# **Public Meeting**

NYSDEC Project ID# 851046 Study Area Characterization Project Update

**Corning Incorporated** 

May 11, 2016

#### Welcome and Introductions

- Dan Collins Division Vice President, Corporate
  Communications, Corning Incorporated
- John Sontag, Weston Solutions, Inc. (WESTON) environmental sampling specialists
  - Highly experienced on similar projects
  - Engaged by Corning Incorporated to conduct the sampling work

# Why We Are Here

- Provide update and findings from work completed in the Study Area since March 2015 Public Meeting
- Results for samples collected to date at 117 of 186 residential properties meet the residential soil cleanup objectives (SCOs)
  - Residential SCOs are concentrations in soil which were derived by the State based on assumptions that are designed to protect public health based on a residential property use
  - Residential SCOs are used by the State (along with other information)
    to decide whether any other actions are warranted
- Work is being conducted under the Study Area Work Plan developed by WESTON and approved by the NYSDEC for the environmental study

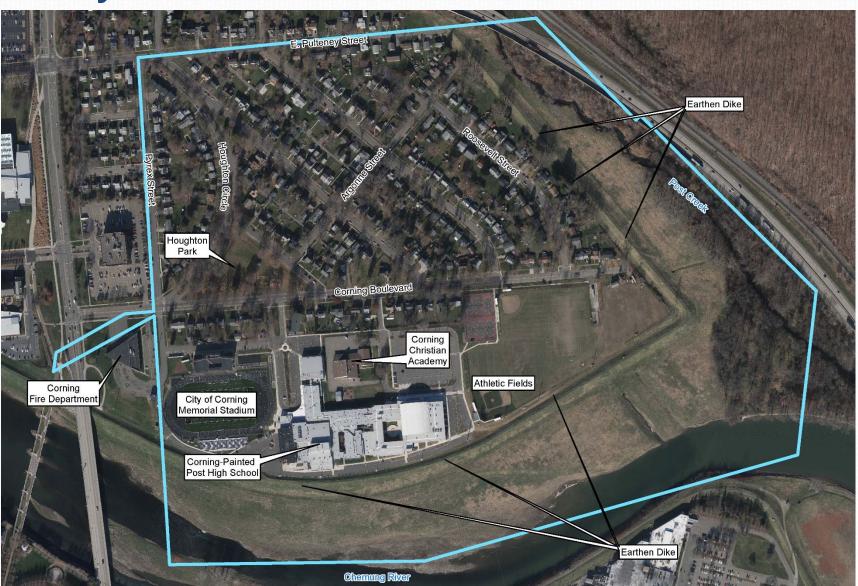
# Project Status/Update

- Residential Area Sampling
  - Additional soil sampling conducted at 121 properties in 2015
  - Sampling conducted at 186 properties to date
- Additional sampling completed at:
  - Houghton Park
  - City of Corning rights-of-way
  - Corning Christian Academy
  - City of Corning Memorial Stadium
  - Corning-Painted Post School District
- Second round of groundwater sampling completed in April 2015

#### Overview

- Sampling conducted at 186 residential properties in the Study Area to date
- Additional sampling was conducted in the Study Area to further define the extent of a layer of fill material in the following areas:
  - City of Corning rights-of-way in the Residential Area
  - Corning Christian Academy
  - City of Corning Memorial Stadium
  - Corning-Painted Post School District
- 7 test pits excavated in the City of Corning rights-of-way and Houghton Park to help visualize subsurface conditions
- Groundwater has not been found to be impacted

# Study Area



#### **Methods Used**

- Surface soils
  - Top 2 inches of soil
  - Hand scoop
- Shallow soils
  - Soil that is 2 inches to 2 feet from the surface
  - Hand auger or Geoprobe<sup>®</sup>
- Subsurface soils
  - Down to 15 feet
  - Rigs using small diameter tube (2 inches)
- Test pits
  - Approximately 7 feet long,
    4 feet deep, and 1 feet wide
  - Mini-excavator used to limit area of disturbance and manage noise

