

Former Squannacook Sportsmans Club Removal Site Groton, MA

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SITE DESCRIPTION

The Former Squannacook Sportsmans Club Site (the Site) is located at 159 West Main Street, Groton, MA. The property was used in part as a shooting range from 1959 until October 2002. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) did an environmental investigation and found lead and arsenic contamination present in surface soil at the former shooting range, Groton Senior Center, and on a neighboring residential property.

2023 SITE STATUS

Work was completed in October 2023. The following is a summary of what was completed:

- Soil removed from Site;
- Backfilled excavated areas with clean topsoil and covered with native seed;
- Removed silt fence which was installed to prevent turtles from accessing work zone; and
- Addressed Site-related damages.

Any further updates can be found at the site's website at: response.epa.gov/SquannacookSportsmansClub

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BACKGROUND

The Town of Groton did an assessment in 2021 of the Former Squannacook Sportsmans Club property and found an increased presence of lead in surface soil. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection confirmed lead in soil above state standards and referred the Site to EPA.

In August and September of 2021, EPA collected soil samples, surface water samples, and groundwater samples from the former shooting range, the Groton Senior Center, and adjacent residential properties. Sampling results found lead and arsenic in soil samples above the EPA Removal Management Levels for residential properties. EPA determined that an imminent hazard to public health and the environment was present at the Site. To address the threat presented by the contamination present in the surface soil, EPA conducted a removal action, which was completed in October 2023.



Completed excavation and backfill at a residential property located near the Site.



Completed excavation and backfill of the former shooting range.