## RICO COLORADO TOWNSITE

### **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**

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# SOILS VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM (VCUP)

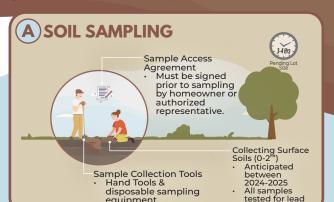


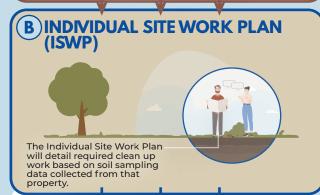




### **VCUP PROCESS**

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small bobcat-type loaders or

excavators, and hand tools.

## **A** SOIL SAMPLING

### **RESIDENTIAL SOIL SAMPLING PROCESS**

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### **SOIL SAMPLING ELIGIBILITY**



## **C VCUP PROCESS CONTINUED**

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- anticipated to be completed over a 3 to 4 year period
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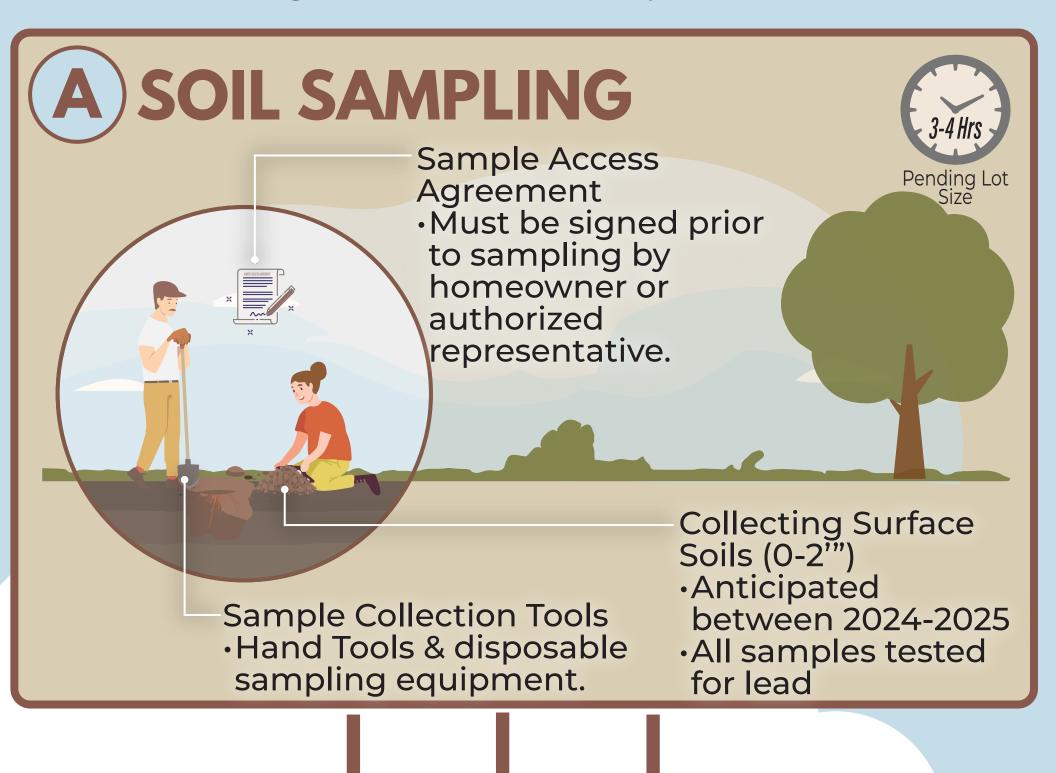
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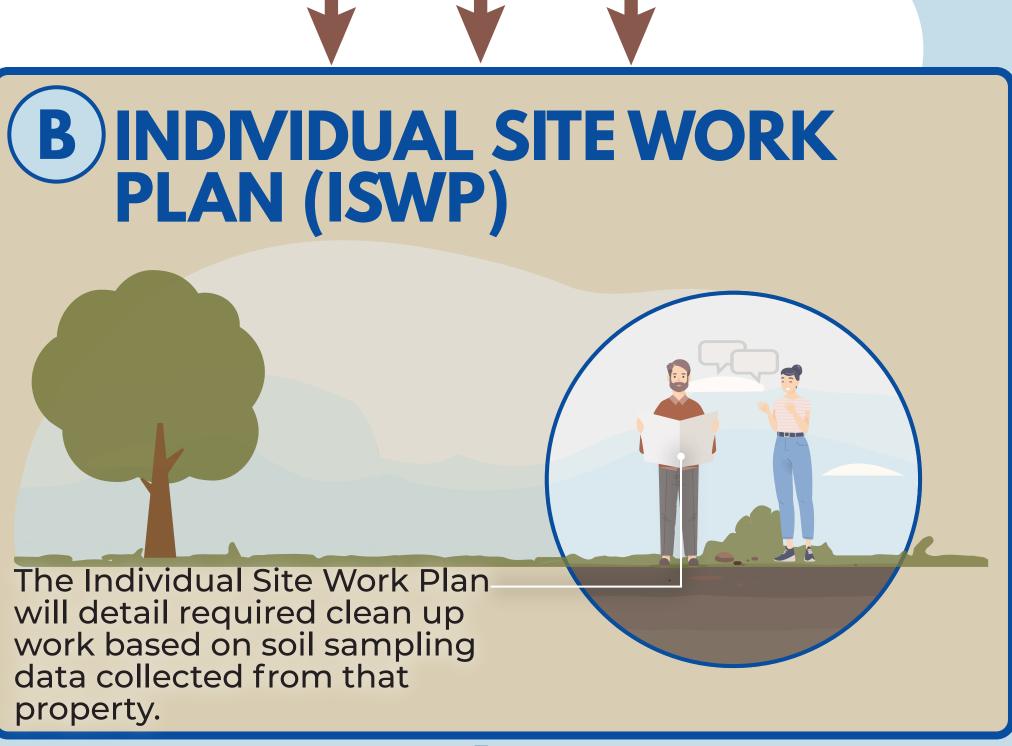


