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RECOVERY ACT

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Warrington Township, Pennsylvania Bucks County

Total Recovery Act Investment – \$74,900

Jobs Created By Recovery Act – Work is being done by a local, women-owned business certified by Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection to conduct underground storage tank closures.

Community Background

In January 2010, Ferrick Construction, a local, women-owned business, began work at the former Malcolm's Gas Station and Auto Repair shop, an abandoned 2-acre property in Warrington Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Seven underground storage tanks along with dispensers and associated piping were cleaned and removed in order to assess extent of the contamination. Significant petroleum contamination was observed in some of the excavations and approximately 300 tons of visibly contaminated soil was subsequently removed for off-site disposal. Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection will review sampling results to determine if additional assessment of soil and groundwater is needed to complete the cleanup.

The site is located on Easton Road (Route 611), a busy corridor in Central Bucks County. It is on a previously neglected commercial strip that the township targeted for future improvement. This family-owned facility was closed in April 2002 for failure to comply with underground storage tank systems and reporting requirements. The property owner is deceased and the estate lacks the financial resources to remediate the site.

Approximately 25,000 people live in Warrington Township, which is comprised of 13.8 square miles. Designated as the gateway to historic Bucks County, Warrington Township is nestled amidst both agricultural and preserved lands.

Recovery Overview

EPA provided Pennsylvania's Department of Environmental Protection with \$6.163 million to assess and clean up contamination released from federally-regulated underground storage tanks. Pennsylvania identified 71 eligible abandoned sites where underground storage tanks may have leaked, impacting soils and groundwater.

Protecting Our Environment

Cleaning up the former Malcolm's Gas Station and Auto Repair Shop site is a required first step that will allow the property to be returned to a useful purpose. Local residents and township officials are ecstatic that this community eyesore is on the road to redevelopment.

Protecting Our Health

Cleaning up underground storage tank releases protects human health and our environment. Underground storage tanks are a leading source of groundwater contamination in our country. Even a small amount of petroleum can contaminate groundwater, the source of drinking water for nearly half of all Americans and 99 percent of citizens in rural areas.

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Abandoned gas station in Warrington Township, PA



Cleanup work in Warrington Township, PA