

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
Spring Valley Restoration Advisory Board
Conference Call
Minutes of the July 2021 Meeting**

RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT AT THIS MEETING	
Dan Noble	Military Co-Chair/USACE, Spring Valley MMRP Manager
Greg Beumel	Community Co-Chair
Brian Barone	Agency Representative - Department of Energy & Environment
Paul Bermingham	Community Member
Mary Bresnahan	Community Member
Devamita Chattopadhyay	RAB Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) Consultant
Marguerite Clarkson	At Large Representative - Horace Mann Elementary School
Alma Gates	Community Advisor to the RAB
William Krebs	Community Member
Lawrence Miller	Community Member
Dan Nichols	At Large Representative - American University
Joe Vitello	Agency Representative - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region III
John Wheeler	Community Member
RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT AT THIS MEETING	
Jennifer Baine	Community Member
Paul Dueffert	Community Member
Jonathan Harms	Community Member
Lee Monsein	Community Member
ATTENDING PROJECT PERSONNEL	
Whitney Gross	Spring Valley Community Outreach Team
Holly Hostetler	ERT, Inc.
Julie Kaiser	USACE Baltimore

HANDOUTS FROM THE MEETING
I. Army Corps of Engineers Presentation (emailed PDF)

AGENDA

Starting Time: The July 2021 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, which included the April, May, and June Site-Wide Monthly Project Updates and the weekly 4825 Glenbrook Road updates and photos. The May RAB meeting minutes have been posted to the project site. The June Partner meeting was not held, but the project update presentation was posted in lieu of meeting minutes.

Comment from Allen Hengst, Audience Member - Dan, I am sorry to interrupt. It is Allen. As it happens every month, the Partner meetings for June have not been posted.

D. Noble explained that he would coordinate with the USACE Public Affairs Office to ensure that the Partner presentation is posted to the website.

Comment from A. Hengst, Audience Member - Thank you.

B. Task Group Updates

RAB Membership

1. RAB Vacancies

Mary Kathryn Covert Steel is moving out of the Washington D.C. area and has resigned from the RAB. USACE thanked M. K. Covert Steel for her service to the RAB. M. K. Covert Steel's resignation leaves an additional vacancy on the RAB.

2. RAB Membership Search Committee Update

The Membership search committee has been searching for a local Realtor to fill an open position for the RAB. Mary Bresnahan, Community Member, and William Krebs, Community Member, provided a brief update on the membership search.

Comment from W. Krebs, Community Member - Mary and I have not had a chance to get together since the last RAB meeting and so we have nothing further to report, other than whether Mary has had any more conversations with the prospective member.

Comment from M. Bresnahan, Community Member - I have, as a matter of fact, and we actually

had her online when we had that last committee meeting for Realtors, I think it was with Whitney and ZaKerra.

Whitney Gross, Spring Valley Community Outreach Team confirmed this.

Comment from M. Bresnahan, Community Member - Her name is Helen Lyons, and she lives over on the west side of Spring Valley, and she has lived there for quite some time, and she is a real estate agent. And so that is what we were talking about; and she said that she would be very much interested.

Comment from W. Krebs, Community Member - [Ed. garbled], and we were trying to get her to talk to the Chairs.

Comment from M. Bresnahan, Community Member - Yes, she has not talked to anyone except me, and she was on that Realtor phone call. So, we all do need to talk to her, yes.

Comment from W. Krebs, Community Member - I thought you and I would talk to her and then we would get Greg.

Comment from M. Bresnahan, Community Member - We do need to do that.

Comment from W. Krebs, Community Member - Ok, so, that is our report.

D. Noble thanked M. Bresnahan and W. Krebs.

3. Community Outreach Team

ZaKerra Lance, ERT - Community Outreach Team, has moved on from the Spring Valley Project to another professional opportunity located closer to her family. USACE Baltimore thanked Z. Lance for her service to the Spring Valley Project over the last 18 months.

USACE welcomed H. Hostetler, ERT, Inc., to an expanded role on the Community Outreach Team to perform community relations tasks with W. Gross.