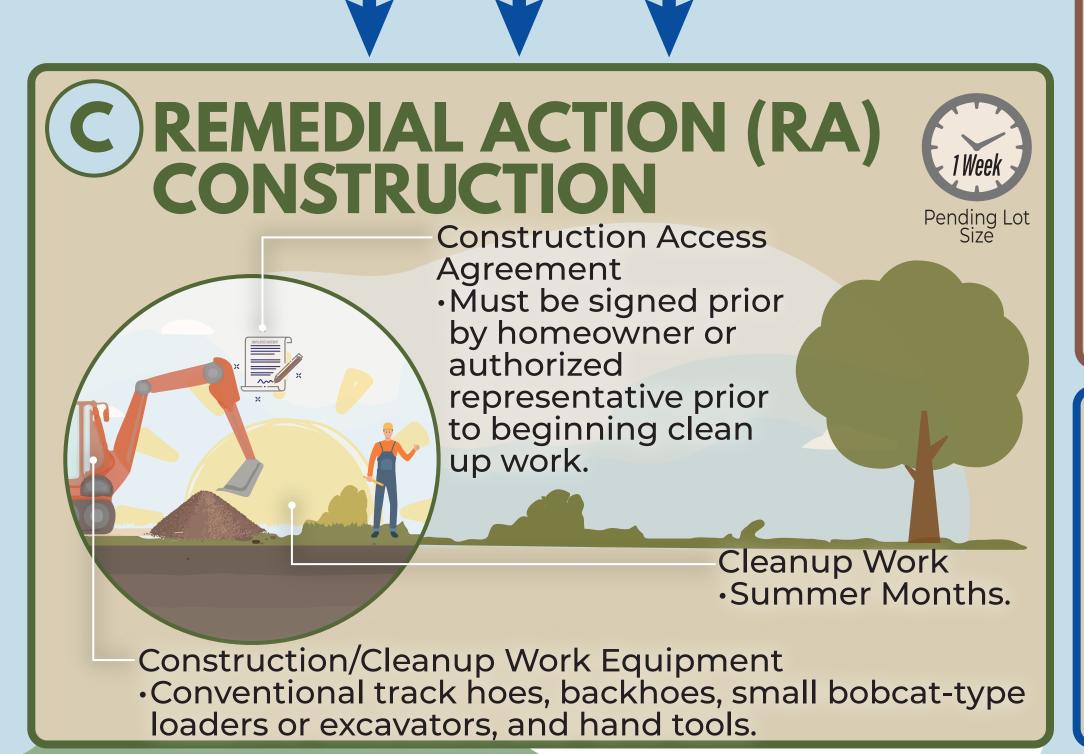
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