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Agreement Reached on Barrie Park Restart Plan

A draft plan for resuming the clean up of Barrie Park and the adjacent streets and parkways was approved late Thursday by officials from the Village, Park District, Commonwealth Edison and Nicor Gas.

The draft document, called a Corrective Action Plan (CAP), will be presented to residents at the next Barrie Park Citizens Advisory Committee, which is scheduled for 7:30 p.m., Wed., Aug. 7, in Village Hall Council Chambers, 123 Madison St.

The draft CAP assumes a nine-month work schedule, beginning in the winter. Other key components of the plan include the following:

- Maintaining the original scope of work.
- Maintaining original air quality standards.
- Using a larger temporary structure over the site.
- Removing source material during colder months
- Continuing to use rail as the primary transportation method, but also using trucks to speed up the work. Trucks will only be used during daytime hours, their number and hours of operation limited, and travel restricted to the existing truck route inside the fence along Garfield Avenue.
- Extending work hours to ensure completion within the nine-month period.

The complete text of the draft CAP now is available in an Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) file for public review on the Village website <http://oak-park.us>. Written comments may be delivered in person or via mail to Barrie Park Comments, Village Manager's Office, Village Hall, 123 Madison St., Oak Park, IL 60302 or via email at barrieparkcomments@oak-park.us.

Comments must be received no later than 5 p.m., Aug. 15, to be included with the final CAP document scheduled to be delivered on August 20 to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for review. Comments must include the author's name, address and telephone number. A special comment form is available on the Village website.

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Barrie Park Restart Plan

Pre-mobilization activities, including the delivery and set-up of the large structure, is expected to occur between September and November. Remediation should begin in December, with completion anticipated for September 2003.

Excavation at the site, a 3.5 acre parcel on the Village's southeast side, was suspended in March when samples from two of the nine air monitoring stations along the perimeter indicated levels of benzene emissions would, by the end of the project, exceed the levels established before work began. Work was about 40 percent complete, and the site has since been covered with clay soil to control emissions from the coal tar buried when the manufactured gas plant ceased operations in the 1920s.

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