



**Kerr-McGee Chemical Corp Site – Navassa, North Carolina
(Site of Former Creosote Wood Treating Facility)
Redevelopment Planning Initiative
Frequently Asked Questions
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The Multistate Environmental Response Trust (Multistate Trust) prepared this fact sheet to answer frequently asked questions about the Kerr-McGee Chemical Corp Site – Navassa (the Site) and the Redevelopment Planning Initiative (RPI) for the Site.

Question: Describe the Kerr-McGee Chemical Corp Site – Navassa (the Site).

Answer: The 245-acre Site was used as a creosote-based, wood treating facility from 1936 until 1974. The creosote-related contamination of soil, sediment and groundwater does not currently threaten nearby residents or workers. Designated a Superfund (or hazardous waste) site by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Site is bordered by Navassa Road, Sturgeon Creek, the Brunswick River, and Quality Drive.

Question: Who currently owns the Site?

Answer: The Multistate Trust owns nearly 153 upland acres, including the former wood treating facility. The State of North Carolina owns approximately 92 acres of marsh.

Question: What is the Multistate Trust?

Answer: The Multistate Trust is a private, independent environmental response trust. Its purpose is to protect human health and the environment. In 2011, the Multistate Trust was created as part of a bankruptcy settlement to own, manage, remediate and facilitate safe, productive reuse of the Site, under EPA oversight in consultation with the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality (N.C. DEQ).

Question: How will the Site be reused after it is remediated?

Answer: Future use has not been decided. In 2017, the Multistate Trust voluntarily began a reuse planning effort—the Redevelopment Planning Initiative (RPI)—to involve the community in planning for the Site’s future.

Question: Why did the Multistate Trust start the Redevelopment Planning Initiative (RPI)?

Answer: The Multistate Trust believes the community should have a major say in the Site’s reuse. The RPI’s goal is to identify community-supported plans for potential reuses that protect human health and the environment and are environmentally and economically sustainable.

Question: What is the Community Visioning Workshop?

Answer: The **Community Visioning Workshop** consists of Feb. 23 and Feb. 24 public sessions that provide opportunities for community members to share their ideas, hopes, and concerns for the Site’s reuse. Residents are urged to participate on Friday, Feb. 23 from 6 to 9 p.m. (review of market and Site data; Site reuse options) **and** Saturday, Feb. 24 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (discussion of Site reuse options) at the Navassa Community Center. Learn more at multi-trust.org/navassa.



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Question: **What are other ways that the public can get involved in the Redevelopment Planning Initiative?**

Answer: –**Market and Site Studies:** Market and Site data has been collected to stimulate ideas and support informed discussion of Site reuse options, particularly during the **Community Visioning Workshop**. The data will be reviewed in the Friday, Feb. 23 evening session of the **Community Visioning Workshop**. See recent public presentations of the data at multi-trust.org/navassa. The full studies are available at the EPA Information Repository in Navassa Town Hall.

–A **Redevelopment Working Group (RWG)** was formed to include citizens, elected officials, and community leaders. The RWG steers the RPI, provides insights into community concerns, and works to engage other citizens in RPI activities, such as the **Community Visioning Workshop**.

–The **Community Survey** was mailed to nearly 1,100 local addresses in 2017. More than 100 individuals responded with ideas, hopes and concerns for the future of the Site and Navassa.

–**Engaging Community Stakeholders:** The Multistate Trust and the RWG have met with and encouraged community stakeholders to review the Site and market data, consider options for the Site’s future, and participate in the **Community Visioning Workshop** on Feb. 23 and Feb. 24.

–**Open House:** After the Town Council and Planning Board provide input on the draft preliminary redevelopment plans that result from the **Community Visioning Workshop**, the final preliminary redevelopment plans will be presented to the general public at the Open House.

Question: **How does the reuse planning impact the Site’s remediation?**

Answer: The timeframe of remediation is being coordinated with reuse planning.

Question: **How will the potential reuse plans be used at the Site?**

Answer: The possible redevelopment plans could be used in several ways.

- The potential reuse plans will identify possible future land use options.
- The EPA will use future land use to select a remediation plan that will protect human health and the environment.
- The EPA will select a remediation plan that will support possible redevelopment options.
- The Multistate Trust may use the potential reuse plans to help market the Site and give direction to discussions with prospective buyers, owners, or users.
- The redevelopment plans will help support decisions about Site sale or transfer.

Question: **Will the Town and the community have additional say over reuse of the Site?**

Answer: The Town of Navassa will have future say if the Site’s reuse requires rezoning, a Town permit, or other Town of Navassa action.

Question: **Will the Town of Navassa approve who acquires the Site?**

Answer: No. The transfer or sale of any portion of the Site must be approved by EPA, N.C. DEQ, the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, as provided in the bankruptcy settlement documents governing the Multistate Trust.

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