CLEANUP OF THE LOWER PASSAIC RIVER

Diamond Alkali Superfund Site

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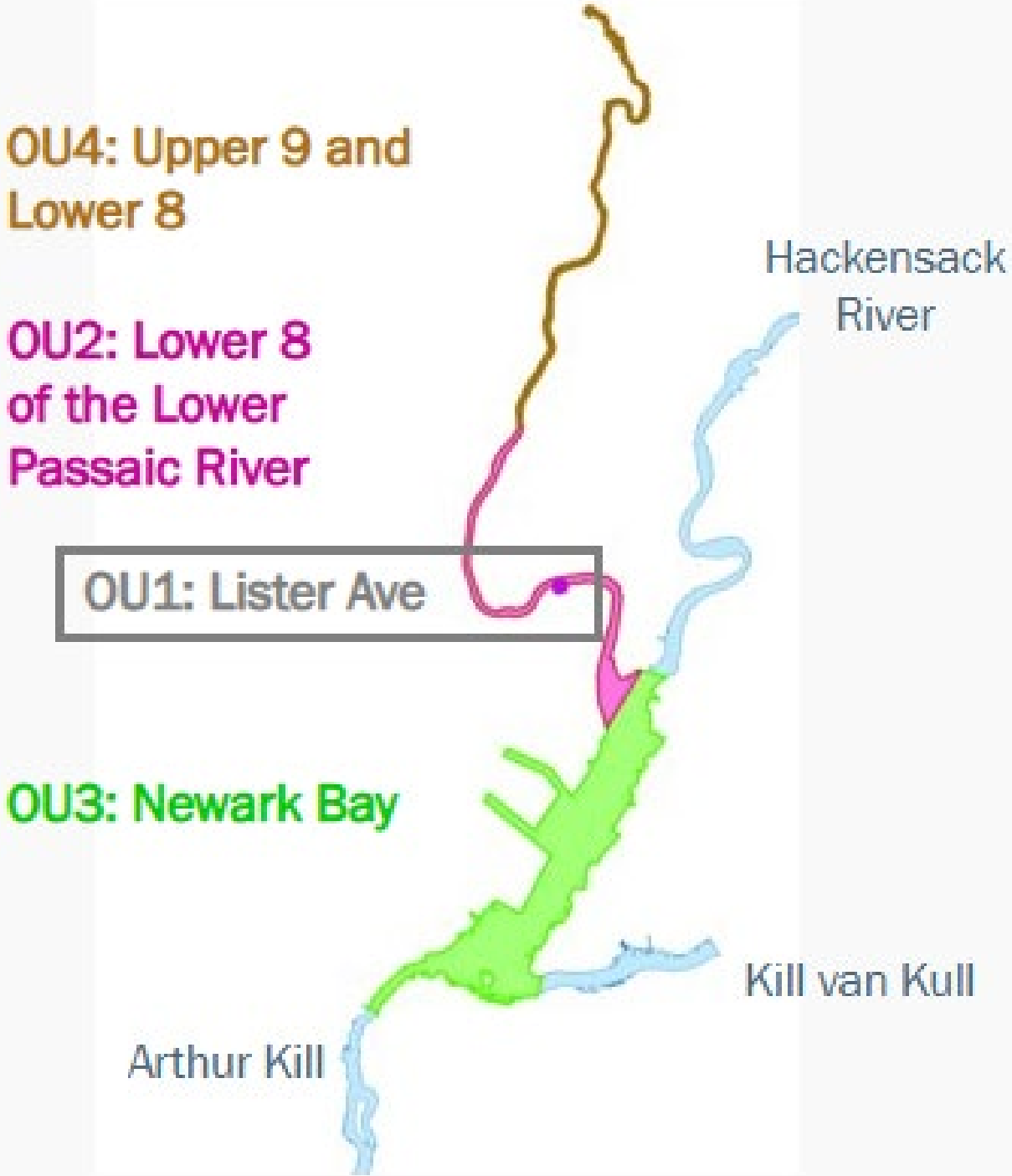

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Lower Passaic River Contaminants of Concern

