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AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW: DRAFT RESPONSE PLAN FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY EAST BAY PROPERTY, 10800 EDES AVENUE, OAKLAND

Habitat for Humanity East Bay (HHEB) is proposing to build affordable single family homes at 10800 Edes Avenue in Oakland (see map on page 2). Before construction can begin, HHEB must clean up the property to make sure it is safe for residential use. The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), which is part of the California Environmental Protection Agency, is overseeing environmental cleanup at the property.

As part of its agreement with HHEB, DTSC is responsible for ensuring that all necessary information regarding the property investigation and analysis of cleanup alternatives is shared with the public and that the community has an opportunity to understand the cleanup process and provide feedback before DTSC approves the final cleanup plan.

A draft Site Assessment and Response Plan (Response Plan) has been prepared by HHEB's consultants to describe in detail the past uses of the property, results of environmental investigations, and proposed cleanup activities. This fact sheet summarizes information regarding the property and announces the availability of the draft Response Plan and supporting documents for public review. If you have questions about this project, please contact Ms. Janet Naito, DTSC Project Manager, at (510) 540-3833 or by e-mail at Jnaito@dtsc.ca.gov.



View of Site while facing southeast towards HHEB's property at 10900 Edes Avenue, which is undergoing construction

Public Comment Period

June 20 to July 19, 2007

We encourage you to review and comment on the draft Response Plan for the Habitat for Humanity East Bay property. DTSC will hold a 30-day public comment period beginning June 20, 2007, and ending July 19, 2007. All comments must be postmarked by July 19, 2007. All e-mailed comments should be sent to Jnaito@dtsc.ca.gov no later than 5:00 pm. on the same date. Please mail written comments to:

Janet Naito, DTSC Project Manager
700 Heinz Avenue
Berkeley, California, 94710



History and Background

The 1.8-acre parcel is in a light industrial and residential area known as Sobrante Park. It is bordered by warehouses to the northwest; Southern Pacific Railroad to the northeast; an HHEB residential development undergoing construction to the southeast at 10900 Edes Avenue (Edes A); and residential housing located across the road to the southwest.

From the early 1920s to 1965, the property was used as a plant nursery. Between 1982 and 1996, the property was purchased by Evans Brothers Construction, which operated a construction and demolition business. The property was mostly used for the recycling of bricks. Debris, ranging from general trash to concrete and bricks, is distributed throughout the property. The site is currently undeveloped.