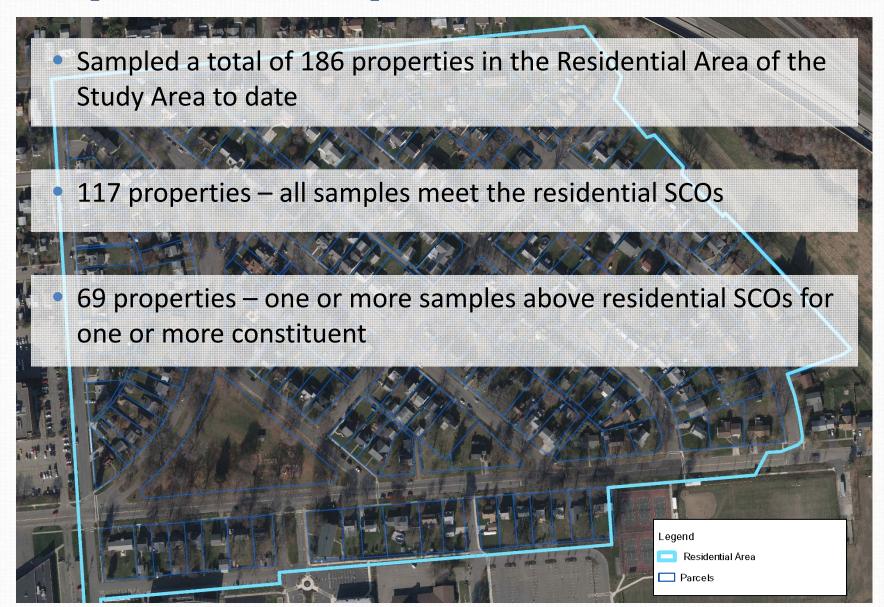




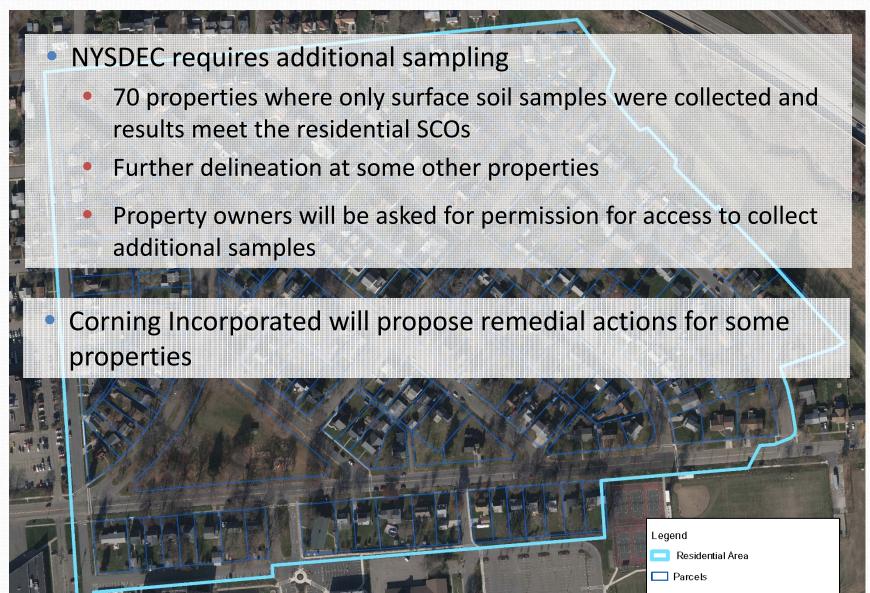




#### Sample Results – Properties in the Residential Area



#### Next Steps at Properties in the Residential Area



#### City of Corning Rights-of-Way and Houghton Park



# Test Pits in City of Corning Rights-of-Way and Houghton Park

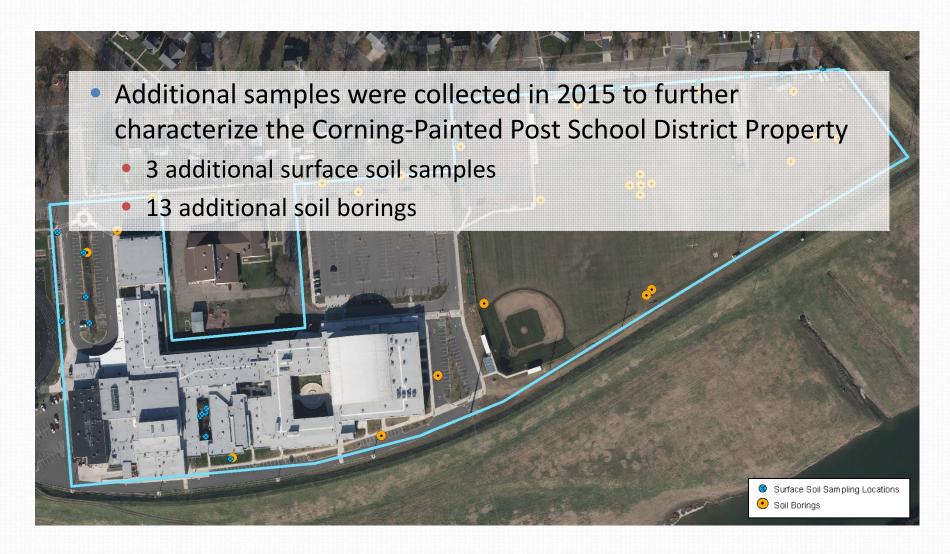


# Corning Christian Academy Property

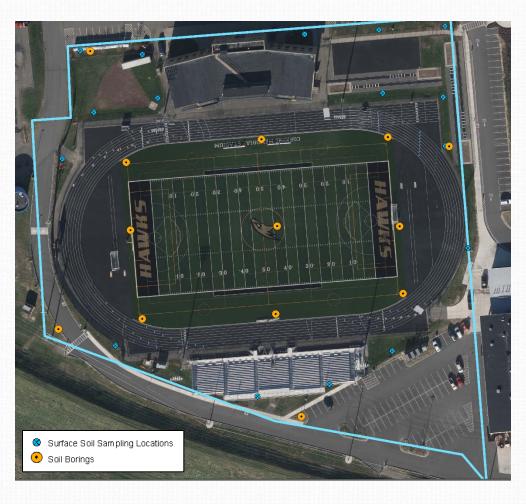


