

Site Redevelopment Profile

Whitmoyer Laboratories Superfund Site

19 North Railroad Street, Jackson Township, Pennsylvania 17067

Property Overview

Size

22 acres

Current Site Uses

- Jackson Recreational Park is located on site. Its facilities include soccer fields, a baseball diamond, a playground, a picnic area and trails.

Use Restrictions

- Recreational uses only are permitted on site.
- Potable groundwater use is prohibited.

Surrounding Population

4,379
1 MILE

13,162
3 MILES

23,411
5 MILES



A map of the site in Pennsylvania.

Site History and Redevelopment Timeline

1934 -1984

Veterinary pharmaceutical manufacturer operated on site.

1986

EPA placed the site on the NPL.

1989

EPA began selecting long-term remedies for different parts of the site.

1990

Site cleanup began.

2002

Construction of all remedy components finished.

2004

EPA entered into Prospective Purchaser Agreement with Jackson Township, supporting site's reuse.

2005

Jackson Township acquired part of the site property, developed Jackson Recreational Park on site.

2006

Site achieved EPA's Sitewide Ready for Anticipated Use performance measure.

2018

Site in recreational reuse; groundwater cleanup and site monitoring are ongoing.

History and Cleanup

The 22-acre Whitmoyer Laboratories Superfund site is located in a rapidly developing rural residential area in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania. A company made veterinary pharmaceuticals on site between 1934 and 1984. Facility operations resulted in soil, sediment and groundwater contamination. EPA placed the site on the Superfund program's National Priorities List (NPL) in 1986.

Following site investigations, short-term cleanups to address immediate threats to public health and the environment, and selection of final site remedies, the site's potentially responsible party (PRP) group led cleanup activities with EPA and state agency oversight. The remedy included connecting nearby homes to the public water supply, removal of all on-site buildings, and treatment and disposal of over 50,000 tons of hazardous waste. A groundwater treatment plant cleans over 150,000 gallons of contaminated water each day. Today, in addition to groundwater cleanup, site monitoring and operation and maintenance activities are ongoing.

Redevelopment

EPA has worked closely with the community and the site's PRP group to support redevelopment opportunities at the site. In October 2004, EPA entered into a Prospective Purchaser Agreement with Jackson Township and the PRP group to align the stakeholders' remediation and reuse goals and help speed the Township's acquisition of the site property for recreational use. The PRP group fully incorporated the Township's plans for recreational reuse into its remedial activities, and the U.S. Soccer Foundation visited the site to ensure proper grading and drainage for the proposed soccer fields.

Jackson Recreational Park opened in 2005. It includes baseball and soccer fields, a playground and picnic area as well as scenic walking trails surrounded by trees, shrubs and plants. The trails connect the community with other local and regional natural resources such as Tulpehocken Creek and the historic Union Canal. Located in a rapidly developing part of Lebanon County, the park serves as a valuable amenity for long-time area residents as well as new arrivals.

"This site will be a real asset to Jackson Township and Lebanon County. Not only will the site be reused for recreation, the work here also includes a restoration project on the Tulpehocken Creek and the historic Union Canal. This project removed contaminated soils and re-built the creek banks with new grasses and plants, eliminating the arsenic discharge to the Tulpehocken Creek."

David E. Hess
Former Secretary
Pennsylvania Department of
Environmental Protection



Soccer games underway on the fields at Jackson Recreational Park.

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