PROJECT BACKGROUND
The City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering’s (Engineering) Taylor Yard G2 River Park Project (Project) will provide habitat restoration, river access, recreational and open space at the City’s recently-acquired, LA River-adjacent site. The parcel was purchased by the City in 2017 and is considered the “crown jewel” of the City’s LA River Revitalization efforts. The parcel is adjacent to Rio de Los Angeles State Park in the Cypress Park and Glassell Park neighborhoods.

The Project includes assessment of the site’s condition, phased soil remediation, and the phased design and construction of the new park space. The City’s goal is to provide access to the LA River as soon as possible by cleaning up and opening portions of the site. Project phases include Early Activation with remediated sections of the site open to residents and visitors in 3-5 years, and a goal of complete long-term remediation and build-out of the site within 10 years.

SITE USE AND ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY
The G2 site was owned and operated by rail operators for nearly 100 years. Materials previously used onsite include:

- Diesel and gasoline fuel
- Various oils, greases, acids, paints and thinners
- Pesticides and herbicides
- Lead
- Cleaning and chlorinated solvents

SAFE TESTING PROCEDURES AT TAYLOR YARD
All testing was completed in accordance with a site-specific Work Plan and Health and Safety Plan approved by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC). The primary goal of these plans is to assure the safety of nearby residents, schools and parks, our workers, and our environment. Health and safety procedures included:

- Visual dust monitoring
- Breathing zone monitoring (using air quality meters)
- Chemical-specific gas measuring filters
- Water spray for dust control during excavations
- Proper disposal of soil samples

HOW MANY SAMPLES DID WE COLLECT?
TOTAL SAMPLES COLLECTED: 1,119

- Groundwater: 645
- Soil Gas: 452
- Soil: 22

Note: Air quality meter (in yellow) is always present to assure worker’s health is protected.

Geologist logging samples on the site
WHAT WE LOOKED FOR

- Petroleum hydrocarbons
- Metals (e.g. lead and cadmium)
- VOC’s (solvents historically used in maintenance/cleaning)
- Semi VOC’s (compounds found in petroleum products)
- Pesticides/herbicides
- PCBs (coolants historically used in electrical equipment)

SITE ASSESSMENT MILESTONES

2018:
January: Engineering submits site assessment Work Plan
March: DTSC approves site assessment Work Plan
April: City publishes press release—site assessment work beginning/geophysical survey begins
May: Fact sheet including a project schedule with site testing information posted to tayloryardg2.com
June: DTSC releases public work notice—soil and soil gas sampling begins
September: All sampling activities complete
October: Lab results complete
November: Lab results summary to be submitted to DTSC
December: DTSC to review lab results summary

Early 2019:
Lab results summary to be presented to the public

2019:
DTSC reviews and approves Remedial Action Plan/phased remediation and clean up begins

PARTNERS

Engineering is working in close collaboration with the DTSC. The California State Coastal Conservancy has provided a $2 million Proposition 1 Grant for site testing and development of an Implementation Plan/Pre-Design Report. The Project team includes WSP, Inc., Studio MLA, Friends of the LA River and Mujeres de la Tierra.

MORE INFORMATION

Project Updates: Sign up for email updates at www.tayloryardg2.com
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