

## Elliott Ditch Project Update

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On behalf of Arconic Lafayette, LLC (Arconic), Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. (CEC) is pleased to provide this status update regarding the Elliott Ditch Project. As a reminder, project status updates will be provided weekly during clean-up activities and quarterly during non-clean-up activities, at a minimum. These updates will be posted on the updates section of the Elliott Ditch Project Website (http://elliottditchproject.cecinc.com/updates.aspx).

## Phase 2 Investigation and Clean-up Activities in Elliott Ditch Remediation Reaches 1-3

- Phase 2 Remediation activities were performed in the 2021 in Reaches 1-3.
- The project risk-based remedial objective of 1.0 milligram/kilogram (mg/Kg) was achieved at all remedial locations.
- Tree planting activities were initiated in the beginning of December 2021 in accordance with the Habitat Mitigation Plan (Posted on the Project Repository *ED Floodway Mitigation Plan Revision 1 dated 1/21/2021*).
- CEC submitted the project completion report summarizing remedial activities to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5. The project completion report is posted on the Project Repository in three parts *ED R1-3 Project Closeout Report*, dated 1/31/2021.

## Phase 3 Investigation and Clean-up Activities in Elliott Ditch Remediation Reaches 4 - 6

- Elliott Ditch Reaches 4 through 6 include the following areas:
  - Reach 4: South 9th Street Bridge to north of Brookside Drive;
  - Reach 5: North of Brookside Drive to downstream of Poland Hill Road;
  - o Reach 6: Downstream of Poland Hill Road to downstream of Old Romney Road Bridge;
- Arconic and CEC has commenced a geomorphic mapping project in Reaches 4 6 in support of the Phase 3 investigation and cleanup activities of potential PCB impacts to soil and sediment located in and along Elliott Ditch.
- Geomorphic mapping and soil/sediment sampling results from Reach 4 6 will be included in a formal investigation report for submittal to the U.S. EPA and IDEM. Additionally, an Interim Measures Work Plan (IMWP) will be prepared and submitted to U.S. EPA and IDEM presenting the proposed remedial approach to address the PCB impacts.

- Following preparation of the IMWP, Arconic will begin the process of obtaining Federal, State, and Local permits to implement the IMWP (i.e., implementation likely in mid- to late-2023).
- Arconic will be contacting residents to request permission to access their properties, and in some places, to access the ditch in support of the cleanup effort.
  - Property owners whose property will need to be accessed to perform investigation and cleanup activities will be asked to sign a property access agreement.
  - Work undertaken related to the cleanup will be paid for by Arconic.
  - Following the completion of cleanup activities, private property will be restored.

Should you have questions or concerns, please call the Elliott Ditch Hotline at 317-613-4514, or send an email to <u>elliottditchquestions@gmail.com</u>.