Quick Links

More About Us

Online Assessment
Order Form

Contact Us

Where in the world are JP's birdhouses?







Environmental Services

JUNE 2017

Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Spotlight: Government Records Review

During the course of a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, Gabriel reviews government records from a variety of federal, state, local, and tribal agencies. We will review all pertinent records available, including, but not limited to: underground storage tanks (USTs); hazardous materials stored, used or disposed; environmental violations; building permits; occupancy permits; fire inspection records; construction permits; demolition permits; and closure projects.

These records help us determine if hazardous substances or petroleum products are currently or were previously located on the site.

Case Study

Recently, Gabriel was conducting a Phase I ESA at an auto repair facility in Chicago. The current owner/occupant did not have any knowledge of USTs on the property.

However, during a search of Illinois Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) and Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) records, it was discovered that three tanks were installed at the property between 1972 and 1979, prior to the current owner purchasing the property. The previous owner had operated the property as a gas station in addition to the repair shop, so a diesel tank, gasoline tank and used oil tank had been installed.

None of these tanks had any record of removal, which means there is a strong likelihood that the tanks are still on site and possibly leaking due to their age and material.

If you have questions about how Gabriel uses government records reviews in our Phase I research, contact Natalie Neuman, Group Leader Assessment Services, at 773-486-2123 or nneuman@gabenv.com.

Recipe Corner



Chili Lime Rice Noodle Salad

Ingredients:

- 2 ½ packages of thin Rice Noodles
- 2 Red Peppers, thinly sliced
- 1 large Carrot, shaved
- 2 bunches of Green Onion, thinly sliced
- 1 bunch of Cilantro, finely chopped

For the dressing:

- Olive Oil
- Sesame Oil
- Rice Vinegar

- Light Agave Nectar
- Asian Chili Paste (Sambal)
- 4-5 Limes
- Salt & Pepper

*All of the above is to taste - depending on how vinegary, sweet, spicy or lime-y you want it - but it should be a light vinaigrette consistency and be a good balance of tangy, sweet & spicy

Directions:

- Bring a pot of water to a boil, then lower the heat to low - add the rice noodles and cook for only a few minutes, until soft, but not mushy (they cook fast). Drain and let cool.
- Transfer the cooled noodles to a large bowl and add all of the veggies & cilantro.
- Whisk all of the dressing ingredients in another bowl and add ingredients, as needed, to achieve desired taste.
- 4. Add the dressing to the bowl of noodles and mix thoroughly, making sure every noodle is coated in dressing. Add salt & pepper to taste, and more dressing, if necessary.

Explore Local Forest Preserves This Summer

Forest preserves around the Chicagoland area offer a variety of trails, events, and other recreational activities throughout the summer.



Some of the upcoming offerings include:

Cook County:

- <u>Kids Fest</u> July 8th Wampum Lake, Thorton enjoy fishing, hiking, canoeing, archery and other fun activities at this free outdoor extravaganza for kids of all ages.
- <u>Canyon Tour</u> Sagawau Environmental Learning Center, Lemont The Sagawau Canyon is the only natural exposure of bedrock in Cook County. Join naturalizes for a hike down the canyon on several days throughout July (July 1st, 13th, 15th, and 29th)
- <u>Camping 101</u> July 18th Camp Bullfrog Lake, Willow Springs Camping 101 is a free hands-on workshop designed to teach basic camping skills to first time campers.

Full calendar available: fpdcc.com/events/

Lake County:

- <u>Fireflies by Firelight</u> July 1st Edward Ryerson Welcome Center,
 Riverwoods Bring the kids out for an old fashioned night of catching fireflies while enjoying a roasted marshmallow next to a cozy campfire.
- Independence Grove Family Fun Friday: Miniature Golf July 14th Independence Grove, Libertyville The beach gets even better on
 Fridays with games, contests and prizes around a different theme each
 week.
- <u>Forest Fitness</u> each Saturday in July A new preserve is walked each week by this group of outdoor enthusiasts.

Full calendar available: www.lcfpd.org/calendar/

<u>Du Page County calendar: dupageforest.org/Calendar.aspx</u>

Kane County: www.kaneforest.com/

<u>Will County calendar</u>: <u>www.reconnectwithnature.org/news-events/event-calendar</u>

 ∞

Home / Blog / About / Contact

2nd Place - Noodles Contest Carmina Ramirez-Villalobos