

For more information

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Thank you community

The U.S. EPA team thanks the W.C. Reed Playfields users and neighbors for their patience and understanding during the disruption and cleanup.

The City of Cleveland will take over management of the park once cleanup is complete. The city will be responsible for final park improvements, including a baseball infield, basketball court, youth playground, sidewalks, tree planting and parking lot paving.

Cleanup at Park and Neighborhood Could Be Completed by Spring

W.C. Reed Playfields

Cleveland, Ohio

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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency resumed work in May on the W.C. Reed Playfields, placing a protective two-foot clean soil barrier and cleaning up adjacent residential properties. The Agency should finish the cleanup next spring.

Cleanup of the residential properties involved removal of up to two feet of contaminated soil and restoring the properties with clean soil and a vegetative cover. The soil was contaminated with polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, or PAHs. PAHs are a group of chemicals that come from coal, crude oil or gasoline. The soil barrier will keep people from coming into contact with pollutants and allow for safe recreational use.

Here's what EPA has done so far:

- Sampled properties adjacent to the W.C. Reed Playfields and within the historic boundaries of the ravine.
- Removed PAH-contaminated soil from residential properties.
- Restored residential properties.
- Installed soil barrier on the Playfield.
- Installed vegetative cover on the Playfield.

Current status of the playfield

The W.C. Reed Playfields are temporarily closed to allow the vegetative cover to become fully established. The cover is a grass seed mixture used for restoration and erosion control.

The final determination regarding fencing around the park will be made after the contractor for the City of Cleveland completes all improvements. The EPA and its contractors will monitor conditions at the Playfields during the winter.



Restored grass on the 12-acre W.C. Reed Playfields park.

Remaining field tasks

Beginning in the spring, EPA will:

- Conduct a final walkthrough of the cleaned up residential properties to ensure the vegetative cover has been established.
- Conduct a final walkthrough of the W.C. Reed Playfields to ensure all remedial design elements are working properly.
- Assist the City of Cleveland in surveying the location of proposed park improvements.
- Install vegetation in the marshy channels called swales. These areas tolerate different water conditions and control erosion.
- Install vegetation around the tree well perimeter.
- Clean stormwater lines, catch basins and the stormwater detention system to ensure they work properly.
- Check and repair any eroded areas on the playfields.



Proposed location for the southeast parking area. This area was cleaned up and covered with erosion control material.

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