

# Walkover of Lew-Port campus is today

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LEWISTON — Community members are being asked to help decide where on the Lewiston-Porter campus soil samples should be taken to check for possible contamination.

Walkovers of the campus are scheduled rain or shine from 1 to 3 p.m. today and 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday. Participants are asked to meet at the Primary Building on the Creek Road campus.

The soil study project office in Room 44 in the Primary Building also will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. today for community members to stop by and talk about concerns.

The state University at Buffalo Environment and Society Institute was hired by the Board of

Education to do the study under the direction of Joe Gardella, UB professor of chemistry and associate dean of external affairs.

Gardella is heading a team of graduate students on the project, which was organized to determine whether the campus was contaminated by Lake Ontario Ordnance Works projects in the 1940s. The campus is located on what was the LOOW buffer zone.

The walkovers today and Saturday will determine where samples will be taken. Up to 40 samples will be taken, beginning at 9 a.m. Monday. Maps will be available indicating where the sampling sites are located.

Gardella said his group already has received written comments on the sampling.

## Soil Testing walkovers

**When:** 1-3 p.m. today and 3-5 p.m. Saturday.

**Where:** Meet at Primary Building on Lewiston-Porter Campus

Check [www.acsu.buffalo.edu/~gardella/lewport/](http://www.acsu.buffalo.edu/~gardella/lewport/) for more information.

"Most of the concern so far has been over where the children and staff get the most exposure," he said.

These include the playgrounds, athletic fields and ditch through the middle of the property. Because the district is redoing its football and soccer fields, as

many as 10 of the 40 samples will be done in those areas, Gardella said. Attention also will be given to areas shown in recently unclassified aerial photos from the 1940s.

Ann Roberts, vice president of Porter's Residents for Responsible Government and chairman of the Restoration Advisory Board on LOOW, said she is a bit disappointed that more people haven't voiced their concerns and is hoping for more participation in the two walkovers.

"I think it's important that the public take ownership of this particular project," she said. "The last thing we want to do is have a study and have people say they didn't have the opportunity to give input on the study."