

Robert K. McCarthy Acting Mayor

February 22, 2023

Re: <u>Mansell Field Update</u>

Dear Resident:

I am pleased to provide this update on the City's progress coordinating with state and federal partners to remediate contaminated soils at Mansell Field, located at the corner of Proctor Street and Mansell Parkway.

We were recently notified that our federal partner is committing to complete roughly half of the work to remediate and restore Mansell Field, with the City responsible for funding and procuring a contractor to complete the remaining work. The City Council allocated funding in December, 2022 and the federal funding should be in place by the end of March, 2023. Once the federal funding is in place, we will issue further communications to the neighborhood with specifics about how and when the work is to begin.

I recognize that it has been an inconvenience and a hardship for this space to be closed since the City identified elevated arsenic levels in 2018. I commend the previous administration's work to secure federal assistance to reduce the overall cost of this work to our taxpayers. I am committed to making sure that this parkland is timely restored and reopened for public enjoyment.

For further information on this project, including the park restoration plan approved by the Salem Park and Recreation Commission in January 2021, please visit <a href="mailto:salem.com/mansellfield">salem.com/mansellfield</a>. You may also contact Tom Devine at the Department of Planning and Community Development at <a href="mailto:tdevine@salem.com">tdevine@salem.com</a> or 978-619-5685 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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