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Dear Community Member,

In the next several weeks, the Town of Southampton is undertaking a study of the former Damascus Road Landfill, 146 Damascus Road, East Quogue, to ascertain if contaminants are present on the surface or in the soil vapor, soils or ground water below this site. The site investigation being undertaken by the Town has been approved by the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The Town has employed the engineering firm of D&B Engineering and Architects (<https://www.db-eng.com/>) to conduct the investigation, a firm with broad experience in this field and familiarity with the Damascus site. The Town has also hired an international environmental consulting firm, Wood (<https://www.woodplc.com/>), to provide project management and oversight of the site analysis. Once the investigation is completed and results have been evaluated, a Remedial Investigation Report will be prepared and submitted to the DEC for review and approval.

Upon approval of the Remedial Investigation Report by the DEC, another report will be prepared that will evaluate different remedial technologies that may be deployed, if needed, in order to address any identified contaminants.

The investigation will commence the second week of October 2021 and is expected to take up to 8 months to complete. Residents can expect to see equipment such as those pictured below at the site during the investigation process. This equipment will remain on site until the process is completed. There will be minimal traffic in and out of the site during the investigation. A crew of 4 to 6 workers including D&B staff, Wood staff and equipment operators will be at the site most days. Work will be conducted between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Town staff will assist with some clearing at the site to allow for vehicles, disposal containers and equipment. The majority of the work will take place within the site boundaries, but the DEC requires some groundwater testing down gradient of the site along the right-of-way of public roads. Community members will be notified when such testing may occur.



TYPICAL DRILLING EQUIPMENT TO BE USED DURING THIS INVESTIGATION

Debris (such as soil generated during drilling) will be stored on-site in containers and tested prior to disposal. Water generated during the process of installing groundwater monitoring wells will be placed in sealed tanks and will also be tested prior to disposal. All wastes collected will be disposed in accordance with DEC disposal protocols.

The Town will add this project to its Community Projects Page on the Town website at <https://www.southamptontownny.gov/1652/Former-DAMASCUS-Landfill---East-Quogue> to provide regular project updates and information to the community, including site photographs at various project phases. Also, community members who may have questions about the project can submit them via email to damascus@southamptontownny.gov.

Community members may also contact the DEC project manager, Melissa Sweet, at melissa.sweet@dec.ny.gov or (518) 402-9614 with any project-related questions or concerns or Stephanie Selmer of the NYSDOH, bee@health.ny.gov or (518) 402-7864 with any project-related health questions or concerns. DEC factsheets will be released on the progress of the project at several stages. You may sign up to receive those factsheets at www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/61092.html. Project documents may be accessed on the DECinfo Locator webpage at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/data/DecDocs/C152253/>. To learn more about the DEC's Brownfield Cleanup Program please visit the DEC website at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8450.html>.

The entire process of site investigation and reporting is expected to take 12 to 18 months to complete. The final step in the process will be to develop a remedy to address any contamination identified during the Remedial Investigation. The Remedial Investigation Report prepared by the engineering firm and the environmental consultant as well, as future documents that follow, will be posted on the Town's website.

Respectfully,

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