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PROGRESS WITH EIGHTEENMILE CREEK

Since being listed under the National Priorities List (NPL) in March of 2012 progress has been slowly picking up speed, and 2014 has been a year of advancement towards the cleanup of Eighteenmile Creek. This past summer, EPA contractors completed the demolition of the old Liberty Building on 89 Mill Street. With the equipment and contractors already in place, EPA began the demolition of the former Flintkote building. The Flintkote building and its surrounding property are likely the source of the major contamination to Eighteenmile Creek. Demolition will continue and be finished in the spring, where the next steps will be to sample the soil beneath the basement of the once inaccessible building. Actual cleanup and remediation of the contaminated soils on the site will follow when all different options are thoroughly investigated.



The changing of the seasons has also brought progress to another part of Eighteenmile Creek, Olcott Harbor in the Town of Newfane. The town has embarked on a harbor dredging project to increase the navigability of the western part of the harbor, near West Main Street. The town



was hoping to “piggyback” on to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) dredging project between the navigational channels, but this scope of work was too small for the contractor selected. Without using the USACE contractor, the Town of Newfane has hired Wendel Companies to assist them with their project. In preparation for the dredging, the town has dug a large pit near East Lake Road and West Washington Street. The dredged soil will be placed in this pit, allowing the water to slowly drain over winter before being covered back up with clean fill from the site.

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