

The Former Gorham Manufacturing Company Site Cleanup

Textron is committed to a comprehensive cleanup of soil and groundwater resulting from historic site operations by the former Gorham Manufacturing Company.

Currently, Textron is taking further steps to ensure that the site is cleaned consistent with its intended uses.

Site History at a Glance

1890-1985

Precious metal products are made at the Adelaide Avenue facility by the Gorham Manufacturing Company.

1967-1985

Textron buys the Gorham Manufacturing Company and operates at the facility.

1985

Textron sells Gorham Manufacturing Company and operations are relocated to Smithfield, RI.

1986

Textron sells the Adelaide Avenue property to a private developer.

1990

City of Providence obtains property through a tax foreclosure.

1994

Textron agrees to site cleanup for the City's intended commercial/industrial use redevelopment plan.

2001

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM), in charge of project oversight, approves Textron's workplan and soil and groundwater cleanup begins. YMCA announces plan to construct a facility on the western portion of the property.

2005

New City development plans include a high school, which alters site cleanup needs.

2006

Textron conducts additional investigations to plan cleanup to meet site uses.

2007

Textron, pending RIDEM approval, will move forward with Park Parcel cleanup.

The Gorham Manufacturing Company, famous for making high quality silver products and bronze statues at its Adelaide Avenue facility for nearly 100 years, also left a legacy of chemicals in soil and groundwater.



THE GORHAM MANUFACTURING COMPANY

The Former Gorham Company Site



The 37-acre site in South Providence, RI is bordered to the north and west by Mashapaug Pond, to the east by railroad tracks, and to the south by Adelaide Avenue.

