

On Monday December 19, 2011, at the regular Edgewater Mayor and Council meeting held at Borough Hall, Borough Engineer Michael Neglia along with Environmental Consultant Ronald Dooney, Jr., the Borough's Licensed Site Remediation Specialist of TERMS Environmental Consulting, presented their findings from additional soil testing since the field's closure on September 16, 2011 as well as a recommended site remediation plan. As a result of the additional testing, five (5) areas have been identified as areas that polychlorinated biphenyls or commonly known as PCB's exist beyond the residential standard of 0.20 parts per million of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection standards. In these areas, soil will be removed and replaced with clean fill. When this is completed, approximately two (2) feet of clean fill will be used to cap the entire facility, essentially raising the existing grade. This cap will create a protective barrier between the existing soil and the new clean fill that the public will then be permitted to utilize. As part of the remediation, the borough will utilize its Veterans Field Master Plan which was developed several years ago to improve and upgrade the facility with properly placed baseball and softball diamonds along with a soccer field. The impervious areas such as the existing basketball and tennis courts, the walkway, and community center will remain intact and undisturbed. If a safe and affordable means exist whereby the basketball and tennis courts along with the walking track can be re-opened during construction, the borough will attempt to have this done. Based on the remediation and the master plan upgrades, the estimated cost of this project is between \$8 and \$10 million, of which approximately \$1,721,240.62 already exists in New Jersey Green Acres and Bergen County Open Space funding awarded to the borough. The estimated completion date whereby the facility can be re-opened to the public is the spring of 2013. The borough will schedule a public presentation once design plans have been completed.