Dioxin

PCBs

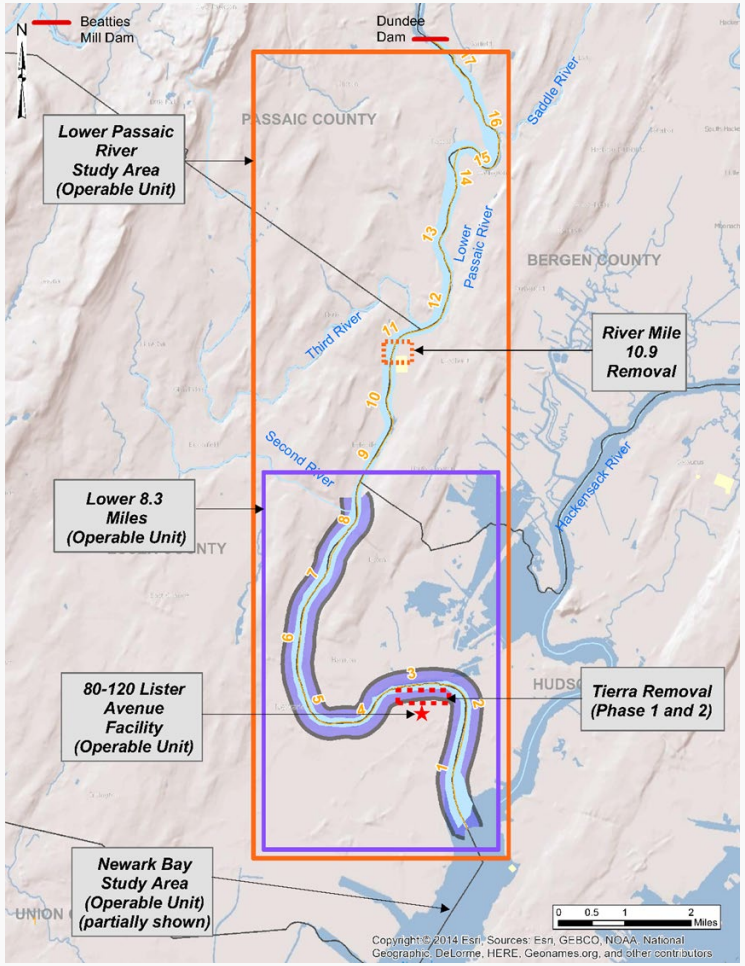
Metals

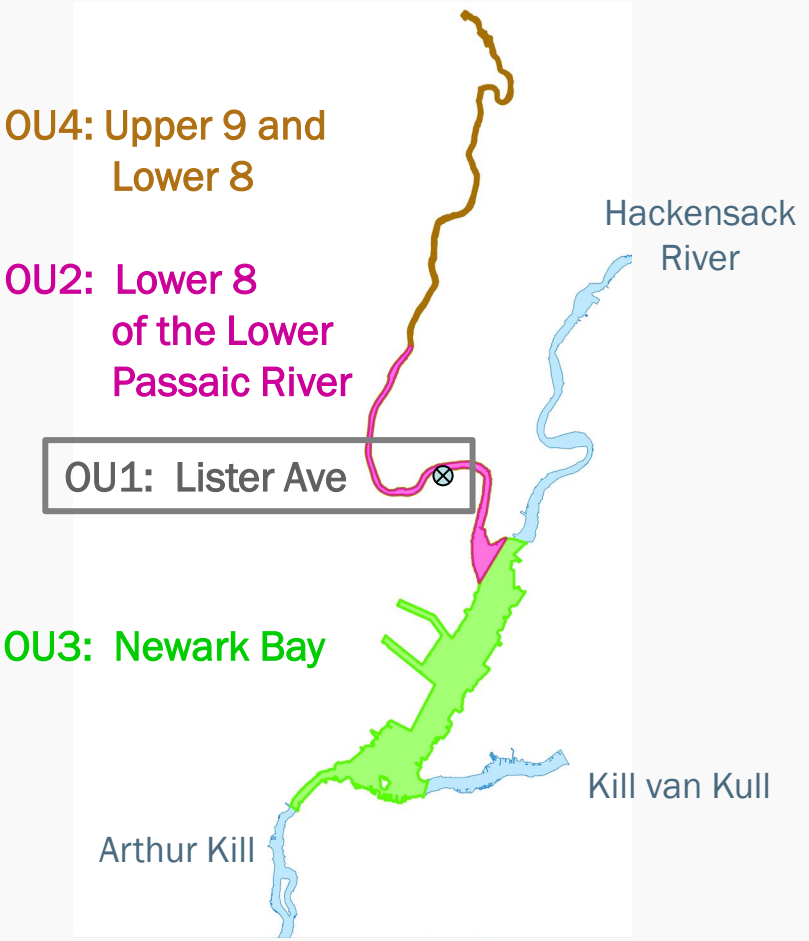
Pesticides

PAHs

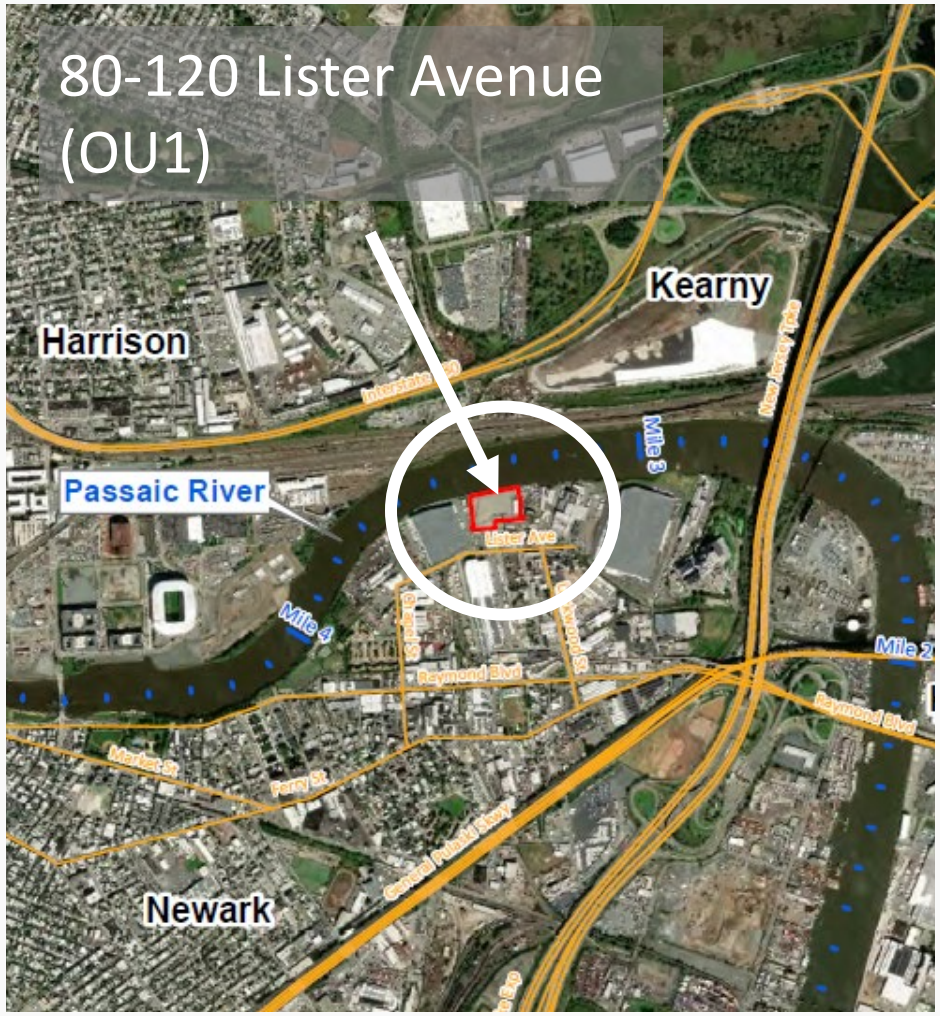
Cancer and non-cancer illnesses from eating fish and crab long-term

