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Blaeses Tire Service Redevelopment – Environmental Project Update

Site History

The property was formerly used as **Blaeses Tire Service**, an auto repair and gas station. When the Borough purchased the property, old underground gasoline tanks and a former gas pump area still needed environmental cleanup.

Grant History

The Borough applied for two NJDEP grants through the **Hazardous Discharge Site Remediation Fund (HDSRF)**:

- **\$76,849.70** was awarded for environmental investigation work.
- A second grant for **\$39,867.00** was applied for to help cover cleanup costs. This grant is still awaiting approval.

Work Completed

- Environmental testing was completed in **2016 and 2023** before the Borough purchased the property. Testing found old underground tanks and contamination in the soil and groundwater.
- Between **August 2025 and March 2026**, the site was cleared and **four underground gasoline tanks were removed**.
- Contaminated soil around the tanks was excavated and properly disposed of.
- Groundwater monitoring wells were installed in **September 2026** to determine whether any groundwater contamination remains.

Next Steps

- Final reports are being completed and submitted to document the tank removal and soil cleanup.
- The goal is to receive a **Response Action Outcome (RAO)** confirming that no additional cleanup is needed for the soil around the former tanks.
- Groundwater testing will continue. The results will determine whether more sampling or cleanup is needed.

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