

Former Mount Hope Street Manufactured Gas Plant Cleanup Program Continues



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Highlights

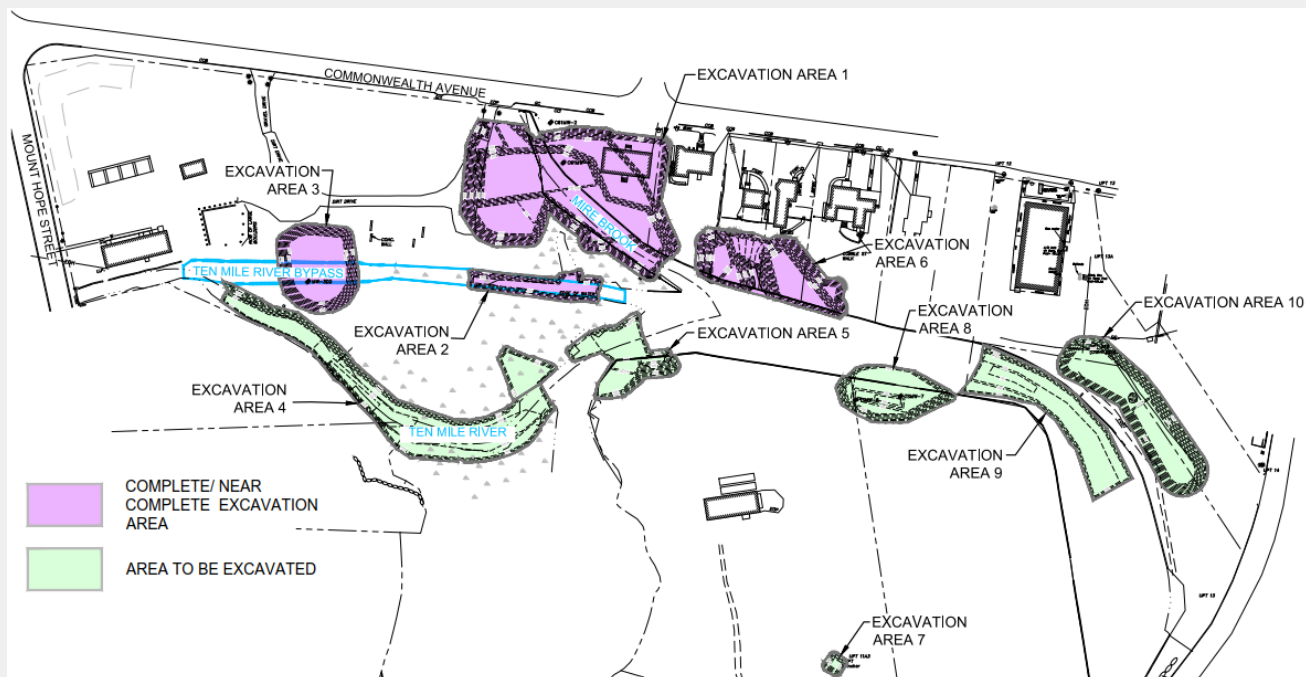
Significant progress has been achieved with the cleanup work at the Mount Hope Street site. Liberty Utilities (Liberty) is appreciative of the continuing cooperation and support of the community, town and its citizens.

The drawing below shows the Mount Hope Street site, including the Liberty property, Ten Mile River, Mire Brook, and adjacent properties. The colored shapes indicate the areas where cleanup work has been completed or is nearly complete (purple shading) or is scheduled over the next several months (green shading).

The cleanup work began in August 2020 and is expected to be completed in the Summer of 2021. Overall, we are almost 50% complete. As cleanup work is completed, impacted areas will be restored over the following months. Vegetation will be planted, and other wetland mitigation efforts will be employed to restore these resource areas as close as possible to the pre-construction condition.

Activities completed or ongoing as of March 2021:

- Excavated soil/sediment from areas on the Liberty property, Mire Brook, and the properties at 61 through 77 Commonwealth Avenue (Areas 1, 2, 3, & 6) on the figure below and shown in purple).
- Pumped water from excavation areas for treatment on-site.
- Transported (trucked) excavated material to off-site treatment facilities.
- Backfilled excavated areas with clean soils.
- Replaced retaining wall along Commonwealth Avenue properties' riverbank.
- Restored Mire Brook channel and stabilized its banks.
- Installed cofferdams and began construction of temporary Ten Mile River bypass (Areas 4 & 5).
- Performed environmental (air, noise, vibration) monitoring.



Background

The former manufactured gas plant located at the southeast corner of Commonwealth Avenue and Mount Hope Street in North Attleboro operated from the mid-1800s until 1928 when it ceased gas manufacturing operations and became a gas distribution facility. As with many industrial processes, gas manufacturing produced byproducts and residues, including coal tar. When these plants closed, the tar was often left on the property and, over the years, the tar and other residues may have impacted the environment.

Liberty, along with its environmental contractor, AECOM, studied the site extensively and identified the areas requiring remediation, including portions of Liberty's property, portions of the Ten Mile River and Mire Brook and portions of several adjacent properties.

How is Liberty addressing these impacts?

Cleanup actions are underway at the Site to restore the environment at the former gas plant site and neighboring properties. These actions include:

- Removal of impacted soil, including impacted sediment within select areas of the Ten Mile River and Mire Brook.
- Restoration of river, wetland, and upland areas.
- Returning adjacent properties to prior use.



Retaining Wall Construction along Mire Brook



Topsoil and Bank Restoration along Mire Brook bank



Ten Mile River Bypass Cofferdam Placement



Ten Mile River Bypass Channel

Where can I get more information?

We are committed to keeping you informed about our environmental activities at the former Mount Hope Street manufactured gas plant site. Please contact us if you have questions or require additional information:

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