Operable Unit One





Where is OU1?
80 and 120 Lister Avenue



- Adjacent to the Lower Passaic River
- Ironbound neighborhood, Newark, NJ
- Nearby neighborhoods contain industrial properties and residences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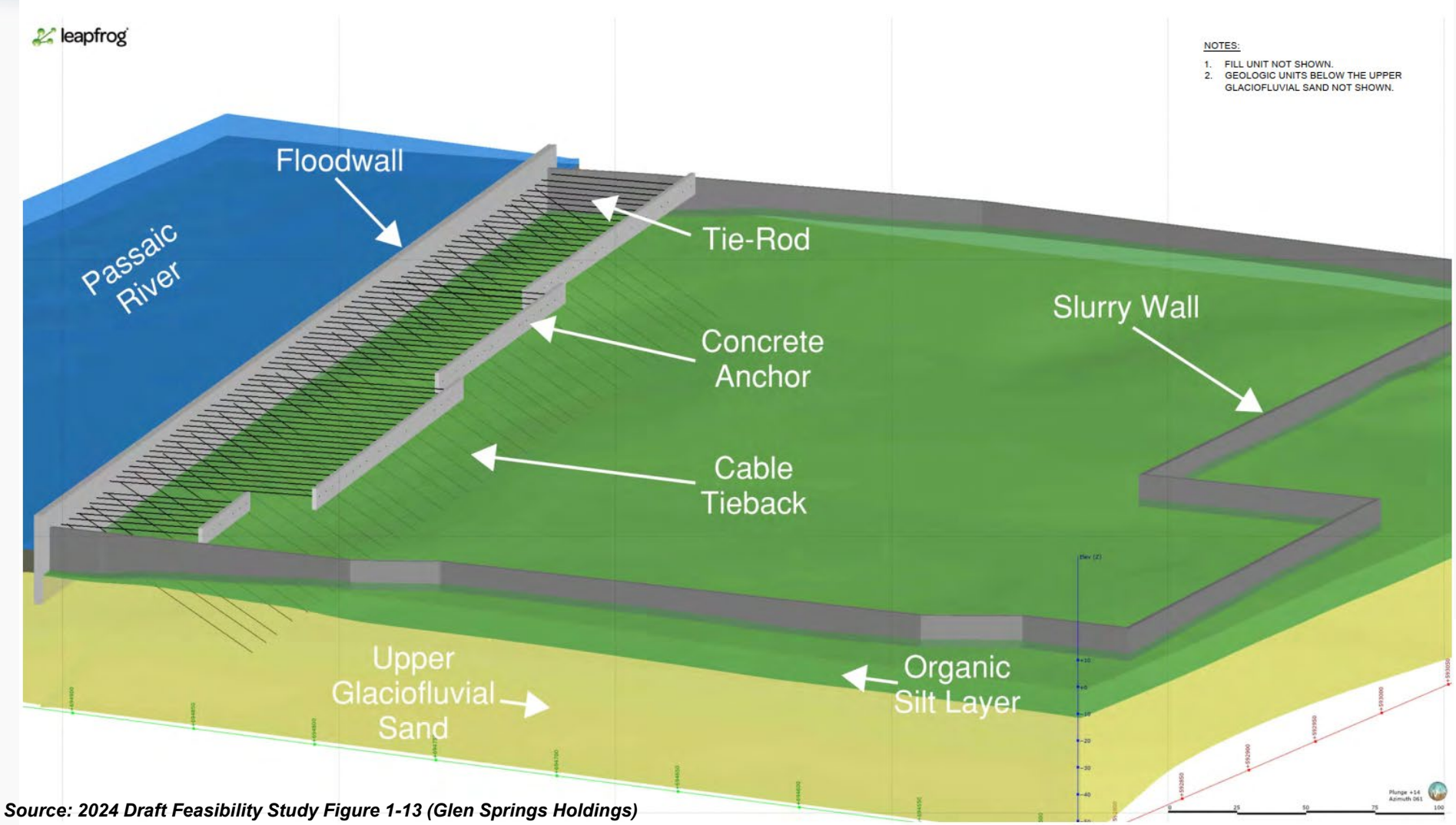
Description of Current Remedy At 80 Lister Avenue

Interim Remedy Scope:

To "install, operate, and maintain a groundwater withdrawal system designed to maintain a hydraulic gradient preventing the migration of groundwater from the volume contained within the slurry wall"
(USEPA, 1987)

