Community Outreach Strategies

Asbestos Toxicity and the Borri Asbestos Site

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Wissahickon Creek Volunteers

Thank you for your assistance in protecting the Wissahickon Creek and watershed!

We recommend that you take these precautions while hiking along the creek:

During the clean-up:
1) Do not touch or remove pieces of pipe, tile or concrete (if any)
2) Do not cross the creek bordering the Borri Asbestos Site (between Mt. Pleasant Ave. and the Butler Pike)

When you’re finished:
1) Wash your hands.
2) Clean your boots outside.
3) If you touched any asbestos containing materials, wash gloves and/or soiled clothes separately.

These pipes and other materials may contain asbestos. Asbestos is harmful to your health.
Supporting Communities with Tools and Resources

Special Projects and Tools
Brownfield and Land Re-Use Sites

“abandoned, idled, or underused industrial and commercial properties where reuse or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived contamination.”

ATSDR’s Support to Communities:

- Funding for Community Pilot Projects
- Technical Support from Brownfield and Health Experts
Land Reuse Tools and Resources

1. What are the issues in the community?

2. How can development address these issues?

3. What are the corresponding community health benefits?

4. What data are needed to measure change?

- Action Model for Engaging Multiple Stakeholders in Land Reuse Planning
- Site Tool—Identify and catalogue contaminants and health Concerns
- Dose Calculator—Estimate exposure levels

Find tools and resources at:
http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/brownfields/
ATSDR’s Environmental Odors Website provides information and tools for local health departments, community organizations and residents dealing with environmental odors issues.

- Information about environmental odors
- Suggestions for reducing odors
- Guidance for conducting odor investigations
- Resources for Health Care Providers

Find the Odors website at:
www.atsdr.cdc.gov/odors
Soil Shops—Protecting Urban Gardeners

How it Works: 3 Basic Steps

- Residents bring soil sample
- Soil screened for lead – FREE!
- Health educators counsel residents

ATSDR is Currently finalizing a Soil Shop Toolkit

Learn more about one of our events at:
http://blogs.cdc.gov/yourhealthyourenvironment/2013/12/19/soil-kitchens-reducing-lead-exposure-among-urban-residents/
Don’t Mess with Mercury

• Create awareness about the dangers of mercury among middle school students
• Engage school audiences (teachers and administrators) in the identification and removal of mercury
• Reduce mercury spills among children

Learn more about Mercury at:
www.atsdr.cdc.gov/dontmesswithmercury
Questions?

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