- 3 additional soil borings were advanced to investigate soils south of the main entrance
- Layer of fill material observed starting deeper than ½ foot below the sod cover

#### Corning-Painted Post School District Property

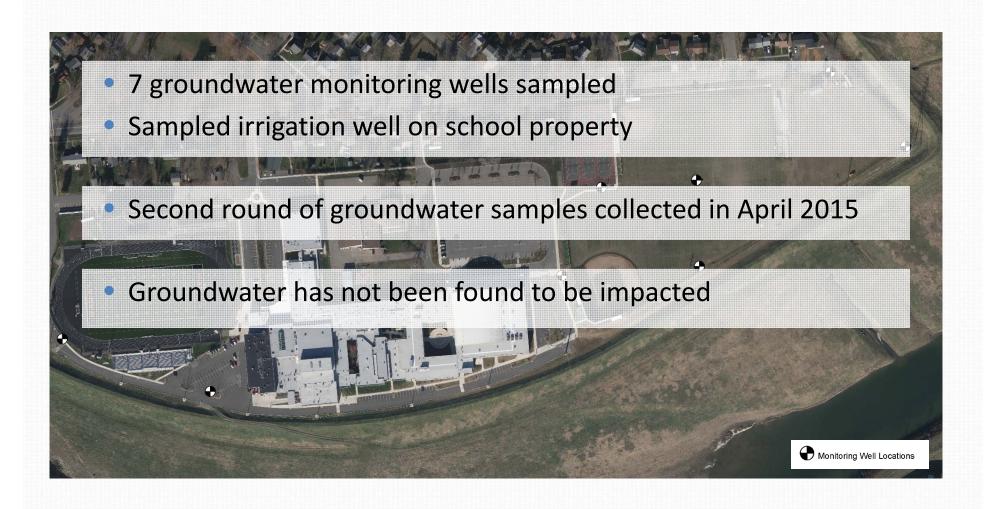


# City of Corning Memorial Stadium Property



- In 2015, 10 additional soil borings were advanced to investigate subsurface conditions under the turf field and further delineate other areas
- Layer of fill material observed below the turf field