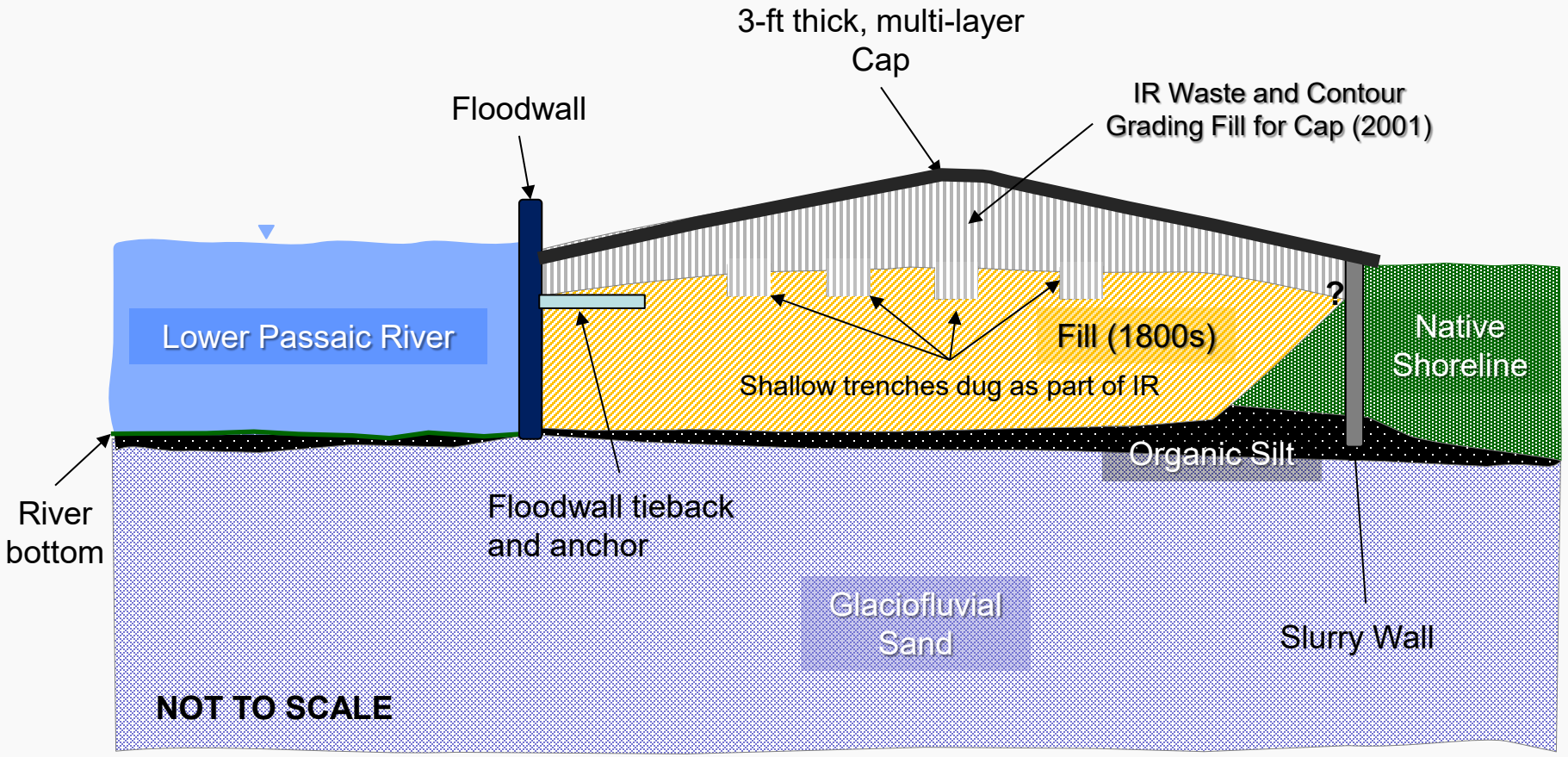
- Multi-layer, impermeable site cap and stormwater control system
- Floodwall along Lower Passaic River at northern site boundary
- Slurry walls ~15 feet inside eastern, western and southern site boundaries
- Groundwater Withdrawal System (GWWS) and Groundwater Treatment System (GWTS)
- Site fencing and security measures

Description of Containment Cell



Source: 2024 Draft Feasibility Study Figure 1-13 (Glen Springs Holdings)

Description of Current Remedy
OU1 Cross-Section



Five Year Review (2025)

EPA regularly reviews the remedy to ensure protectiveness, by answering the questions below:

A. Is the remedy functioning as intended by the decision documents?

B. Are the exposure assumptions, toxicity data, clean-up levels, and remedial action objectives (RAOs) used at the time of the remedy selection still valid?

C. Has any other information come to light that could call into question the protectiveness of the remedy?

The 2025 FYR Report is publicly available at: www.ourpassaic.org

Cleanup of OU1:
80-120 Lister Avenue is Farthest Along the Superfund Process

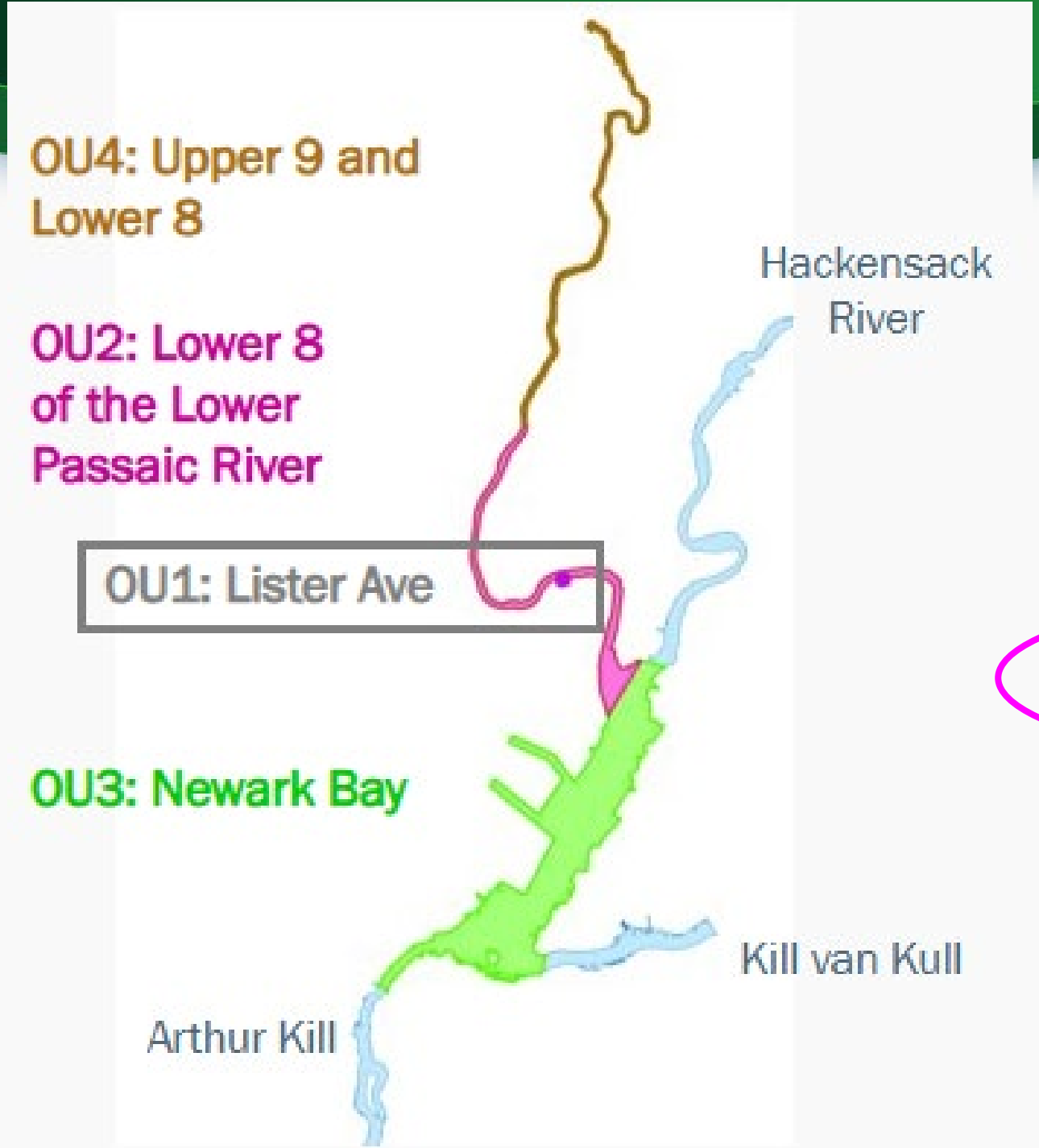
- 1987: Interim containment remedy selected
- 2001: Interim containment remedy constructed
- 2025: Record of Decision with Final remedy
  - Reinstall/reactivate 6 groundwater extraction wells
  - Upgrade groundwater treatment system
  - Assess cap – make any repairs needed

