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Cc: Ana Baptista[abaptista@ironboundcc.org]
From: Ayala, Wanda
Sent: Thur 8/1/2013 8:16:39 PM
Subject: RE: Removal of Contaminated Passaic River Sediment Set to Begin at River Mile 10.9, Lyndhurst, NJ

Yes, I was asked to reach out to Ana (left her a voicemail and sent her an email). Looking forward to a successful event and meeting you and Ana in person.

From: Debbie Mans [mailto:debbie@nynjbaykeeper.org]
Sent: Thursday, August 01, 2013 4:08 PM
To: Ayala, Wanda
Cc: Ana Baptista
Subject: Re: Removal of Contaminated Passaic River Sediment Set to Begin at River Mile 10.9, Lyndhurst, NJ

Thank you, Wanda. Is there a speaking role for a CAG representative? Debbie

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 1, 2013, at 4:03 PM, "Ayala, Wanda" <Ayala.Wanda@epa.gov> wrote:

> You are cordially invited -
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> The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is holding a press event to kick off the start of dredging of contaminated mud flat sediment from the Passaic River at River Mile 10.9 adjacent to Riverside County Park - North. You are cordially invited to participate in this important step in cleaning up and restoring the health of the lower Passaic River. Please plan to join us at the press event on Wednesday August 7, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. in Riverside County Park – North in the area near the Bocci Ball courts (south side of the park).
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> Project Background
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> Approximately 20,000 cubic yards of contaminated mud flat sediment, the top two feet of riverbed mud, will be removed from a 5.5 acre area of the Passaic River at River Mile 10.9, just south of the Route 3 Bridge. The dredged sediment will be transported by barge for processing and stabilization and disposed of at an out-of-state disposal facility. An engineered, protective cap will then be placed

over the dredged area. All work will be conducted from the water. Work is expected to take place 12 hours a day for six days a week. No overnight work is planned. Work is expected to be completed in December 2013.

If you would like additional information on this event, please feel free to contact me.

Wanda Ayala

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Debbie Mans [mailto:debbie@nynjbaykeeper.org]
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2013 12:45 PM
To: Ayala, Wanda
Cc: Douglas Sarno; Ana Baptista
Subject: RE: RM 10.9 Removal Update

Wanda

Thank you for the update. I have copied my colleagues on the CAG, Ana Baptista and Doug Sarno, on this email so they have the information as well. It looks like we might want to reschedule our tentative tour date of Aug 1 for the CAG…

Debbie

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From: Ayala, Wanda [mailto:Ayala.Wanda@epa.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 28, 2013 11:41 AM
To: debbie@nynjbaykeeper.org
Subject: RM 10.9 Removal Update

Debbie:

Got your voicemail. Here is more information about the delay.

Start of the RM 10.9 removal action has been delayed. One of the bridges that needs to be opened to both mobilize to the site and to move the dredged sediment down-river to the processing facility in Kearny is currently not operational (the Bridge Street Bridge, which connects Newark to Harrison at about RM 5.5). Two motors need to be repaired – these are supposed to be delivered on July 8, and the bridge operator indicates that the bridge will then be operable on or about July 22nd.

If this schedule holds, the CPG should be able to start dredging material shortly after the bridge is working again. They are mobilizing to the site as much as they can without opening the bridge to minimize the amount of time needed to start operations after the bridge opening mechanism is working. They have also reached out to Hudson and Essex counties, the bridge operators, to assist in any way they can and possibly expedite the process.

If the CPG is able to start dredging by the end of July, the overall schedule for the removal action should not be significantly delayed and work should still be completed by November. However, this bridge is over 100 years old and it is possible that further delays will be encountered. As such, we have also asked the CPG to develop a contingency plan, if possible.

Can you please share with others in your group. Both Stephanie and David are out until July 8th, if you like I can have one of them call you upon their return to discuss this further if you feel it's needed.

Wanda Ayala

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