II. USACE Program Updates

A. Site-Wide Remedial Action (RA)

D. Noble briefly reviewed the Site-Wide Remedial Design (RD)/Remedial Action (RA).

1. COVID-19 Response

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.

2. Planned Remedial Action Area Map

The map on slide #8 of the presentation shows the 92 residential properties and 13 Federal/City lots:

- Properties with no color and are highlighted with blue borders indicate residential properties and city lots that have been completed.
- Properties shown in blue indicate properties that require future remedial action.

3. The final survey effort continues at the 92 residential properties and 13 Federal/City lots

- Currently working on 90 residential properties at different stages of the remedial action

process.

- 90 civil surveys and 90 arborist surveys have been completed.
- 90 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 81 Assurance Letters.

There are 7 properties remaining to be remediated, highlighted in blue on the map on Slide #8 of the presentation. One (1) property is located in the Sedgwick Trench area and the other 6 properties are located in the Static Test Fire Area, shown as a triangle standing on its side. Landscape plans have been approved at 2 of the properties, and the team is close to obtaining approval for a 3rd property. As soon as the landscape plan is approved for the 3rd property, D. Noble will instruct the contractor to re-mobilize the field team to the 3 properties for trimming and cutting of vegetation and to begin collecting geophysical survey data. Field teams are expected to be working at the properties in the next few weeks.

Question from W. Krebs, Community Member - Is that in addition to the 91?

D. Noble asked W. Krebs to clarify his question.

Question from W. Krebs, Community Member - Is that in addition to the 92 residential properties? The assurance letters, are these part of the 92?

D. Noble confirmed that of the 85 properties completed out of the total 92 residential properties, 81 assurance letters have been issued so far. Assurance letters for 4 completed properties are pending. When the remaining 7 properties are completed, assurance letters will be issued for those properties as well.

Question from Alma Gates, Community Advisor to the RAB - Are you all working on Dalecarlia Parkway? It looks like a path going down to a creek or a road going down to a creek-bed, maybe?

D. Noble explained that the Dalecarlia Parkway project is not a USACE Baltimore Spring Valley project. There are no USACE Baltimore Spring Valley field crews working along Dalecarlia Parkway.

Question from A. Gates, Community Advisor to the RAB - Thank you.

4. Federal Property Coverage

The map on Slide #9 of the presentation shows the accessible Man-Portable Vector (MPV) coverage area for the Spring Valley Project. The areas highlighted in green represent areas considered Inaccessible, including a strip of Federal Dalecarlia Reservoir Property along Dalecarlia Parkway.

At a previous RAB meeting, John Wheeler, Community Member, asked about the coverage at the Federal Dalecarlia Reservoir Property. At that time, D. Noble believed that the Federal Dalecarlia Reservoir Property, behind a Federal fence, was determined Inaccessible in the Site-Wide Decision Document (DD). This meant that no remedial action would be performed, since the strip of Federal Dalecarlia Reservoir Property was behind a Federal fence. Since there is no public access behind

the Federal fence, the public would be protected from any potential munitions in that area.

Upon further review of the Site-wide DD, D. Noble found no mention of the Federal Dalecarlia Reservoir Property as an Inaccessible area in the Site-Wide DD. The Site-Wide DD could be interpreted as calling for remedial action in that area.

D. Noble discussed the Federal Dalecarlia Reservoir Property section with Joe Vitello, Agency Representative - Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region III, and Brian Barone, Agency Representative - Department of Energy & Environment (DOEE) and determined that the section of Federal Dalecarlia Reservoir Property will be added to the remedial action, along with the 92 residential properties and 13 Federal/City lots.

Remedial action at the Federal Dalecarlia Reservoir Property is expected to be completed by summer 2022.

D. Noble thanked J. Wheeler for asking the question about the Federal Dalecarlia Reservoir Property.

5. Tentative Schedule

- Summer 2021
 - Obtain remaining Rights-of-Entry from current group of homeowners.
 - Finalize plant removal plans with the last groups of homeowners and conduct plant removal at private properties in preparation for geophysical surveys.
 - Begin subsequent round of geophysical surveys.
- Summer/fall 2021
 - Complete round of anomaly removal efforts.
 - Begin subsequent Final Restoration Site walks with final group of homeowners.