- 2025: 6th Five Year Review

What to Expect Next:

- Final remedy moves forward once administrative agreements are complete
- Construction and system upgrades will begin
- EPA will provide regular updates
- The community will be informed of any onsite activity

Source: Google Maps



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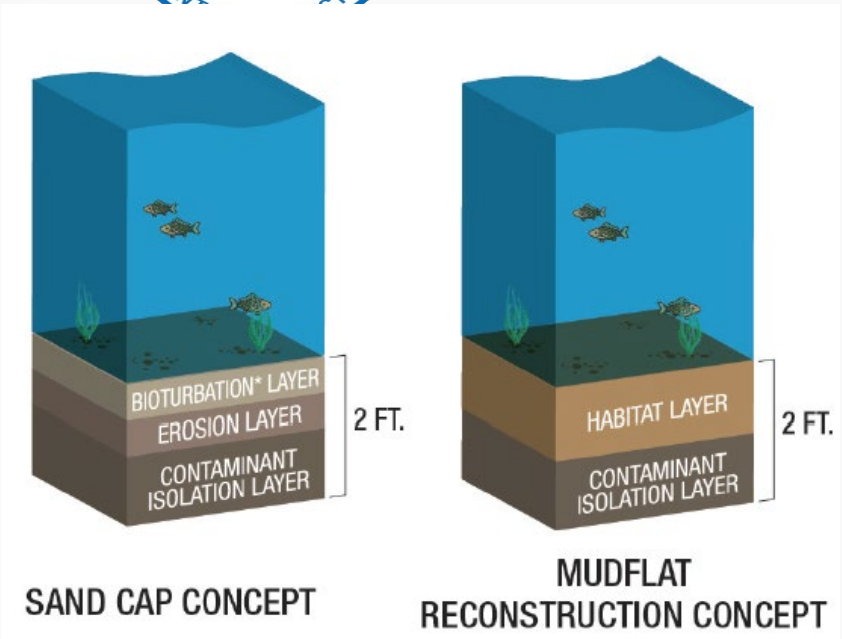
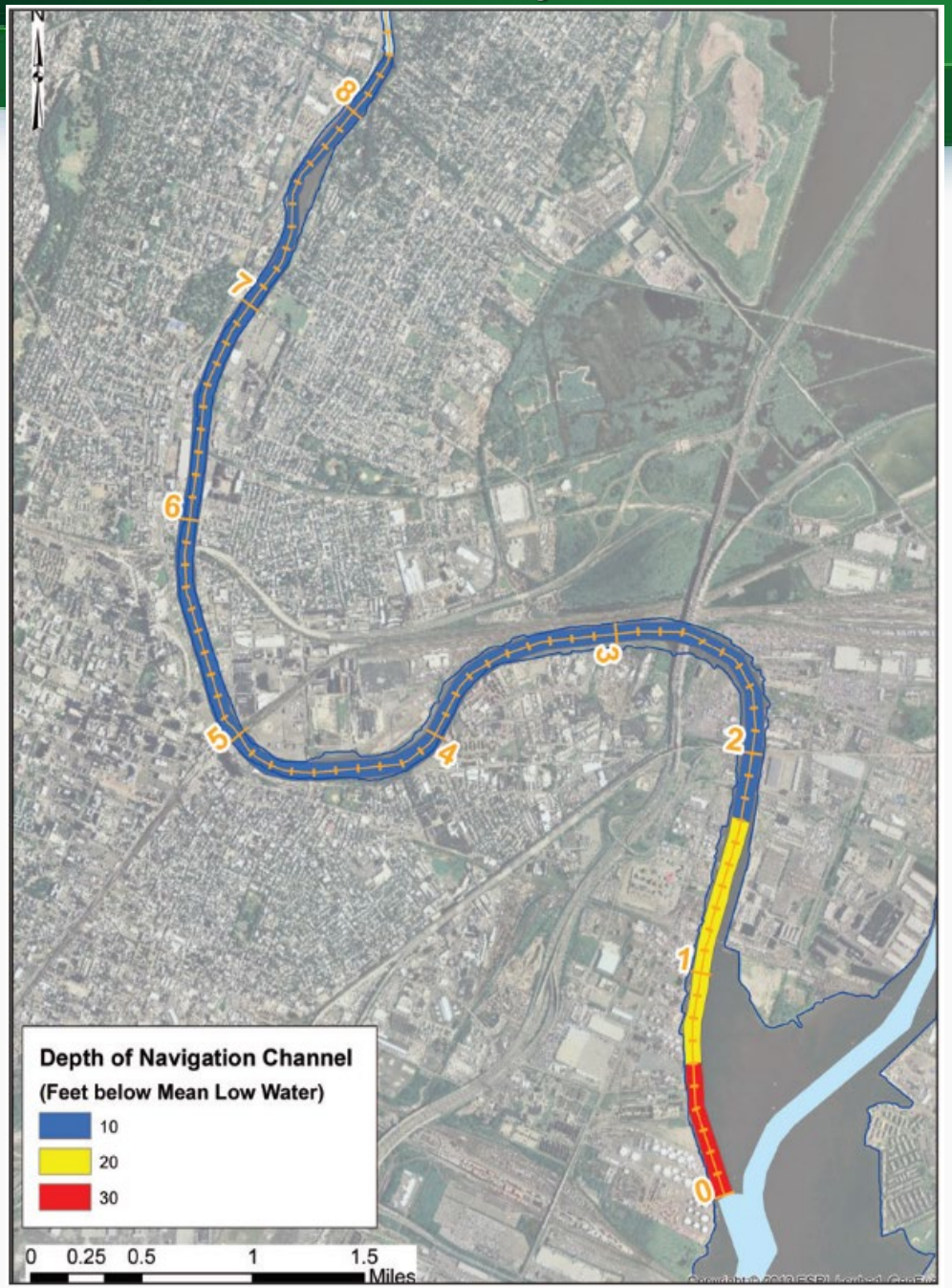
Lower 8.3-Miles: Engineered Cap

