



Superfund
Redevelopment
Initiative

SITE REDEVELOPMENT PROFILE

Eastland Woolen Mill Superfund Site

Corinna, Maine



A new bridge at the Eastland Woolen Mill site. (Source: EPA)

Site Location: Main Street, Corinna, Maine 04928

Size: 25 acres

Existing Site Infrastructure: Roads, buildings, electrical, water and sewer infrastructure are located on site.

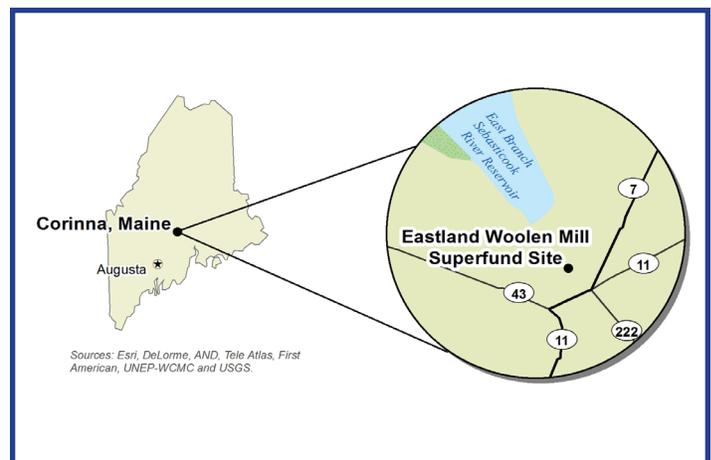
Current Site Uses: A 20-unit senior housing facility, the town of Corinna war memorial, a community bandstand and boardwalk, and commercial, residential and mixed-use development.

Use Restrictions: Institutional controls and groundwater use restrictions prohibit the consumption and withdrawal of groundwater and installation of new wells until cleanup standards are met. A waterline serves area residents.

Surrounding Population: within 0.5 mile, 427 people; within 2.5 miles, 1,504 people; within 4 miles, 2,401 people.

In close collaboration with the town of Corinna, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection, and several other state agencies and stakeholder groups, EPA has supported redevelopment opportunities at the Eastland Woolen Mill Superfund site in Corinna, Maine.

The 25-acre area is the former location of the Eastland Woolen Mill, a textile mill that operated on site from 1909 to 1996. Mill operations such as wool dyeing processes contaminated soils, groundwater, surface water, and sediment associated with the East Branch of the Sebasticook River. EPA placed the site on the Superfund program's National Priorities List (NPL) in 1999. Cleanup activities included providing area residences with connections to municipal water lines, removing all site infrastructure, soil excavation and treatment, and groundwater pumping and treatment.



Location of the site in Corinna, Maine

SITE HISTORY AND REDEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

- 1909 - 1996** A textile mill operated at the site.
- 1999** EPA placed the site on the NPL.
- 2000 - 2003** Contaminated soil removal and treatment took place on site.
- 2001** EPA provided a Superfund Redevelopment Initiative pilot grant to the town of Corinna.
- 2002** The community developed its Reuse Plan for Corinna Village Center.
- 2006** Groundwater treatment began; a senior housing facility opened on site.
- 2000** The historic Odd Fellows Building was relocated off the site.
- 2012** EPA took 80 percent of the site's land area off the NPL.

"EPA made every effort to work with the Town in the planning and implementation stages of both the cleanup and redevelopment of Corinna. The opening of the Corundel Commons housing facility is a prime example of what can be accomplished when agencies share the same goals."

– Dalton Mullis, Former Corinna Town Manager

The mill was once the heart of downtown Corinna; its closure brought significant economic hardship and job losses to the community. In 2001, the town of Corinna received an EPA Superfund Redevelopment Initiative pilot grant to develop a reuse plan for the site and surrounding area. Building on feedback from diverse local stakeholders, the community completed the Reuse Plan for Corinna Village Center in 2002. EPA made it a priority to work with site stakeholders to achieve cleanup objectives in a manner that supported the community's vision for the site's future.

Today, a 20-unit senior housing facility is located on part of the site. EPA, the Corinna town government and state agencies worked to relocate the historic Odd Fellows Building off the site; a country store and restaurant are now located in it. A plan for a village-style subdivision and greenspace along the river was approved in 2006. In 2008, a bandstand and boardwalk were built on site. In 2012, EPA took 80 percent of the site's land area off the NPL. The site's transformation is a testament to the power of collaboration and the vital role of reuse planning in supporting long-term community revitalization efforts.



Bandstand on the site. (Source: EPA)

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