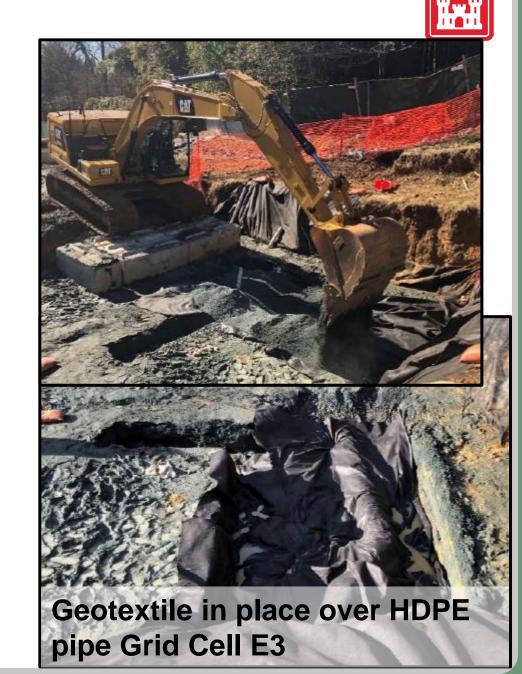
- In preparation for the investigation of debris going into the northern hillside, a drilling pad was constructed at the top of the slope of the PSB excavation area. This pad will stage the drill to be used for soil coring activities as a part of the investigation.
- After placing geotextile and stone, the drilling pad and access ramp for the drill were compacted in place using a vibratory drum compactor.





**AU's Former Public Safety Building (PSB)** 

- All soil removal and backfilling efforts below the water table were completed at the PSB footprint area at the end of January.
- In February, the team began digging test pits to the east of the PSB excavation area to determine the extent of debris, excavating soil at 1-foot intervals at a time. Laboratory glassware was encountered down to 7-8 feet below ground surface.
- Backfilling and compaction efforts continued in the remaining Grid cells within the PSB excavation area. Including over the HDPE pipe that replaced the Terra Cotta pipe in Grid Cell E3.







**AU's Former Public Safety Building (PSB)** 

Recovered debris excavated from Test Pits at the former PSB site

Batch glass collected at 1-2 feet Test Pit D7E7



Batch glass collected at 3-4 feet in Test Pit E7

SPRING VALLEY PSB

TTEM PI- ASB-PITET-BATCH- 0304- 001

DATE FEB 4 2021

DESCRIPTION: GLASS

WEIGHT: 10.5 DE

DEPTH : GIAGS

TIME: 13:55

FE TIT COLD

Batch glass collected at 1-2 feet in Test Pit E2F2

Batch glass collected at 1-2 feet Test pit F7

SPRING VALLEY PSB

ETEM PI- ASS-PITET-BATCH-DOOF OO

DATE FEB 5 2021

TIME: 0940

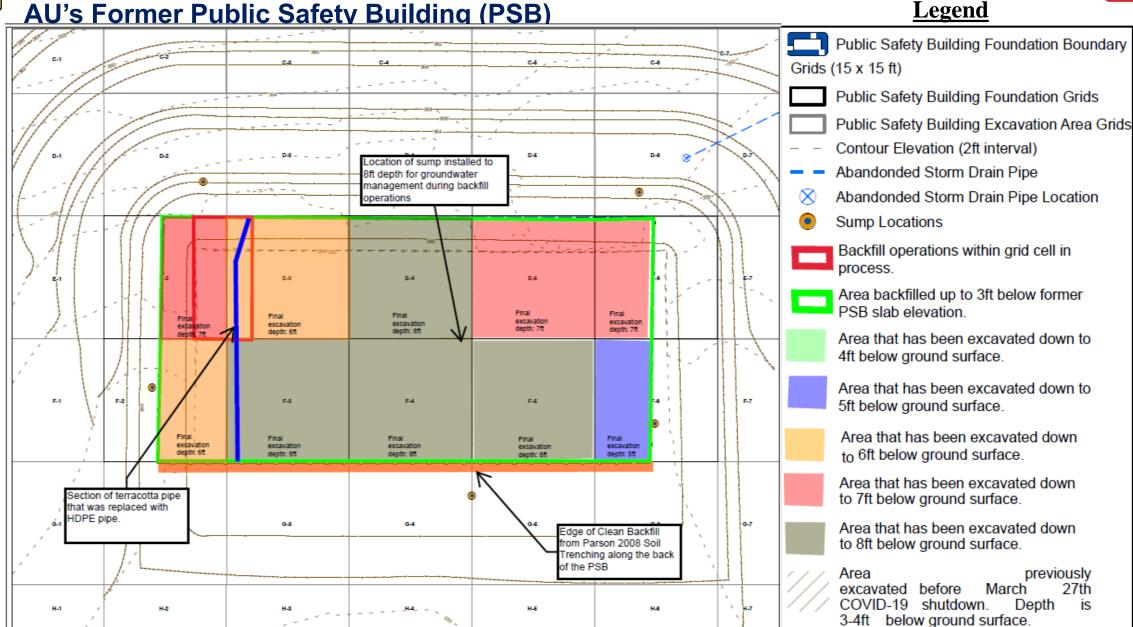
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DEPTH : GLASS

