



FAQ **Saratoga Square Remediation**

Why is the city working on the Saratoga Square site?

Saratoga Square is part of the Drainage Pump Station 01 (DPS01) Watershed project which is a federally-funded project designed to alleviate flooding in the area. The Saratoga site will be used to store 1-million gallons of storm water.

What is remediation and why is the city doing it?

The City has hired LEAAF Environmental, LLC., an environmental consultant, to perform the remediation in a safe and secure manner. LEAAF will also perform air monitoring to make sure there is no airborne contamination released into the air and air quality levels are safe for nearby S. Saratoga neighbors.

What is the city doing to make sure residents are safe during the remediation?

The City has hired LEAAF Environmental, LLC., an environmental consultant, to perform the remediation of the site in a secure and safe manner. Among the safety measures residents can expect to see is air monitoring. The air monitoring will confirm the work does not generate unsafe air conditions for Saratoga neighbors.

Will the entire site be disturbed during remediation?

The City will follow a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) which was approved by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) to remediate the site. The CAP identified eight excavation areas within the site that have low levels of contamination, per the Risk Evaluation/Corrective Action Program (RECAP) regulation.

Therefore, not the entire site will be disturbed, rather these eight identified excavation spots will be addressed. The majority of excavation depths will be approximately 1 to 2 feet deep. Two locations will be between 4 and 6 feet deep. Contact RoadWorkNOLA for a copy of the CAP report.

What will the new site look like when remediation and construction are complete?

Following remediation, the site will remain empty and fenced, like it is today. It is important to note that the fence will be fully repaired and enclosed to prevent unauthorized access to the site.

Once construction of DPS01 project is complete, the site will look like other large stormwater lots seen in other places in New Orleans. The site will include a walkway to Seventh and Sixth streets. The design of the park, with cemeteries on two sides, was inspired by celebratory second line event. The pathway winds and includes markings representing the song “Just a Closer Walk With Thee.” Attached is an artist’s rendering of the finished site.

How long will the remediation take?

The remediation process will approximately last one week. It’s scheduled to begin on Nov. 30, 2020.

What happens if the city finds valuable or sensitive remains on the property?

The city archaeologist will monitor all excavation activities. If sensitive material is found, the archeologist will recover the material and make a recommendation to the City regarding the next steps.

How are contractors selected to work on the site?

Contractors were selected based on their ability to perform the job according to acceptable environmental standards.

Will the site be secured during excavation?

Yes. Security fencing will be maintained to keep the site secured during the remediation process and through construction.

What happens if the city does not excavate Saratoga Square?

The water runoff storage at S. Saratoga Square helps to control flooding in the immediate area by 7 inches of flooding during a 10-year storm event. The time that the area is flooded is reduced by 25 minutes. All water captured within the site is filtered through aggregate before entering the drainage system.

The S. Saratoga site is a key part of the DPS01 Watershed Project

Questions about Saratoga Square remediation or the DPS01 Watershed Project may be directed to RoadWorkNOLA at roadwork@nola.gov or 504-658-ROAD (7623).

