



Frequently Asked Questions: Brownfield Cleanup

East Decatur Greenway is undertaking cleanup activities at 890 Columbia Drive, Decatur, Georgia. Below is an overview of frequently asked questions regarding the cleanup plans. Have another question? Send it to eastdecaturgreenway@gmail.com or submit it via Facebook.

<p>What sort of contamination currently exists at the site?</p>	<p>The site is contaminated by petroleum substances. The cleanup will reduce the contamination, which will protect the watershed, enhance the ecosystem, and support human health.</p>
<p>What's the timeline for cleanup?</p>	<p>The cleanup should take between four and six weeks. Our estimated start date is mid-November 2015.</p>
<p>Sounds like a big job. How do you plan to clean up this site?</p>	<p>We are excavating petroleum-contaminated soil and transporting it to a subtitle D landfill for proper disposal. We'll use heavy machinery to excavate the contaminated soil and ensure safe transport and disposal. Some of the mildly contaminated soil may be treated on site. We will use a vacuum truck to remove the contaminated groundwater. We will also use existing groundwater monitoring wells to check groundwater conditions on the property. Once we are done with cleanup, we'll bring in new soil and complete earthmoving activities to shape the site for the future community greenspace.</p>
<p>What steps are you taking to protect the watershed?</p>	<p>We want to be good stewards of the nearby East Fork of the Middle Branch of Shoal Creek, which borders the property on the eastern side. We will minimize erosion and sediment loss through the use of siltation fencing and hay bales at the site. Additionally, excavation will only take place during dry conditions.</p>
<p>Will cleanup activities negatively impact air quality in the surrounding communities?</p>	<p>We don't anticipate any impact to air quality. However, you may notice a smell like gasoline during the excavation when the petroleum in the soil is exposed to the air.</p>
<p>I live nearby. Am I going to hear any noise associated with cleanup?</p>	<p>There may be some noise associated with heavy machinery. However, this will be limited to daytime hours and should cause only minimal disturbance, if any.</p>
<p>I frequently walk along Columbia Drive between Katie Kerr and North Carter road. Will I still be able to walk on the east side of Columbia Drive?</p>	<p>Given that heavy equipment will be on-site and trucks will be traveling along Columbia Drive, we would advise walkers to stay on the west side of Columbia Drive during construction activities.</p>