B. Former Public Safety Building (PSB)

D. Noble provided a brief update on the former Public Safety Building (PSB).

1. Recent Activities

- On March 23, all backfilling, compaction, and test-pitting activities were completed in the area directly below the foundation at the PSB excavation site. All work to remove American University Experiment Station (AUES) debris contamination originally directed by the Site Wide DD was completed.
- The team demobilized from the PSB excavation site on April 16, after completion of the additional investigation in the areas outside the PSB slab into the hillside and the test-pitting operations to the west of the slab. A truck entrance as well as the security and work fencing were left in place.
- Based on the investigation of the area outside the footprint of the PSB slab, additional contamination is evident and further investigation is needed to determine its extent into the hillside. USACE will determine the scope of work and issue a contract modification to identify and excavate the extent of AUES debris. An administrative contract action is being developed to complete the work and is expected to be issued by September 30.
- The investigation and removal of the additional AUES contamination is not expected to begin until late fall of 2021. Restoration of the site would take place after completion of the north/east slope investigation and slope soil excavation and backfilling; restoration would include rebuilding the PSB slope and removing the access road.

- An investigation report of the PSB work conducted thus far has been completed, finalized, and distributed to EPA, DOEE, and Devamita Chattopadhyay, RAB Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) Consultant.
- Future landscape restoration work will be coordinated with American University – based on the approved landscape restoration plan.

The map on Slide #13 of the presentation shows the overall PSB site, including the former PSB slab. The area under the slab was originally thought to be the extent of the excavation area. The dashed red lines indicate areas where additional AUES debris was found; a large area that encircles the former PSB and a small area further up the hillside. The contractor will perform the same remediation work in these 2 new areas. The new excavation areas together are almost as large as the original area that was recently completed.

The photo on Slide #14 of the presentation shows the hillside, terraced for stabilization during excavation activity under the former PSB. The new excavation activity will reach further into the hillside, requiring a more robust engineered stabilization system than the terraces. The new stabilization system will be included in the contract for the additional excavation work.

The interim investigations, backfilling, and site demobilization efforts have been completed at the former PSB site. The PSB Slope Investigation Report was finalized and distributed to the Partners. The site will remain shut down as contract details for further work are finalized.

2. Next Steps

- Develop and finalize work plans.
- Finalize administrative contract actions.
- The remaining work at the PSB Slope is tentatively scheduled to begin in late fall 2021.

C. Glenbrook Road

Julie Kaiser, USACE Baltimore provided a brief update on 4825 Glenbrook Road and 4835 Glenbrook Road.

1. Recent Activities

- The 4825 Glenbrook Road property is due to be returned to American University (AU) at the end of July. The contractor is expected to have all tasks completed by the end of August.
- All backfill compaction and grading to the final elevation has been completed at the site.
- Additional efforts included transporting and adding necessary topsoil, laying matting, and restoring the area with grass. The photo on Slide #16 was taken at the beginning of July; grass is likely sprouting in the bare ground area now. Sprinklers have been installed to water the grass. Once the grass is established, the silt fence will be removed. The project team will discontinue watering the grass at the end of July. AU may need to continue watering through August.
- Restoration at 4825 Glenbrook Road is complete.
- The majority of the fencing work along the shared property lines has been completed.
- The permanent wood fence along the 4801 Glenbrook Road shared property line has been completed and temporary construction fencing was placed in the back portion of the property. The permanent fencing along the 4835 Glenbrook Road shared property line will be installed by mid-July.

2. Tentative Schedule Summer 2021

- Complete the planned site restoration tasks for the Glenbrook project area.
- Anticipated project completion and return the property back to AU.
- Finalize the written Close Out Report by late summer.

Comment from M. Bresnahan, Community Member - I drive by there almost every single day, and I have just watched how it has changed and changed and changed. So, with the grass growing and everything, it really is looking totally different, and it looks nice, very nice.

Comment from J. Kaiser, USACE Baltimore - Yeah, we really have not heard what AU is going to do with it. I mean, maybe Dan has some clue about whether they are going to sell that soon or not, I do not know.

