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We have not seen a plan for over 10 years. The most recent verbal description is as follows: Landfills M2, M3, M4, M5 will be further reviewed, engineered, and prepared prior to capping the plots with 2 feet of topsoil.

M4 and M5, occupying the stream banks along the Wampum (Mill) Brook opposite the Bowling Alley project are the most benign with lawn-like grass currently.

M3 is a huge dump on the northern boundary of Eatontown along LaFetra Brook. Currently, it is the only bush and wooded one.

The last, M2 straddles marshy Wampum Brook adjacent to the Rose Court properties. It has the worst history of contamination of them all. This is where I first found evidence of huge Army batteries, electronics, steel drums, & other debris sticking out of the banks. The steambank stabilization project in 2009 helped.

As for trees and bushes, the Army, and to some extent, FMERA have agreed to do clear cutting of all bushes and existing trees so as to not compromise the capping or the debris that still lies below. The towns' representatives all sought for years alternative outcomes but to no avail.

At least from the army's POV the issue was closed. To repopulate the trees (or leave existing mature trees) would require additional engineering and landscaping costs and risks. There not be much discussion on bush/brush for a very long time.

You've got to remember, the Army, NJDEP, and FMERA long ago has had a long-standing agreement to treat the problem with a few rounds of chems and use "natural attenuation" as their primary means of handling water and soil contamination. Only sites like the Lime Pit that has had major RWJBarnsbas scrutiny, have they done much more.

Can you fill me in as to the reason for the inquiry?

Fair Winds,
Ed Dlugosz

On Sep 16, 2020, at 6:44 PM, Anthony Talerico <atalerico@eatontownnj.com> wrote:

Hello Mr. Dlugosz-

Please send me information you may have on the capping of landfills on the Eatontown portion of Fort Monmouth. Specifically, I am looking for what will be covering the sites, on the top coat...will it just be grass or can bushes and trees be planted?

Thank you
a.t.

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