



FACT SHEET

February 2016

TONAWANDA LANDFILL VICINITY PROPERTY – TONAWANDA, NY Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program (FUSRAP)

Location

- East Park Drive, in the Town of Tonawanda, NY

Site History and Project Description

- The Town of Tonawanda Landfill and Mudflats were designated together as a vicinity property to the Linde Site by the Department of Energy in 1992
- The Landfill Operable Unit (OU), an inactive municipal landfill, is about 55 acres in size
- Previous investigations had found small areas of soil in the Landfill OU containing elevated levels of radium, thorium, and uranium
- The Corps of Engineers is conducting a Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) investigation of the site

Importance

- The original baseline risk assessment concluded that risks to human health from FUSRAP material were within acceptable limits established under federal environmental regulations
- Adjacent residents are greatly concerned about FUSRAP material in the Landfill OU
- The Corps agreed to conduct additional investigations to aid in definitively determining the potential human health risk from FUSRAP material in the Landfill OU

Consequences

- Potential for long-term adverse human health effects
- Adverse political reactions by Federal, state, and local representatives
- Adverse public reaction

Project Phase	Estimated Federal Cost	Funding through FY15	FY16 Requirement	FY16 Appropriation	FY17 Requirement	FY17 Budget
Investigations*	\$6.2M	\$5.2M	\$450K	\$450K	\$400K	\$400K

*Investigations Phase includes the remedial investigation, feasibility study, proposed plan, and record of decision.

Project Sponsor/Customer

- Project Sponsor/Customer: The project sponsor is the US Congress. Customers include property owners (Town of Tonawanda), affected communities and elected leaders, and local, state, and federal environmental and health agencies

Congressional Interests

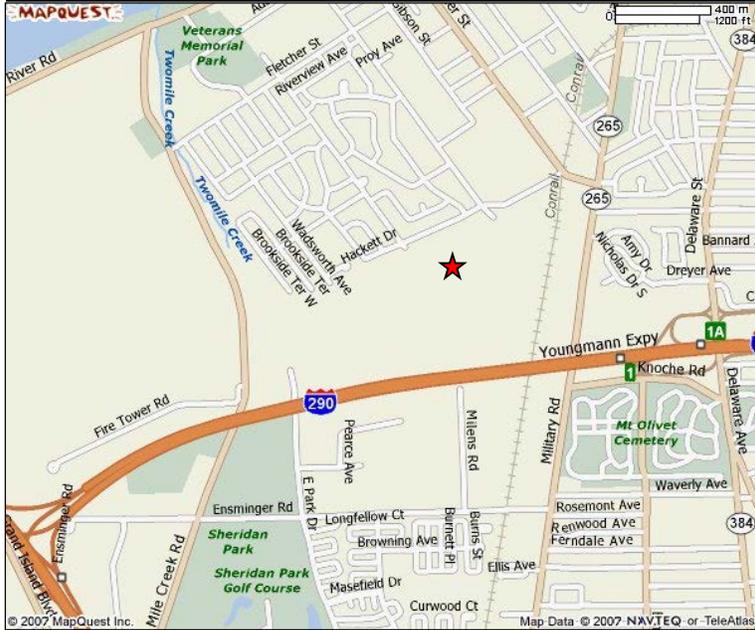
- Representative Brian Higgins D-NY-26
- Senator Charles Schumer D-NY
- Senator Kirsten Gillibrand D-NY

Current Status

- Feasibility study and proposed plan were released to the public on 10 SEP 15
- The public meeting for the proposed plan was hosted on 15 OCT 15 and the public comment period ended on 14 DEC 15
- The Corps is currently preparing the record of decision for the Landfill OU, which is scheduled for completion in 2017.

Issues

- None



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