

More Progress with Site Cleanup

Further cleanup activities are based on a thorough understanding of site conditions. Textron is investigating and fully characterizing soil, sediment, surface water and groundwater to ensure that site cleanup is consistent with the planned uses for the property.

Textron's goal is to prevent harmful exposure to humans, plants and animals at the former Gorham site.

Soil

Site investigations conducted early on found fuel oil and metals in some soils.

Textron has completed soil cleanup in portions of the site and is taking the next steps to address soils on the entire site.

Cleanup Efforts

Initial soil cleanup efforts on a portion of the site allowed redevelopment to go forward and retail space to be built.

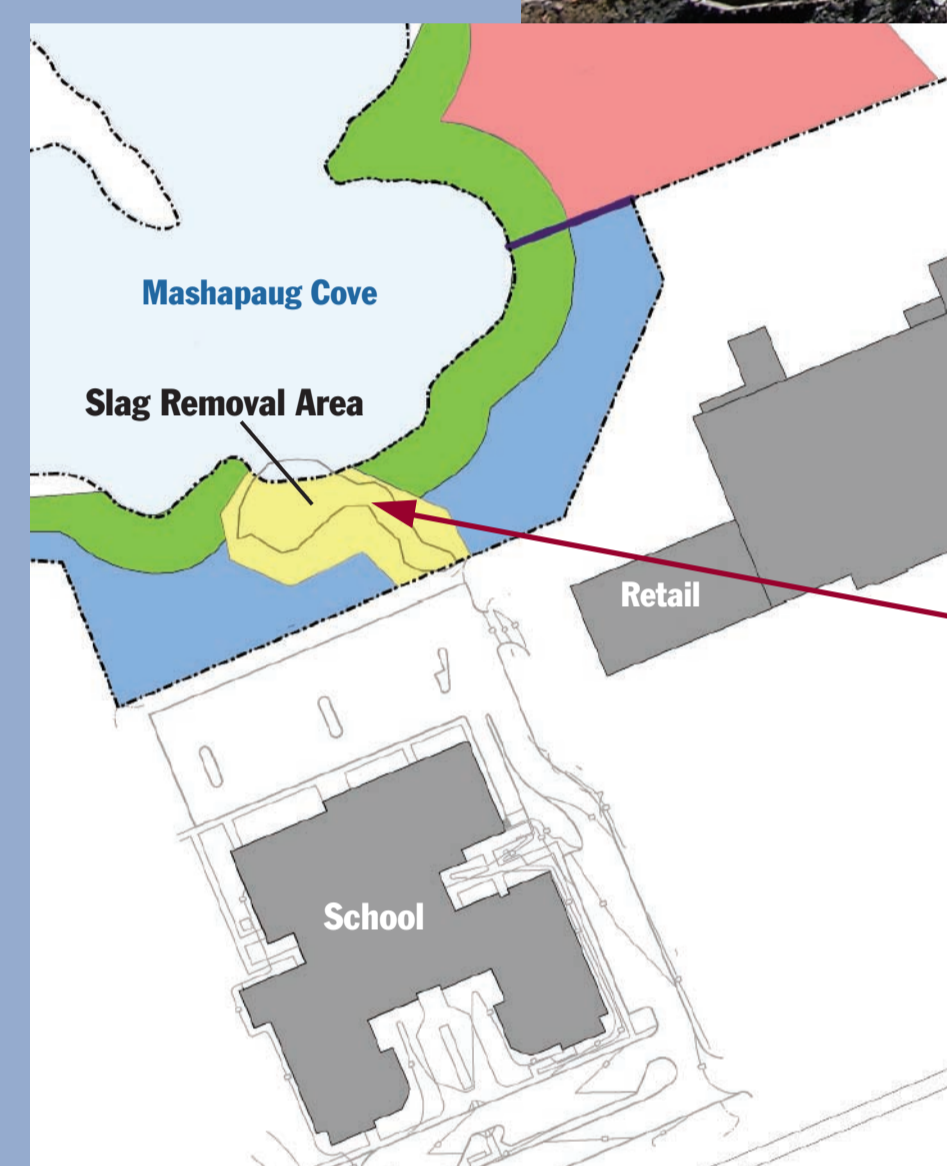
- ▶ Remediated 18,600 tons of soil affected by leaky fuel oil tanks that had been removed earlier
- ▶ Removed many pieces of scrap and other metal debris from the site

Further Action Taken

- ▶ Conducted more sampling to determine extent of chemicals in site soils
- ▶ As an initial step, removed 1,300 cubic yards of slag and scrap metals from an area next to the high school and the Cove
- ▶ Developed a site soil cleanup plan that has been submitted for RIDEM approval



Black slag generated decades earlier as a by-product of Gorham metal-melting operations was removed from this area.



Slag and scrap metals were disposed off-site at licensed disposal and recycling facilities.

Sediment & Surface Water

Textron has conducted additional sampling and risk assessments (both human health and ecological) to evaluate possible exposure to chemicals in sediment and surface waters in the Cove.



Sediment

Additional sampling by Textron in 2006 indicated that sediments within the Cove will need cleanup.

Surface Water

Surface water sampling by Textron in 2006 found extremely low levels of chemicals, well below levels that would pose concern for human health and the environment.

"No Fishing, No Swimming" signs posted around the entire Mashapaug Pond were issued by RI officials. The ban is still in effect due to elevated levels of bacteria and algae present [typical of urban bodies of water] and is not associated with the Gorham site cleanup.

Textron is working with RIDEM to determine what further cleanup action is needed in sediment and surface water.