- **Bank to bank, to isolate contaminated sediment from river ecosystem**
- Made of sand with carbon particles in it
  - Layer of stone over the sand where needed
- Generally 15 inches thick
  - Varies from 4-inch specialty caps to 60-inch multi-layer caps
- Mudflats restored, wetlands replanted (30% more mudflats, 65% more wetlands)

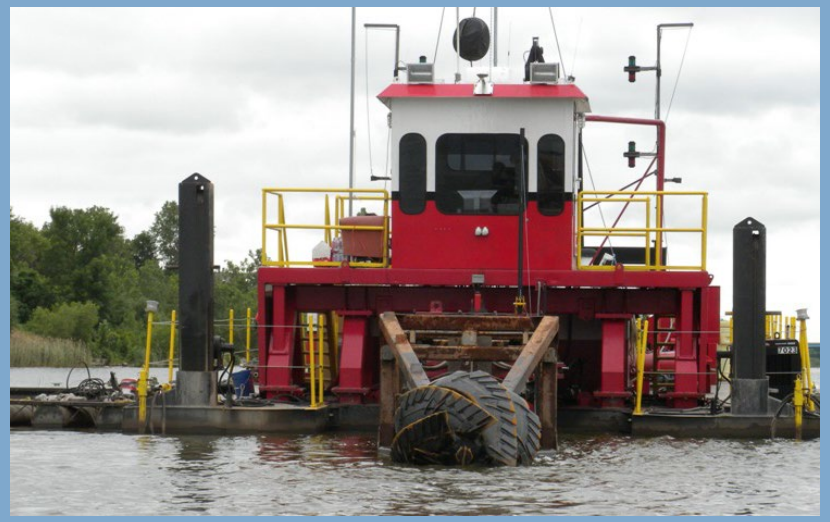




Lower 8.3-Mile Cleanup: Dredging

- **Dredging before installing the cap**
  - So cap doesn't make flooding worse
  - In Congressionally-authorized navigation channel (1.7 mi closest to Newark Bay)
- Approx. 2.5 million cubic yards
- Dredging Depth: average 3.5 ft (varies from 0.5 ft to 25 ft)

DREDGING & CAPPING EQUIPMENT



Hydraulic dredging and transport pipeline

Mechanical dredging and barge transport

Capping operations

Sediment Processing Facility

Sediment dewatering

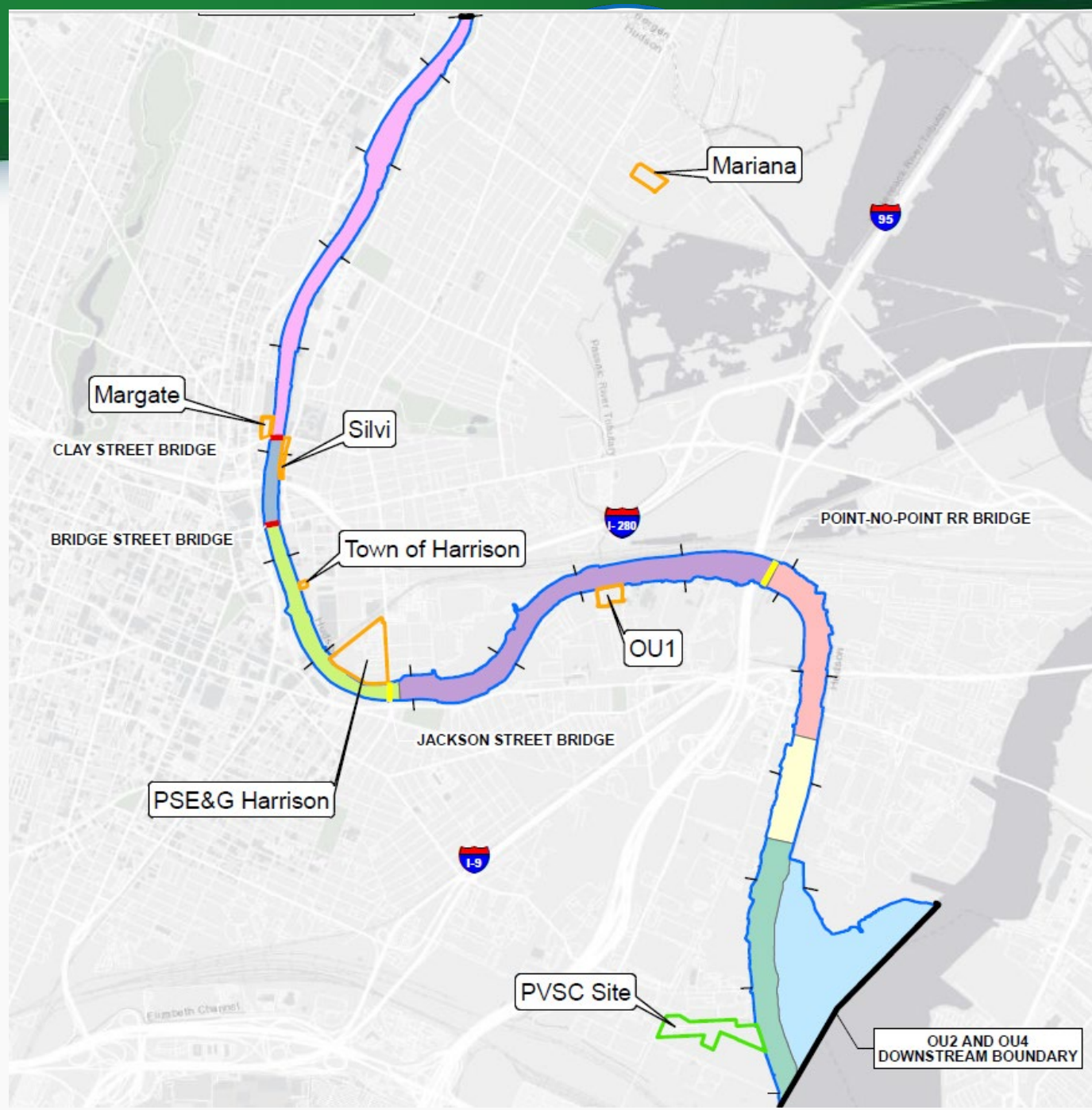
Sediment Filter Presses

Support Facilities

Main sediment processing facility at PVSC (Newark)

