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Welcome to the highlights and periodic update of the remediation efforts at Haley's Ditch. We have kept this update short so you can quickly read and see what work is underway and what the next steps will be. If you need more information, or have questions, please call or write Cory Smith, Lockheed Martin Communications – 330.796.2038 or 330.256.7209. E-mail cory.a.smith@lmco.com

To Our Neighbors and Readers of this Update

Thank you for your continued interest in our work. We are now approaching the final steps necessary to restore the site and open the area to public use.

Final site restoration resumed in April and the weather has enabled us to get a good start on the last segment of establishing the subgrade. The large wetland area in the north zone has been shaped and then we will apply new topsoil. The culvert pipe, which links the drainage from the neighboring property to Haley's Ditch, was pulled and a specially designed open drainage system now connects the outfall of this constant flow to Haley's Ditch. The stream crossing near Wildon Street was removed.

Restoration status

Maintenance of the plants and grass planted last fall has been a major focus. Live stake planting has been ongoing for the past couple of weeks. Our crew is also working on the trees that were planted last fall to ensure that they are stable and thriving. The south and middle zones have been fertilized and overseeded. Recent rain has helped in the landscaping after such a long dry spell this spring. The restoration of the channel continues in the North zone. Topsoil, bank run, and cobble have been brought to the site for use by the restoration team. The section of stream where the crossing was removed is complete. The restoration crew also finished the open drainage run described above using channel protection techniques.

Trail work

Work on the subgrade for the trail has begun. Some of the fill that was used on the eastern edge of the north zone along the trail alignment has not firmed up as well as we would like, and we are removing and filling this area with good compactable fill dirt. When this is completed, we will continue constructing the trail base.

A neighbor's observation

Recently a neighbor on Hobart Avenue observed that the soil we were digging up smelled badly. He is right. Allow me to explain what this odor is. Everyone by now is aware that the excavation and removal of the contaminated soil and sediment is finished. Some of you may have thought that this spring the restoration activities were just to put soil back over the areas we dug up. However, the restoration activities currently underway include quite a bit more excavation and relocation of soil so we can relocate the stream channel, create some new wetland areas and make sure the final ground contours allow for proper drainage. Some of the soils being moved around contain natural organic materials such as decaying leaves and plants and yes, they can smell quite a bit until they dry out. We are not moving