



Land Revitalization Program Breathing New Life into Old Waste Sites Summer 2005

Golf Course/Airport Extension on Old Erie County Dump Millcreek Dump Site, Millcreek Township, Erie County, PA



The Millcreek Dump Site just outside Erie was an eyesore and health hazard, operating as an illegal dump for more than 40 years. Today, the land boasts a beautiful public golf course — a community asset, instead of a liability.

Location

The Millcreek Dump Site, two miles west of Erie, is located on West 17th Street and comprises 124 acres, with 84 acres of former fresh water wetlands. A 40-acre strip of land is adjacent to a Conrail railroad track.

Current Status

The entire landfill area is capped and surrounded by newly created wetlands and flood retention basins which fit in with the existing forest. Millcreek Township built a golf course on top of the cap in 2001. A treatment plant has been treating the contaminated groundwater since 1992. The PRPs will operate the treatment plant until 2007, and then the state will take over.

Current Owner

Millcreek Township

Potential Future Uses

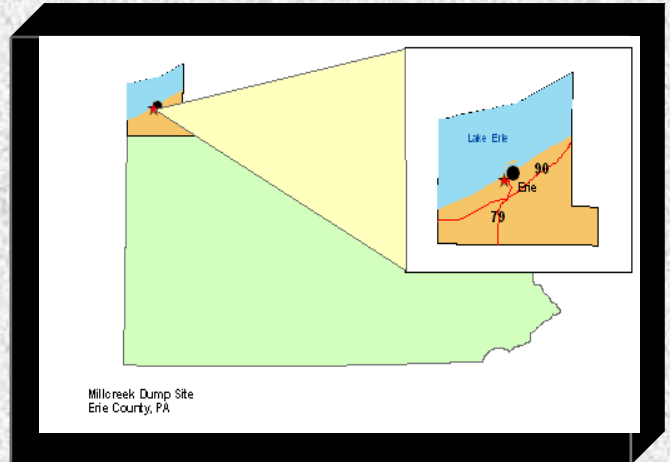
The Erie International Airport authority is in the final stage of designing an airport extension, including a new street, Powell Avenue, which will cut across a corner of the former Superfund site and have an impact on the wetlands.

Past Use

From 1941 to 1981, the site served as an industrial and municipal dump, and later as an illegal dump for local residents.

Cleanup History

From 1983 to 1986 EPA fenced the site, and removed drums, buildings and machinery. Construction of the groundwater treatment system was completed in 1992. Cap construction began in 2000, after negotiations with the Department of the Interior for wetlands mitigation. The cap/golf course was completed in 2001. Eight acres of wetlands were created adjacent to the site.



Millcreek Dump Site
Erie County, PA

Contacts for More Information

For information about the Superfund cleanup, contact Romuald Roman, EPA's Remedial Project Manager at (215) 814-3212 roman.romuald@epa.gov or

Kammy Halterman, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection at (814) 332-6191.

For information about the airport extension, go to:
http://www.erieairport.org/20-year_plan.html



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 3
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103