



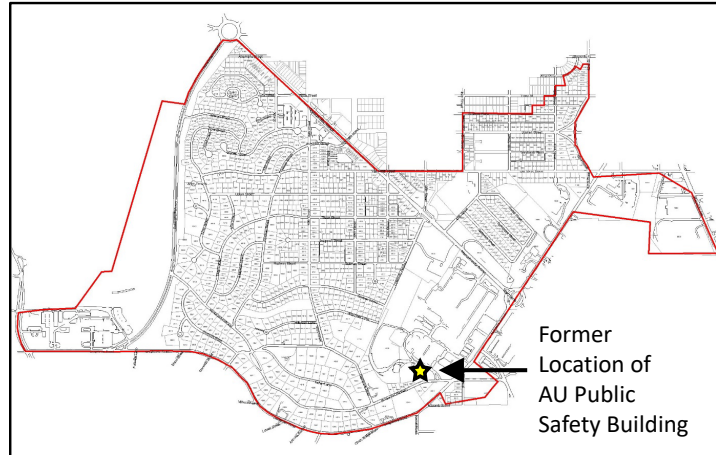
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American University's former Public Safety Building Summary and Next Steps

Overview:

American University's (AU) former Public Safety Building is located on the southern edge of the AU's campus in the Northwest section of Washington, D.C. During the World War I era, this area of the campus and the Spring Valley neighborhood was known as the American University Experiment Station (AUES). It was used by the U.S. government for engineer troop training, research and testing of chemical agents, equipment and munitions. This area is now referred to as the Spring Valley Formerly Used Defense Site (FUDS).



Spring Valley FUDS Project Boundary

Past Remediation Efforts around the Former Public Safety Building:

Between 2002 and 2006, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers excavated debris from around the former Public Safety Building. This area is referred to as the former Lot 18 disposal area. In 2006, the debris from Lot 18 was found extending toward the Public Safety Building. At that point, additional planning was required to continue following the Lot 18 debris to fully investigate and excavate the soil up to the foundation of the Public Safety Building, without compromising the structural integrity of the building.

With work plans in place, excavations around the Public Safety Building were conducted from June 2008 to June 2010. Contaminated soil and some suspected AUES-related glassware, several munition debris items, and one intact munition item were removed from around the building's foundation. Additionally, horizontal drilling beneath the Public Safety Building was conducted to obtain soil samples, but no AUES-related debris was encountered.

The Army Corps' current goal is to ensure that no suspected AUES debris continued under the Public Safety Building foundation. If AUES debris is found, the team will safely remove it from the site.

Since AU (the property owner) had separate plans to remove the old building, the Army Corps is taking this opportunity to investigate the soil underneath the former building and remove any contamination encountered.

What can neighbors near American University's southern campus expect?

The nearby community can expect disturbances similar to other construction activities in the area;



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including a fenced off area with restricted access and some noise associated with heavy equipment.

All work plans and safety procedures are reviewed by internal Army experts, as well as our Partners, the Environmental Protection Agency Region III and the D.C. Department of Energy and the Environment. AU will also review all plans.

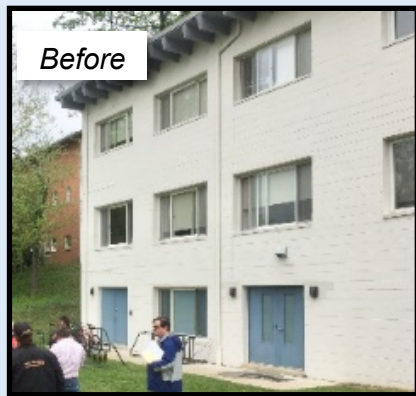
Safety remains the number one priority for the Army Corps. Throughout every phase of the project, all necessary precautions are taken to ensure the safety of the site workers, the AU campus, the residents of the community, and those walking and driving by.

What's next?

The team's efforts to remove the cement foundation slab of the former Public Safety Building, investigate the soils underneath the foundation, and remove any potentially contaminated soils are tentatively scheduled to begin in the fall. The team began mobilizing this summer for set up and personnel trainings. The work is anticipated to take ~2-4 months to complete.

The team will use heavy equipment during normal work hours: 7 am to 5 pm, Monday-Friday. Army Corps representatives will be present during the work for safety and air monitoring. A guard will be present during non-work hours (including weekends and holidays).

AU's former Public Safety Building removed



American University (AU) demolished the old Public Safety Building in August 2017. Once the Army Corps investigates the soil underneath the old foundation, the property will be returned to AU.

Where can I learn more?

To learn more, please call our Community Outreach Office at 410-962-2210 or email rebecca.e.yahiel@usace.army.mil. Additionally, visit the 'Site-Wide' section on the Spring Valley external Google drive to see the Public Safety Building Site Specific Investigation report (2013): <http://springvalley.ertcorp.com/home>