D. Noble explained that USACE will turn the clean property over to AU, and AU will decide what to do with the property.

Comment from J. Wheeler, Community Member - Let me just jump in for a second, because this is, in a lot of ways, the most significant thing that has been accomplished in this Spring Valley clean-up, because these 3 properties, the Korean embassy, and then the 2 properties of American University, have shown to be by far the most contaminated pieces of property, and it is a huge accomplishment to get them cleaned up.

D. Noble confirmed it is a significant interim milestone.

Comment from M. Bresnahan, Community Member - And it is really obvious, very obvious when you drive by.

D. Groundwater Feasibility Study / Dispute Resolution

D. Noble provided a review of the Groundwater Remedial Investigation (RI) and a brief update on the Groundwater Feasibility Study (FS).

Following the confirmation groundwater sampling event conducted in March, USACE is developing a contract action to hire a contractor to prepare the documentation to support the No Further Action decision reached by the Partners.

Part of the contract action will include a plan to close out and abandon the groundwater monitoring wells to prevent infiltration contamination to the aquifer from the surface.

The contract is expected to be awarded in September 2021 with documentation and field work beginning in October 2021.

E. Preparation to close out the RAB

- The RAB may prepare any type of document it prefers, and the RAB's wishes will be included in the record, maintained permanently in the Administrative Record for the site, as a Lessons Learned document, Final Report from the RAB, a list of suggestions, or an After-Action Report with suggestions on how to address similar projects in the future.
- The RAB can provide a summary of its recommendations to USACE, the project partners, and the community. This summary document can include the RAB's recommendations and guidance regarding the cleanup process. The summary document would be included in the administrative record and index, then also made available to the public.
- The outreach team shared a Factsheet with the RAB to provide some guidance on how to document the RAB's work in conjunction with the conclusion of Army Corps' Remedial Action efforts in Spring Valley.

- Additional resources include:
 - DoD Guidance – <https://denix.osd.mil/rab/home/unassigned/rabrul-handbook/>
 - EPA Guidance – <https://semspub.epa.gov/work/HQ/100002540.pdf>

D. Noble asked if Greg Beumel, Community Co-Chair wanted to share thoughts or open a discussion.

Comment from G. Beumel, Community Co-Chair - Well, right now, I have a little over a month before school starts again. I am going to task myself in that month to start writing up sort of a summary of what we did as a RAB; you know, when it was founded, what were the big issues, etcetera. I will probably need to call you guys and get some help finding certain information and I will at least get it all outlined and write parts of it and at the next meeting we can talk about it and see what else we need to do to finish that up, to kind of close out the RAB by saying, 'here is what did in the past, here is what you guys did, and here is how, as a RAB, we want to leave it'. At that point, I think we need to have some discussion because there is the decision to officially be made as the official opinion of the RAB; that the Corps is done or at least plus these things they agree to continue finishing, or do we have any objections and wish you had done more. So, we will have to get that in writing as well. But I will take it upon myself in the next month to make significant progress on it.

Question from A. Hengst, Audience Member - This is about the 75mm artillery shell which was recovered from Ft. Totten Park, outside the Metro Station a year ago. The park has been closed for the last year. Some of you may know that Eleanor Holmes Norton had a quarterly meeting, her Town Hall with the National Park Service at the end of March and I asked them about this. I got their answer last week. They said that they are going to contract out the soil testing to see if there is any more unexploded ordnance in the area that is closed. The only thing about that is the area that is closed is only about 200 square feet. I am looking at the minutes from March of 2010 when Dan reported on this, and he repeated the story which we have been told for years, that when the contaminated soil was moved from 4825 Glenbrook Road to Lorton, it was refused there, it was moved to Ft. Totten, it was spread around, and then the Park Service ordered the soil to be removed away because of the odor. The official line is that the soil was taken away and yet a year ago they found this 75mm artillery shell with a hexagonal plug. 'The smoking artillery shell' I call it because that was from 4825 Glenbrook Road. So, either the official story has to be changed in the RAB's documentation of the history of this project, or perhaps they overlooked that one small area. We need to find out how large of an area the contaminated soil was spread at Ft. Totten so the Park Service can properly do its soil testing. If they are only going to do that narrow strip, there could be other shells there. So, my question to, I guess, Dan and the Army Corps is, are you ready to change your story about the soil being removed from Ft. Totten? Because, if you are not going to change it, how is it possible that they found a shell there last summer? That area of the park has been closed for a year now and it is not going to be re-opened anytime soon and if they only test the area where the trail is, they are not going to cover a large enough area. So, that is my question.

