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Initiative

SITE REDEVELOPMENT PROFILE

31 Water Street Site

Amesbury, Massachusetts



Site Location: 31 Water Street, Amesbury, Massachusetts 01913

Size: About 0.56 acres

Existing Site Infrastructure: Water, sewer and electricity are located on site.

Current Site Uses: Heritage Park, a local recreation area and educational resource, is located on site. A bandstand and river walk will be added to the park in the near future. The Amesbury Riverwalk, a 1.3-mile walking and biking trail, runs alongside the site. Future plans call for the conversion of a former carriage house on site into a community heritage center.

Surrounding Population: 16,283 people live in Amesbury (2010 Census).

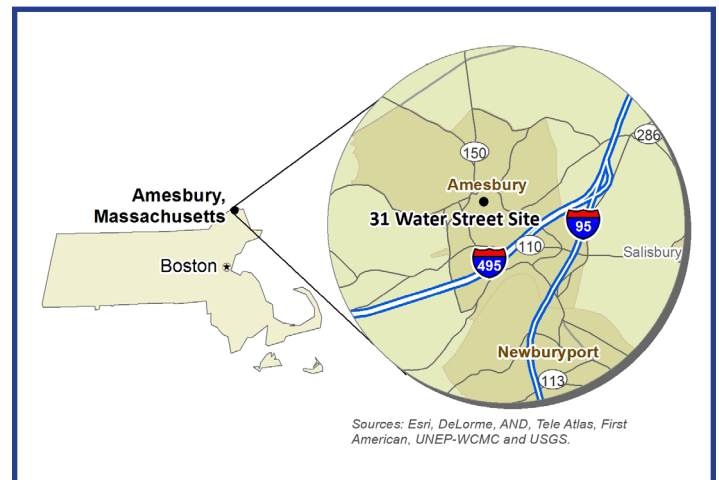
During the 19th century, the site and its surroundings were a hub of industrial activity. These operations resulted in soil contamination in an area known as the Lower Millyard. Industrial activity on site ceased after the Great Depression.

The site's redevelopment is part of a larger mixed-use planning initiative by the city of Amesbury. In November 2013, the Massachusetts Office of Housing and Economic Development awarded the locality \$1.6 million from its MassWorks Infrastructure Program to invest in the redevelopment of the Lower Millyard project. In 2014, the city of Amesbury received a \$200,000 Massachusetts Brownfields Program Assessment Grant to help community members learn about the cleanup of the Lower Millyard area and support planning efforts for Heritage Park. EPA's Superfund Program committed \$1.2 million to remove contaminated soil from the site and stabilize the riverbank. EPA dug up 1,400 tons of contaminated soil and disposed of it off site. EPA also stabilized the riverbank with 400 feet of sheet pile wall. EPA completed site cleanup actions in July 2015.

Today, Heritage Park is beginning to take shape. Park plantings and landscaping are well established. Plazas

and signs detailing the area's history are in place. A bandstand and river walk will be added in the near future. The Amesbury Carriage Museum and the Amesbury Chamber of Commerce plan to turn the Biddle & Smart building on site into a community heritage center.

The cleanup and redevelopment of the 31 Water Street site is a vital part of Amesbury's city-wide redevelopment efforts. The project illustrates how Superfund



Location of the site in Amesbury, Massachusetts.