#### **Groundwater Results**



## Proposed Interim Remedial Measures

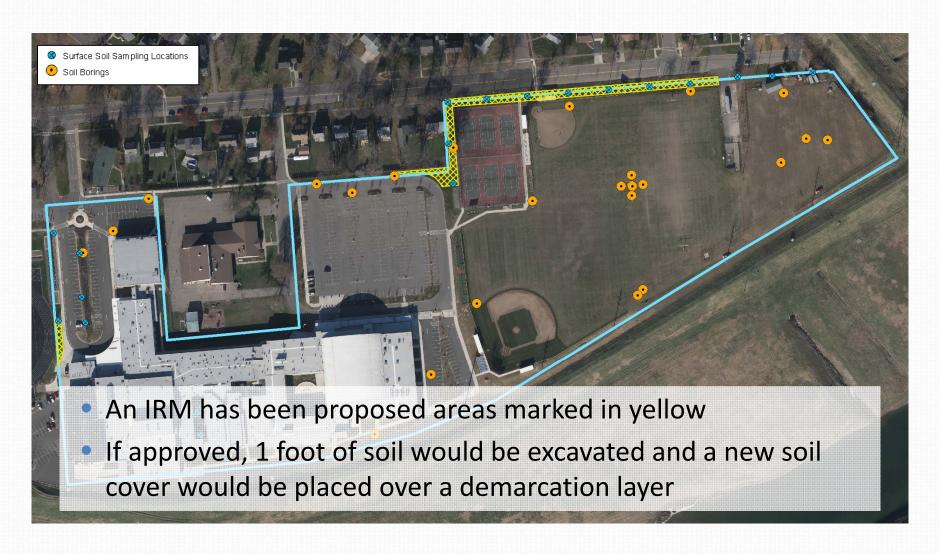
- Interim Remedial Measures (IRMs) are remedial actions that can be designed to be part of the final remedy and are conducted prior to completion of investigation work.
- Corning Incorporated has proposed IRMs in the following areas:
  - Corning Christian Academy
  - City of Corning Memorial Stadium
  - Corning-Painted Post School District
- IRMs will consist of:
  - Soil removal to 1 or 2 feet below ground surface
  - Placement of a demarcation layer (geotextile fabric)
  - Placement of new soil with grass cover

# Corning Christian Academy Property



- An IRM has been proposed in area marked in yellow
- If approved, 2 feet of soil would be excavated and a new soil cover would be placed over a demarcation layer

#### Corning-Painted Post School District Property



# City of Corning Memorial Stadium Property



- An IRM has been proposed in the areas marked in yellow
- Sampling has recently been collected to delineate one additional area
- If approved, 2 feet of soil would be excavated and a new soil cover would be placed over a demarcation layer

#### Overview

- Sampled a total of 186 properties in the Residential Area of the Study Area to date
  - 117 properties all samples meet residential SCOs
  - 69 properties one or more samples above residential SCOs for one or more constituent
- Groundwater has not been found to be impacted

## **Next Steps**

- Interim Remedial Measure (IRM) activities proposed at:
  - Corning Christian Academy
  - Corning-Painted Post School District property
  - Corning Memorial Stadium
- NYSDEC will address next steps for the Residential Area in their presentation

## How Can You be Kept Informed

#### Document repositories

Southeast Steuben County Library
 300 Nasser Civic Center Plaza, Corning, NY 14830
 Contact Reference Librarian (607-936-3616) for appointment

Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri: 9:00 am – 6:00 PM Tue, Thur: 9:00 am – 8:00 PM

NYSDEC Region 8 Office
 6274 Avon-Lima Rd. (Rtes. 5 and 20), Avon, NY 14414-9516
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