DESIGNATION: GLASS WEIGHT: 17502



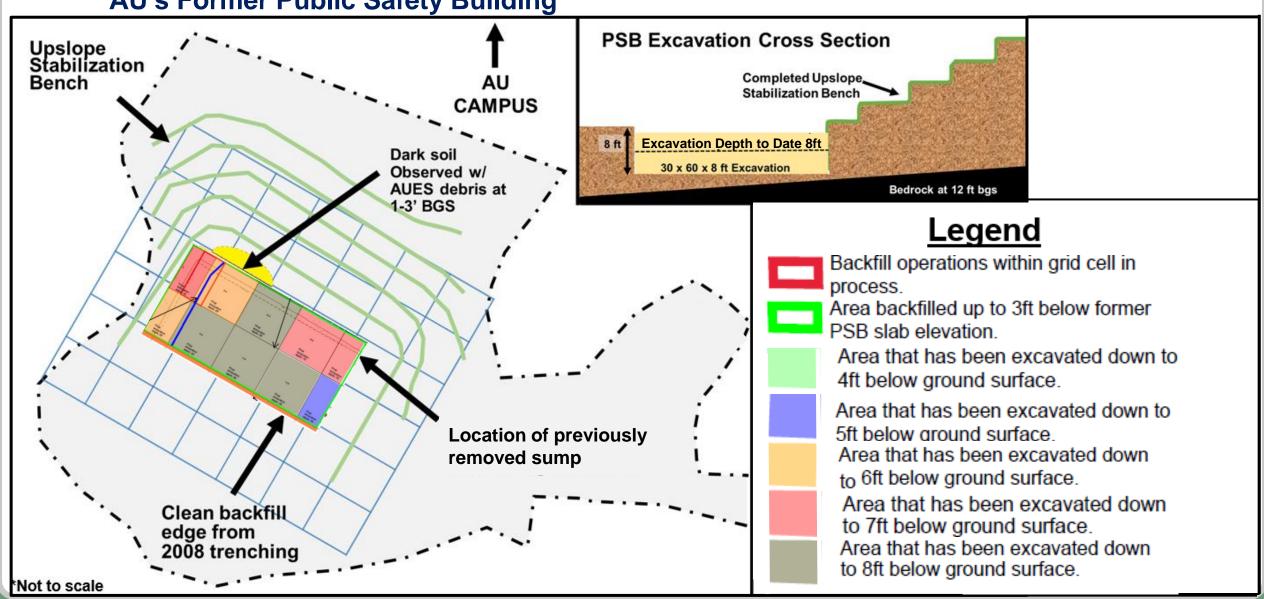








#### **AU's Former Public Safety Building**





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### **GLENBROOK ROAD PROJECT AREA**

**USACE Updates** 





### **GLENBROOK ROAD**



In mid-January, the crew excavated the area around the soldier pile in need of removal near southern boundary of 4825. As a safety measure, a shoring box was placed around the soldier pile during excavation. Upon completion, the shoring box was removed and the trench where the soldier

pile existed was backfilled.







# GLENBROOK ROAD - SOIL & EROSION CONTROLS



Over the past 2 months, in response to the heavy winter storms and seasonal wet weather, the crew installed and maintained additional soil and erosion controls.









# **GLENBROOK ROAD – SITE RESTORATION**



As of this week, the backfill and soil compaction operations are 57.5% complete.



# **GLENBROOK ROAD – UPCOMING EFFORTS**





Waste filled roll-off leaving the Federal Property site for disposal.

Complete effort to re-install AU water line and the AU sanitary sewer line.

Restore the fences along the 4801 and 4835 Glenbrook Road properties

Restore site to final grade in 6-inch lifts with compaction in accordance with the Work Plan

Submit Draft Final Site-Specific Final Report

#### **GLENBROOK ROAD**



#### Tentative Schedule

# Winter/Spring 2021

- Continue the planned final site restoration tasks for the Glenbrook project area. This includes restoring utilities along the shared property lines and restoring landscaping in the easement areas.
- Complete the planned elevation levels of soil backfill and compaction at the site.

#### **Summer 2021**

Anticipated project completion.

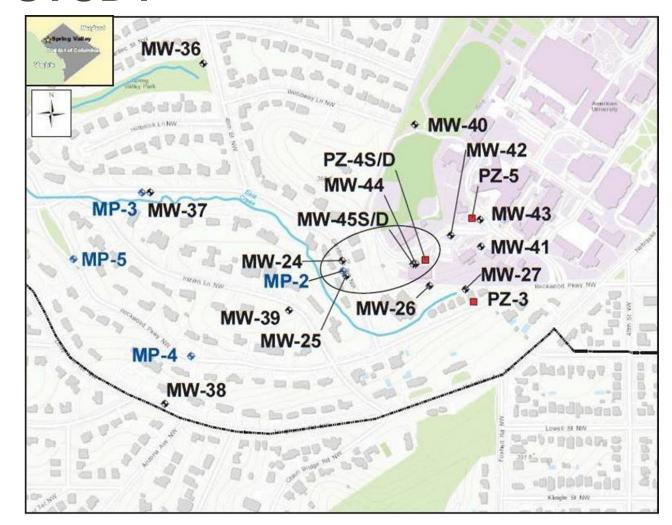


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### **GROUNDWATER STUDY**

**USACE Updates** 



## GROUNDWATER STUDY



- A groundwater sampling event for perchlorate at wells PZ-4D and MW-44 was conducted by the USACE on March 1<sup>st</sup>. The event was pushed from February due to icy conditions.
- The results of this sampling event should be available within the next month. We will share these results once they become available.
- The June 2020 sampling results were very similar to the results from September 2019. The Army Corps and Partners are awaiting these results to confirm if perchlorate concentrations are consistent with the September results.



Groundwater sampling well



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#### **Reminders:**

The next RAB meeting will tentatively be held virtually on **Tuesday**, **May 11**<sup>th</sup>, **2021** through WebEx video conferencing services.

#### **Upcoming Agenda Items:**

- Please review attached document regarding closing out RAB ahead of May RAB meeting.
- Suggestions? Please contact the Outreach Team!