D. Noble explained that his understanding, from what the National Park Service (NPS) has related to USACE, is that when NPS asked the contractor to remove the soil because NPS did not approve the soil, there were certain areas where the soil had been placed that contained mature trees. The NPS did not want to damage the mature trees. NPS specifically directed that the newly-placed soil could stay in certain areas to prevent damage to the vegetation.

Question from A. Hengst, Audience Member - The area where this trail is, is not the area of mature trees. But you are telling me that the older part of the park, where the Civil War fort was and there is now a community garden, is where they spread the contaminated soil. So, when they moved it, could it be that they moved it to that arm that extends from the Ft. Totten Metro Station to South Dakota Avenue? Those are all young trees. Could it be that they just moved it to a different part of the park?

D. Noble explained that he did not know if the soil was moved to a different part of Ft. Totten Park.

Comment from A. Hengst, Audience Member - If they did move it to a different part of the park, then they need to investigate a larger area than where the trail is. The trail is only about, I mean with the fencing, it is probably about 40 foot wide at the most, and maybe 150 feet long. It goes from Galloway Street to whatever that road is that accesses the Metro. It is not that big of an area, and it is not going to be sufficient. If they took all the soil from the area where there was a field next to those mature trees and just moved it to a different part of the park, then it is going to be much larger. You need to communicate with the Park Service. Apparently, there were hundreds of tons of soil moved from Glenbrook Road. It could not possibly be confined to the area where that trail is.

D. Noble explained that most of the known information about the area comes from files and information NPS shared with USACE. USACE does not have additional information or files to inform NPS, new information would have to come from NPS.

Comment from A. Hengst, Audience Member - Ok, I am going to contact them, but I want the RAB to realize that when they write up their history, please when you get to the part about moving the soil from 4825 to Lorton and then on Ft. Totten, do not repeat this myth anymore, because it is obvious that it was not moved from Ft. Totten, it was just moved to a different part of Ft. Totten. As far as, you know, the environmental justice issue, this is an African-American neighborhood. So, you have got contaminated soil that was taken from one of the richest areas of Washington D.C. and moved to a relatively poor African-American area. And now, they have discovered a shell, a hexagonal plug in it, it came from Glenbrook Road, it came from the AUES project, but there has got to be more shells there than just that. I think it is a scandal and I am haunted by it. I am surprised that nobody else is not bothered by this.

D. Noble explained that NPS is the Federal agency that is responsible for that acreage. NPS is aware of the issue, and D. Noble believes NPS is taking the appropriate steps. When NPS requests assistance from USACE, USACE gives assistance. If USACE has information that might be helpful to NPS, USACE provides that information. At this point, NPS is investigating the issue.

Comment from A. Hengst, Audience Member - I do not think they are including a large enough area, and this is what I am going to do. I am going to write them, I am going to copy Eleanor Holmes Norton, and I am going to copy you on that letter. I am going to explain that the amount of contaminated soil moved to Ft. Totten was much larger than the area that they are investigating where this trail is. We will see what kind of an answer we get. Maybe I will get a written answer from them. You already gave me the name and address of the person to contact. I was just waiting to get the official answer from the Park Service. I just got it last week. So, you know, like Greg, I am going to have a little project this summer writing to the Park Service. I am going to document what we know, and I expect that they will answer me in writing and maybe they will copy it to you too, because I am going to copy you and the delegate on this. That is it.