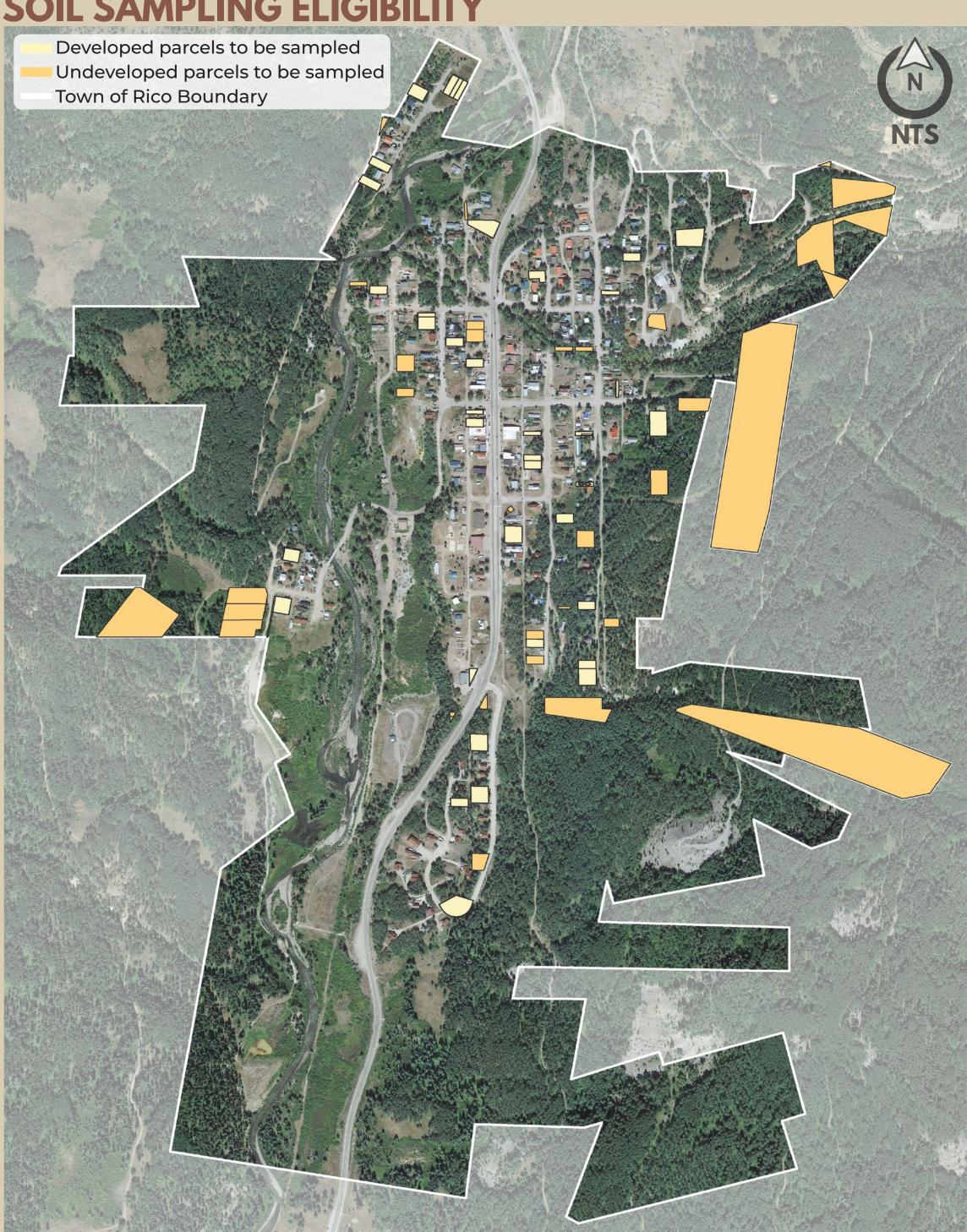
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# C) REMEDIAL ACTION (RA) CONSTRUCTION