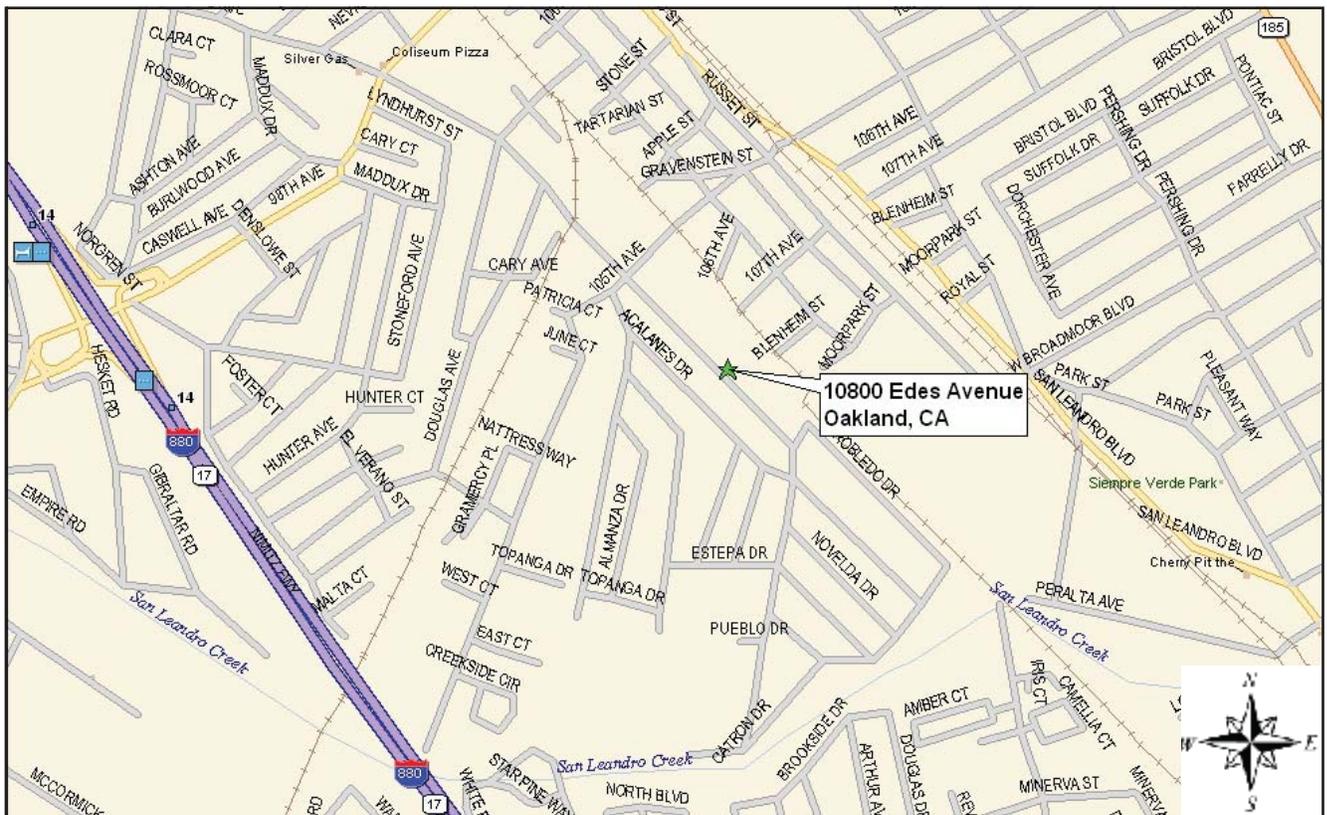
Environmental Investigations

Environmental investigations were conducted at the property from September 2005 through January 2006. Based on previous investigations soils on the property contain elevated concentrations of lead, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and petroleum hydrocarbons

that may be a risk to health if the property is used for homes. Cleanup of small areas with elevated levels of lead, PAHs and petroleum concentrations is needed so the property can be developed. Groundwater samples collected from beneath the property indicate that no significant contamination is present.

Proposed Removal Action

Removal and offsite disposal of contaminated soil was selected as the proposed remedy. This involves digging up, stockpiling and offsite disposal of up to 570 cubic yards (50 truckloads) of soil. Some soil may be stockpiled temporarily on the property pending waste characterization or potential re-use on the property. Samples will be taken from the excavated to ensure that all soils containing chemicals above residential cleanup goals have been removed.



California Environmental Quality Act

We have evaluated the cleanup project, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act requirements, to determine if the proposed cleanup will have any negative impacts on the environment. We have determined that the cleanup will improve environmental quality, and does not have negative impacts on the environment. Therefore, a Notice of Exemption has been prepared for this project.

Public Involvement

DTSC and HHEB will engage in public participation and outreach activities that are intended to facilitate involvement of the surrounding community in the proposed removal action and cleanup process. We encourage you to take the time to review the draft Response Plan and its supporting documents, which are available at the Information Repositories listed on the last page of this Fact Sheet.

At the completion of the public comment period, if comments are received from the community on the activities proposed in the draft Response Plan, DTSC will review and consider all comments received. DTSC will then determine if the draft Response Plan requires modification. If modifications are necessary, DTSC will approve the Response Plan once all modifications are complete. In addition, DTSC will prepare a "Response to Comments" document that consists of all comments received and DTSC responses. Anyone who submits comments regarding the proposed cleanup activities will receive a copy of the document. Additionally, a copy of the document will be placed in the information repositories. If comments are not received DTSC will approve the draft Response Plan for implementation.

How the Cleanup Will Affect The Neighborhood

If the workplan is approved, there will be digging on the site for four to six weeks, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.. Dust controls will be used to limit the amount of airborne dust generated. Trucks will use Edes Avenue to leave the property, and travel westbound to 98th Avenue, then travel southbound to Interstate 880. Trucks carrying contaminated soil will be covered before leaving the property.

Notice to the Hearing Impaired Individuals

TDD users can use the California Relay Service at 1-888-877-5378 and ask to speak with Ms. Kim Rhodes at (916) 255-3651.

Anuncio

Si prefiere hablar con alguien en español acerca de ésta información, favor de llamar a Jacinto Soto, Departamento de Control de Sustancias Tóxicas. El número de teléfono es (510) 540-3842.

For More Information

Please contact any of the following individuals with any questions or concerns you may have.

Questions regarding the draft Response Plan:
Ms. Janet Naito, DTSC Project Manager
(510) 540-3833
Jnaito@dtsc.ca.gov

Questions regarding the public participation process:
Ms. Kim Rhodes, DTSC Public Participation Specialist
(866) 495-5651 (toll-free)
(916) 255-3651
Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov

Questions from the media:
Angela Blanchette, DTSC Public Information Officer
(510) 540-3732
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Information Repositories

The draft Response Plan and supporting documents may be viewed or accessed at the following locations:

Oakland Public Library

Brookfield Branch

9255 Edes Avenue

Oakland, CA 94603

(510) 615-5725

Tues, Weds, Thurs, Sat. – 10am to 5:30pm;

Mon – 11:30am to 7:00pm;

Fri – 12pm to 5:30pm

Department of Toxic Substances Control

File Room

700 Heinz Avenue

Berkeley, CA 94710

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(510) 540-3800 (Please call for appointment)

Mon-Fri – 8am to 12pm and 1pm to 5pm

In addition, electronic versions of the documents will be made available on HHEB's website:

www.HabitatEB.org and on DTSC's EnviroStor website: <http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/>.

Enter "Oakland" as the City and page down to the Edes B Site. Click on the link for "Report" and then on the button for "Community Involvement."