Comment from J. Wheeler, Community Member - I wanted to go back to what Whitney provided us. I think as far as what Allen had to say, even if everything he said is true, it is not within the scope of our RAB to deal with it. You know, our scope is the restoration of the Spring Valley FUDS. But, from what Whitney sent us, one thing that is not clear to me about the continuation of the RAB is, we talked about the continuation of the RAB, is this document, but I assume that really what would be happening is some kind of informal group that could be a follow-up to the RAB, because the RAB exists, unless I am totally wrong, at the pleasure of the Army Corps of Engineers. So, if the Army Corps of Engineers says, 'we are finished with the remedial action and the RAB work is done,' we are no longer a RAB within the scope of the regulations that create a RAB.

Comment from A. Hengst, Audience Member - John, you are writing a document that is going to document the history of this project.

Comment from J. Wheeler, Community Member - I understand that, Allen.

Comment from A. Hengst, Audience Member - All I am trying to do is make sure that document does not repeat the myth that the soil was moved away from Ft. Totten because it obviously was not, and this is not only myth.

Comment from J. Wheeler, Community Member - Allen, we are not writing that document tonight.

Comment from A. Hengst, Audience Member - I know you are not, but I am not going to see you again until September and Greg was going to start working on it in August.

Comment from J. Wheeler, Community Member - Ok, but he has gotten the message.

Comment from A. Hengst, Audience Member - Alright.

Comment from J. Wheeler, Community Member - We all have.

Comment from A. Hengst, Audience Member - I do not think it is true that you found the Sgt. Maurer Pit in the backyard of 4825 Glenbrook Road either. That is based on an early version of Slonecker's report, which was corrected twice that year. In December, he produced the third correction, and he moved the location off of 4825 Glenbrook Road. There are other myths. So, I would like to see, I guess, the draft document that is going to lay out the history of the project and I hope the public will be allowed to provide input on that.

Comment from J. Wheeler, Community Member - I assume the public would be.

Comment from Allen Hengst, Audience Member - Great. I do not want to be presented with the finished project and say, 'this is the document.' No.

Comment from J. Wheeler, Community Member - No, I would assume that the RAB members, I mean, that is our job, we would want public input on that.

Comment from A. Gates, Community Advisor to the RAB - John, this is a huge social justice issue, whether you agree with Allen or not. So, it needs to be treated properly. The Park Service needs to get their rear ends in gear and get that cleaned up and get the park open again. That park is extremely, I had an art project there, so I have been in touch with the people who live in that community. That park is very, very important to them and to have it closed for the summer and lord knows how much longer, because the Park Service cannot get it together is too bad. So, a little encouragement from the RAB would not hurt.

Comment from J. Wheeler, Community Member - Alma, I am not disagreeing that this is a very significant environmental justice issue. It is just the focus should be primarily with the Park Service. Our RAB has very little that we can do with that unless we now want to move our focus from Spring Valley to Ft. Totten.

Comment from A. Gates, Community Advisor to the RAB - John, I think that our RAB does have a responsibility here to make sure that this is taken care of. It happened at a project which this RAB oversees.

Comment from A. Hengst, Audience Member - Amen.

Comment from J. Wheeler, Community Member - Well, I am getting technical here, but we do not oversee the project, we advise.

Comment from A. Gates, Community Advisor to the RAB - Well, that is right, and we should be advising the Park Service [Ed. garbled].

Comment from J. Wheeler, Community Member - Ok.

Comment from Lawrence Miller, Community Member - We advise the Corps and that is outside the scope of our mandate to advise the Park Service, but we certainly could, in wrapping up recommendations, we could note the issue here, we could strongly state that we encourage investigation and action and those should be done as promptly as possible. We are advisory, we could give them advice. I do not know what beyond that we could do, and we could, of course, make sure that we do not state anything that is incorrect in our wrap-up report.

Comment from A. Hengst, Audience Member - I just want to make sure you know that the area where they found the munition is not mature trees. It is the long arm that extends from the Metro Station to South Dakota Avenue. There are not mature trees there. They are quite young.

Comment from L. Miller, Community Member - You made it clear. Allen, you noted earlier that one possibility is that there was a clean-up and they missed one thing, that is a possibility. There may have not been a good clean-up, they may have misrepresented; we do not know, and we do not have a way to know.