Support facilities in every municipality:

- East Newark
- Harrison
- Kearny
- Newark



Support Facilities

Used to support the work:

- Store capping material
- Store construction equipment
- Site work crew trailers
- Sort debris
- Manage sediment and debris contaminated with oily substance (NAPL, non-aqueous phase liquid)

Community Health and Safety Plan

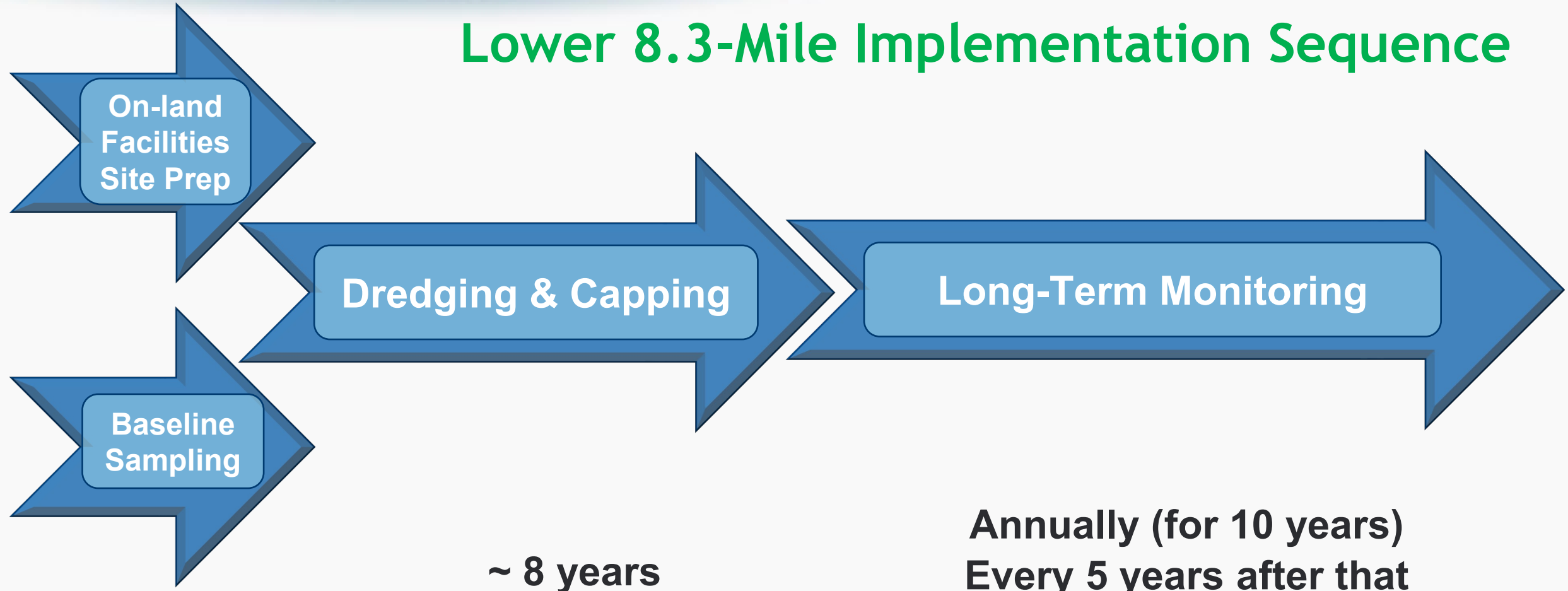
ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

