

Next Phase of Improvements

New Jersey Natural Gas (NJNG) is pleased to report on our continuing progress in our improvements to the area of the former manufactured gas plant (MGP) in Long Branch. Behind all of our accomplishments is our strong belief in supporting our communities.

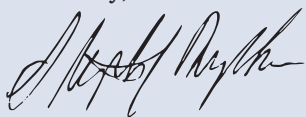
With the major transformation of the plant property complete, our efforts are now focused on surrounding properties.

These achievements reflect the cooperation of city officials, LBHA, local residents and members of the public. We also continue to work closely with the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) to maintain the highest standards of environmental and health safety.

Open communication is essential in our efforts, and we remain committed to doing all we can to minimize the impacts of our work on residents and the community.

We're proud to support lasting improvements for the benefit of our neighbors in Long Branch. If you have questions or comments about our ongoing efforts, please call me at **1-888-638-9924**. We're glad to be of assistance.

Sincerely,



Steve Rybka
Manager - Public Affairs

Completed Work

NJNG is actively conducting improvements in the area of the former MGP in Long Branch. Many milestones have been achieved, including:

- ✓ Completion of the sediment and soil remediation of the offsite portion of Troutman's Creek located between Seaview and Joline Avenues.
- ✓ Completion of the remediation of seven residential properties along the western bank of the off-site portion of Troutman's Creek.
- ✓ Completion of the remediation of all LBHA property. Occupancy of the new housing is now underway.
- ✓ Demolition of the old Atlantic Plumbing Supply building.
- ✓ Removal of existing culvert on Block 400, Lot 6 (old Seaview Manor).
- ✓ Removal of above and underground structures from the plant's former operations.
- ✓ Completion of improvements on a portion of the plant property and adjoining Conrail property where the city of Long Branch constructed the new Jerry Morgan Park.
- ✓ Work completed on five adjoining commercial properties.
- ✓ Transformation of the plant property, including landscaping with natural vegetation and greenery.
- ✓ Restoration and rechanneling of the entire section of Troutman's Creek on the plant property.
- ✓ Providing assistance after LBHA decided to relocate residents from Seaview Manor buildings.
- ✓ Safe removal of Seaview Manor buildings.
- ✓ Testing of Troutman's Creek for possible impacts from the former MGP beyond the plant property.
- ✓ Dismantling of the former MGP building.
- ✓ Completion of improvements where vacant Seaview Manor buildings were located.

Current Work

- ✓ We recently conducted our remedial investigation, plan designs, permitting, building assessments and submitted our Remedial Action Workplan Addendum for the next phase of remedial work which includes the former Talco property.
- ✓ We are currently in the process of procuring a remedial contractor to perform the work.

Upcoming Work

- ✓ Demolition of two buildings with subsequent subsurface soil remediation of the former Talco property will be commencing in the summer of 2010 and continuing through the Spring of 2011.
- ✓ Site restoration will be completed in the Summer of 2011.

Community Advisory Panel

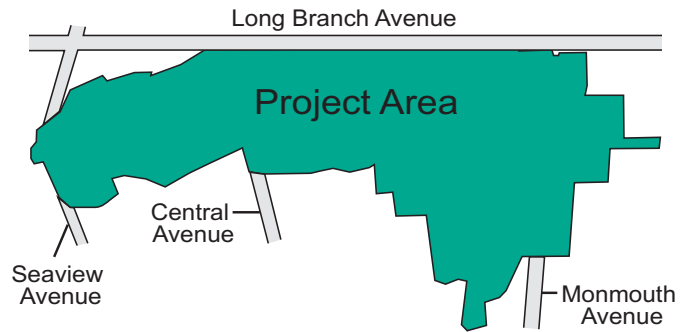
NJNG has established a community advisory panel (CAP) to provide an additional channel for discussion and advice on our ongoing improvements in the area of the Long Branch MGP. The CAP operates independently and represents a diverse cross section of members of the community and various organizations.

As a regular forum, the CAP is helping NJNG plan and conduct improvement efforts based on sound environmental standards and the interests of the community. The CAP has an important role in assuring the views of all key stakeholders are taken into account as our progress continues.

Our Community Commitment

The Long Branch Housing Authority and Board of Education annually sponsor a "Get on the Bus College Tour" to bring students from the community to colleges and universities along the East Coast. Each year, New Jersey Natural Gas is proud to support the LBHA and LBBOE in promoting higher education to our future leaders.

Project Overview



Long Branch, like thousands of other communities throughout the United States, hosts a former MGP, which was purchased by NJNG in 1952. The former plant, commonly known as a "town gas" or "coal gas" plant, manufactured gas from the mid-1800s to the early 1950s for the area's lighting, cooking and water heating needs.

NJNG's continuing efforts address coal tar and other by-products of manufacturing gas from coal on the former plant property and surrounding areas. The work is conducted under the direction of NJDEP. NJNG's testing to date has indicated no health concerns related to the property for nearby residents and businesses.

MGP By-Products

Coal tar, which is a mixture of hydrocarbon and other compounds left after combustion, is black with an adhesive-like or "sticky" texture and looks and has an odor similar to roofing tar.

Many compounds in MGP by-products are found in common materials such as gasoline and broiled meat. MGP by-products also have properties that are useful for some medicinal and household applications, including coal tar shampoo for dandruff and skin lotions to treat chronic skin disorders like psoriasis and dermatitis.

We Want to Hear From You

Comments? Questions?
Please call Steve Rybka at **1-888-638-9924**.

For convenient online access to information about NJNG's MGP improvements, visit the NJNG Web site at njliving.com and click on "Community."