Comment from A. Hengst, Audience Member - Well, that is why I am writing my letter.

Comment from L. Miller, Community Member - Great.

Comment from J. Wheeler, Community Member - I certainly do not have any doubt that contaminated waste from Spring Valley went to Ft. Totten and that should certainly be well-documented in our report.

Comment from A. Hengst, Audience Member - Thank you, everyone, for weighing in on that.

[Ed. NPS information regarding Ft. Totten can be found at <https://www.nps.gov/places/fort-totten.htm>]

Comment from W. Krebs, Community Member - I raised last meeting the issue of whether there are any records that show whether the alley between Sedgwick and Tilden Street and the 4600 block was ever tested. It is undedicated alley and so therefore it has got vegetation on it, and it has never been paved. Someone was going to hopefully look into it, and I have not heard anything since.

D. Noble explained that USACE performed an initial review of the alley. The alley was treated as

a city street, so the alley was not directly sampled. All of the residences surrounding the alley were sampled and tested. D. Noble did not have the results from the sampling at hand during the meeting.

Comment from W. Krebs, Community Member - I am sure the results from all of the houses were negative.

D. Noble confirmed he believed the results from the properties surrounding the alley were negative. Some of the property owners in that area manage their property in such a way that their yards extend significantly into the alley. There is a good chance that the sampling crews sampled the alley because the adjoining properties extend into the alley. Officially, USACE did not test the surface of that alley.

Comment from W. Krebs, Community Member - Ok, thank you.

F. Munition Education and Awareness Ongoing Effort

- The 'Land Use Control Implementation Plan,' or LUCIP, is made up of two main efforts: the 3Rs of the Explosive Safety Education Program (Recognize, Retreat, Report) and 5-year reviews.
- The Education Program for the residents and institutions involved with the Spring Valley FUDS site include the following 7 institutions: USEPA, DOEE, Washington Aqueduct, American University, National Park Service, Sibley Memorial Hospital, and Wesley Theological Seminary. The first institutional mailing was done in May and will be done annually going forward like the residential mailing.
- In June, USACE prepared and mailed the Residential 3Rs notification and the annual FUDS information notice to all Spring Valley FUDS homeowners. The first distribution occurred in 2019 and will continue annually every spring.
- The institutional mailing also includes a Munitions Safety Video. The Munitions Safety Video can be viewed on the US Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District Website for Spring Valley: <https://www.nab.usace.army.mil/Home/Spring-Valley/>

D. Noble asked if the RAB members received the Residential 3Rs notification and annual FUDS information notice sent to all Spring Valley FUDS homeowners in the last 2 weeks.

Comment from M. Bresnahan, Community Member - Yes.

Question from A. Hengst, Audience Member - Could I get a copy of it as well?

D. Noble confirmed this.

Comment from A. Hengst, Audience Member - Thank you. You can email it to me or send it to me.

D. Noble confirmed this.

III. Community Items

IV. Open Discussion and Future RAB Agenda Development

The next RAB meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14. D. Noble asked the RAB if they would prefer to meet in person or conduct the meeting via virtual format.

Comment from M. Bresnahan, Community Member - I think we should meet in person.

Comment from W. Krebs, Community Member - I think we should meet in person.

Comment from G. Beumel, Community Co-Chair - I agree, but maybe with the option for people to call in if they feel unsafe or unvaccinated.

D. Noble confirmed that the September meeting will be tentatively planned as an in-person meeting with call-in capability. Logistics will need to be worked out, since Wi-Fi may not be available in the basement at St. David's Episcopal Church. A different venue may be an option for the meeting.

G. Beumel asked the RAB if anyone objected to the in-person meeting plan; no one objected.

Comment from M. Bresnahan, Community Member - Thank you.

A. Upcoming Meeting Topics

- RAB Membership
- Groundwater FS Study/Dispute Resolution
- Site-Wide RD/RA
- 4825 Glenbrook Road/4835 Glenbrook Road
- Future RAB Planning and Final Document Writing Discussion

B. Next RAB Meeting:

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

C. Open Discussion

V. Public Comments

VI. Adjourn

The conference call was adjourned at 8:05 PM.