Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. Q: Why disturb the Superfund site?
   A: The city is working to improve storm water drainage through the Globeville Landing Outfall Project. Along with that, Globeville Landing Park expanded and redesigned. To do this, and to take advantage of the opportunity as far as budget and disruption, the project will include Superfund site cleanup that will provide environmental protection and help create a more desirable park for the community.

2. Q: Will the park be safe for my children to play in?
   A: During construction, large areas of the park will be fenced off to protect people from construction activities. Unfenced areas will be safe for children and recreation. Once construction is complete, the park will be safe from environmental concerns and an even greater asset to the community with new picnic and play areas, trails and open space.

3. Q: Is there reason to be concerned about my family’s health during construction?
   A: Protecting the health of families and the environment are the City’s top priorities. We have a plan in place to contain contaminated materials and keep uncontrolled dust from leaving the site. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment have approved the plans and will oversee the cleanup.

4. Q: How do you know what cleanup needs to be done?
   A: Over the course of several years, we have conducted multiple soil and groundwater studies through numerous investigations of the Superfund site. These investigations have revealed some soil and groundwater contaminated with arsenic and lead, as well as buried trash. The goal will be to remove the contaminants and restore the area.

5. Q: What can I expect as a part of construction?
   A: As channel digging begins and buried trash is exposed, some odors may be released. We expect odors to go away fairly quickly but will be monitoring closely and take steps to limit concerns. All waste materials will be safely hauled off site to licensed disposal facilities by heavy equipment. Dust will be controlled and prevented from leaving the site.

6. Q: When will construction begin?
   A: Notice to Proceed for the contractor is expected in November of this year. The selected contractor will propose a detailed schedule for acceptance by the city. Plans for community outreach, air monitoring procedures, fencing, erosion control, etc., must all be in place before excavation begins.

7. Q: How can I stay informed?
   A: We will be in regular contact with community members and business representatives, and want to hear from you if you have any concerns. Visit www.denvergov.org/plattetoparkhill or www.denvergov.org/EnvironmentalLandUse for more information.

8. Q: Can contaminants from ground water get into my drinking water?
   A: Everybody in Denver gets their drinking water from Denver Water, which brings it in from the mountains, not from Denver ground water. People in Denver are prohibited from extracting groundwater. This groundwater is right next to the river with no people in between.

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