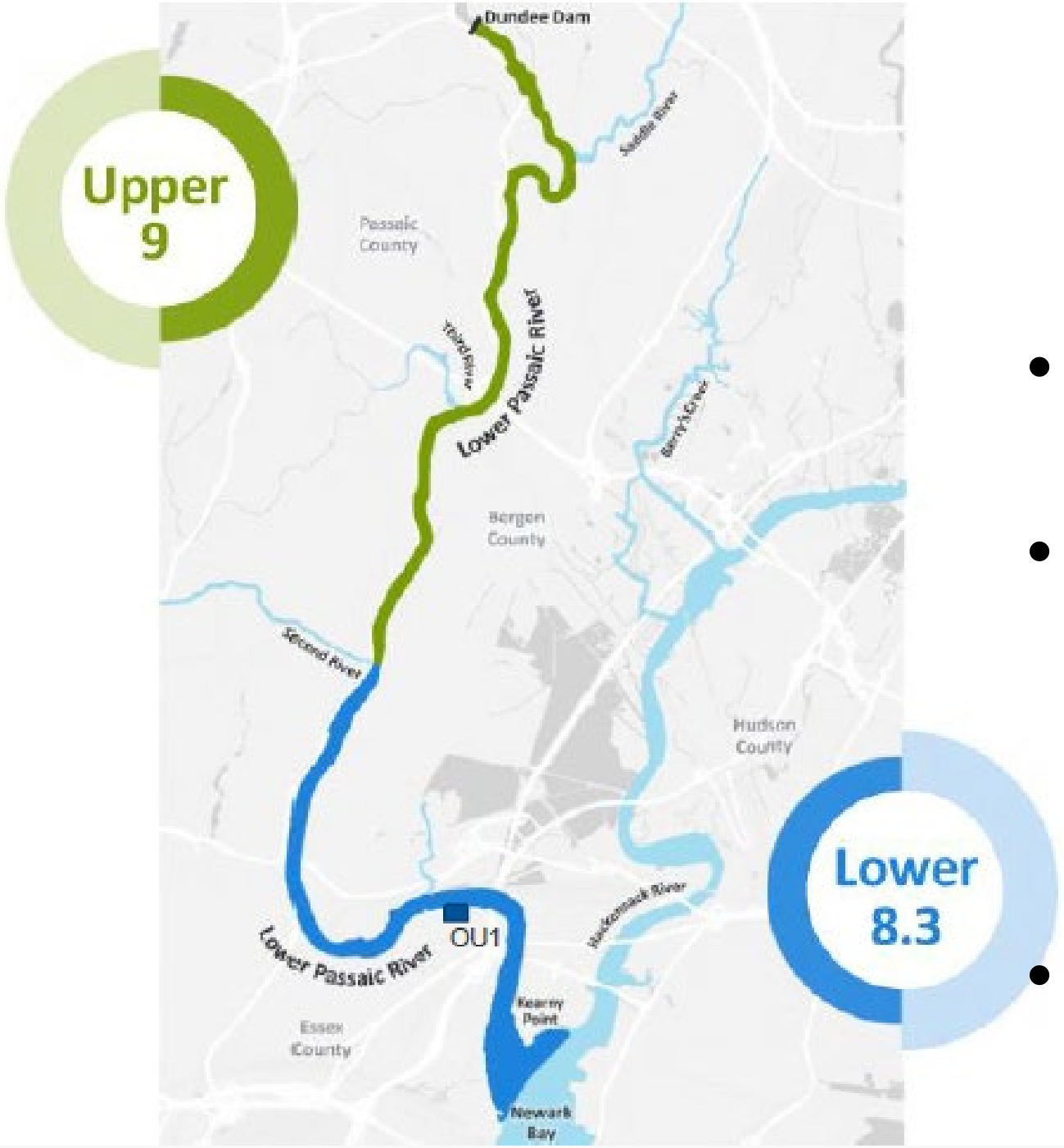
- Monitoring around in-river work and on-land facilities
- Air monitoring — particulates, concentrations of chemicals, objectionable odors
- Noise levels from construction activities and machinery
- Light levels from safety lighting during night work

PROJECT SAFETY MANAGEMENT

- Fencing to limit trespass into work areas
- Buoys, signs, and lights to warn boaters away from on-water operations
- Traffic control, selecting truck routes to minimize potential for incidents/risk to public
- Other measures including emergency preparedness

Lower 8.3-Mile Implementation Sequence





Upper 9-Mile Cleanup

- Pockets of fine silt = Pockets of contamination
- Cleanup Plan selected in 2021
  - Targeted dredging and capping of source areas of dioxins and PCBs
  - Adaptive management
- Pre-Design sampling started

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Passaic River Community Advisory Group (CAG)

What is a Community Advisory Group (CAG)?

Focal point for the exchange of information among the local community and the EPA, the state regulatory agency, and other pertinent federal agencies involved in cleanup of a Superfund site.

Provide a public forum for community members to present and discuss their needs and concerns related to the Superfund decision-making process.

Assist the EPA in making better decisions on how to clean up a site.

Community Advisory Group Guidance

HI! MY NAME IS Q.R.

SCAN ME

What is a Community Advisory Group (CAG)?

1. Made up of diverse community interests
2. Facilitates communication between the EPA and community at Superfund sites
3. Brings together stakeholders for meaningful discussions about the site

CAG Membership

Members should reflect the community:

- Residents or homeowners near a site
- Anyone potentially affected by site releases
- Local medical professionals
- Tribes and communities
- Representative of the community
- Environmental or public interest groups
- Facility owners
- Local business community members
- Diverse points of view
- Local officials

Member Roles and Responsibilities

Attend	Attend meetings
Represent	Represent views of the community
Express	Express community preferences
Review	Review technical information
Disseminate	Disseminate information about the site to community members
Work	Work with CAG members to reach agreement when needed

EPA roles and responsibilities

Attend	Attend meetings to provide information and technical expertise
Discuss	Discuss issues related to Superfund actions
Listen and respond	Listen and respond to CAG members' questions and concerns
Assist	Assist with logistical and administrative support
Provide	Provide technical assistance for communities

Get Involved!

https://www.passaiccag.org/

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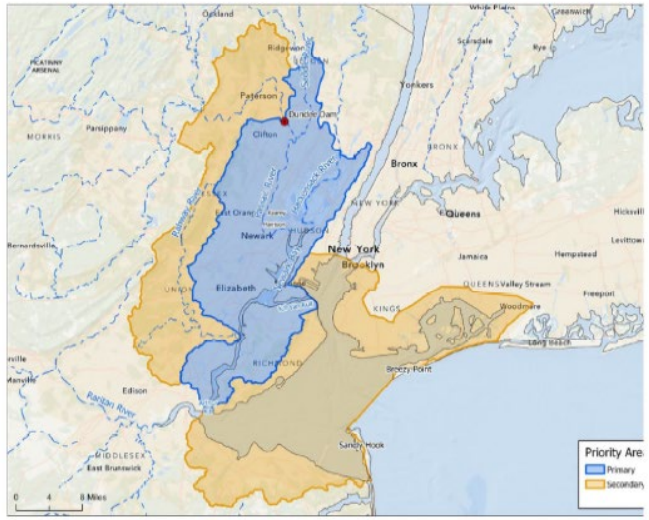
DIAMOND ALKALI SUPERFUND SITE RESTORATION PROJECT SUBMISSION WEBPORTAL COMMUNITY MEETING

The Federal Natural Resource Trustees for the Diamond Alkali Superfund Site — NOAA and the U.S. Department of the Interior — are excited to announce the launch of a new Restoration Project Submission Webportal.

We are looking for your input. This portal allows community members to suggest restoration ideas that will help shape a formal plan to restore natural resources in the following areas:

- Lower Passaic River & Hackensack River
- Newark Bay
- Arthur Kill & Kill van Kull
- Associated Watersheds



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https://darrp.noaa.gov/hazardous-waste/suggest-project-diamond-alkali or scan this QR code:

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