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Spring 2026 Superfund Update

Recent Superfund Activity

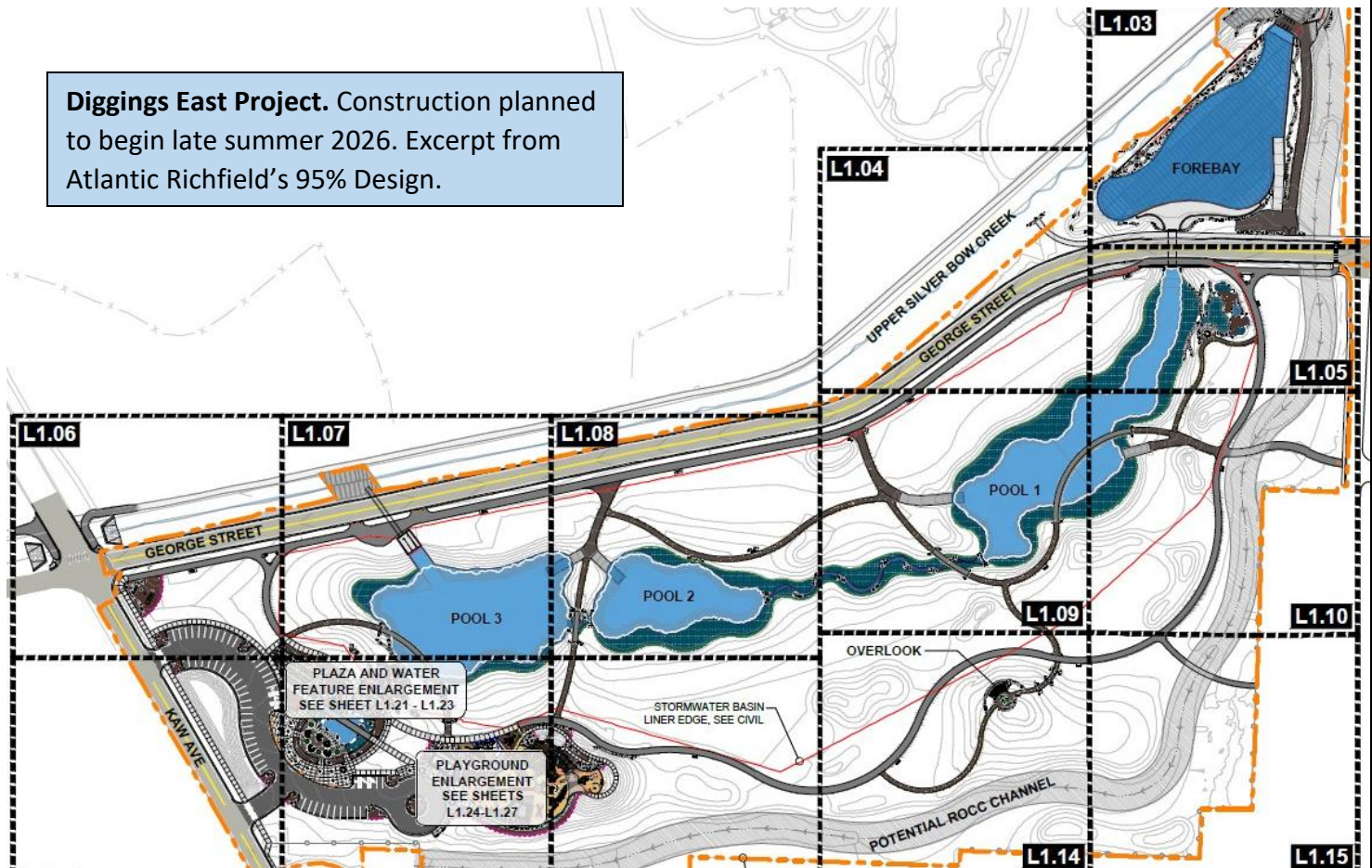
What's next for Consent Decree Projects?

It may seem like progress has been quiet constructing the Superfund remedies and public parks that the 2020 Butte Priority Soils Consent Decree promises, but numerous big projects are currently in the works. The first of the Consent Decree projects was the Grove Gulch sedimentation bay completed last fall which is designed to treat metals in stormwater runoff from the south side of Butte to protect Blacktail and Silver Bow Creek water quality.

Over this past winter, Atlantic Richfield and Butte Silver-Bow local government completed several important steps to move the other Consent Decree projects towards construction. Progress includes the decision to use the existing "Butte Mine Waste Repository" (photo on next page), located below the Granite Mountain Speculator Mine Memorial for disposing of the large quantity of mining waste to be excavated from projects along Silver Bow Creek. It was previously proposed that mining waste would be placed in the Berkeley Pit, but this is currently off the table. Design of the other projects progressed last winter; the Diggings East project received EPA and DEQ's approval for the near final 95% Design.

Later this summer construction is scheduled to begin at the Diggings East project. This project will construct a series of stormwater treatment ponds near the corner of George Street and Kaw Ave. Surrounding the ponds will be a public park with trails, a plaza surrounding a fountain, and playground. Construction of the Diggings East project will continue through 2027 or later and it is one of Butte's largest mining waste removal and reclamation projects in recent times.

Diggings East Project. Construction planned to begin late summer 2026. Excerpt from Atlantic Richfield's 95% Design.



Butte Mine Waste Repository (outlined in red) where mining waste from Consent Decree projects will be relocated to.



Publicly Observable Superfund Remedy Design Meetings

June 9 (Tuesday), 9:00-10:00 AM: Residential Metals Abatement Program (RMAP) UAO Progress Meeting.

June 16 (Tuesday), 9:00-10:00 AM: Consent Decree Project Remedial Action (RDRA) Progress Meeting.

Publicly observable meetings can be accessed using EPA's Community Engagement Calendar here:

<https://www.epa.gov/butte/community-engagement-calendar>

Upcoming Remedy Design Schedule

May:

Butte Reduction Works 60% Design was released.

June:

Diggings East 100% final design.

Blacktail Creek Hydraulic Controls (groundwater capture) 95% design.

Within the next 3 months:

Copper Mountain Recreation Complex - BSB Landfill / Clark Tailings Consolidated Waste Management Area Remedy Effectiveness Evaluation Phase I (Conceptual Site Model)