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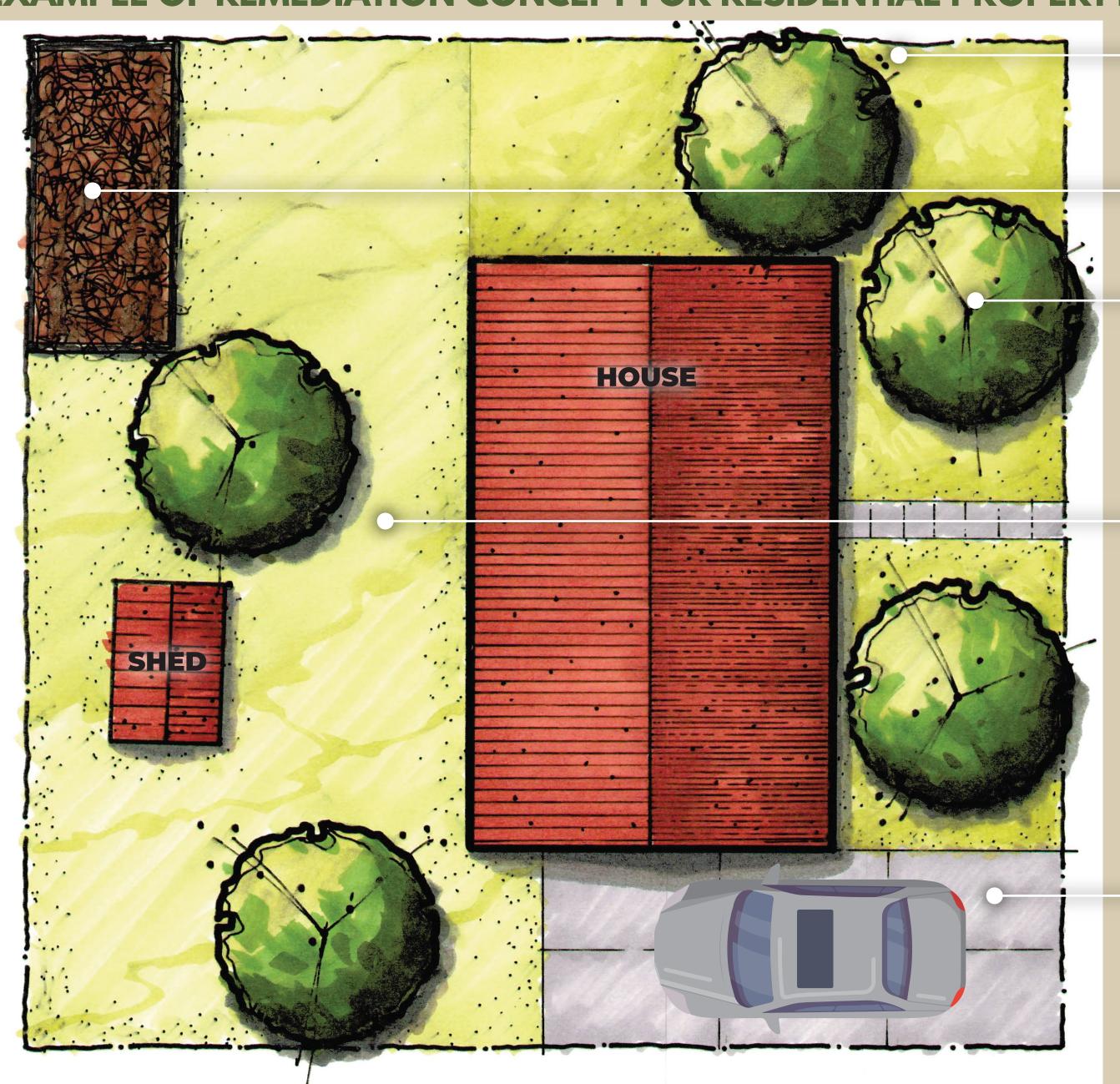
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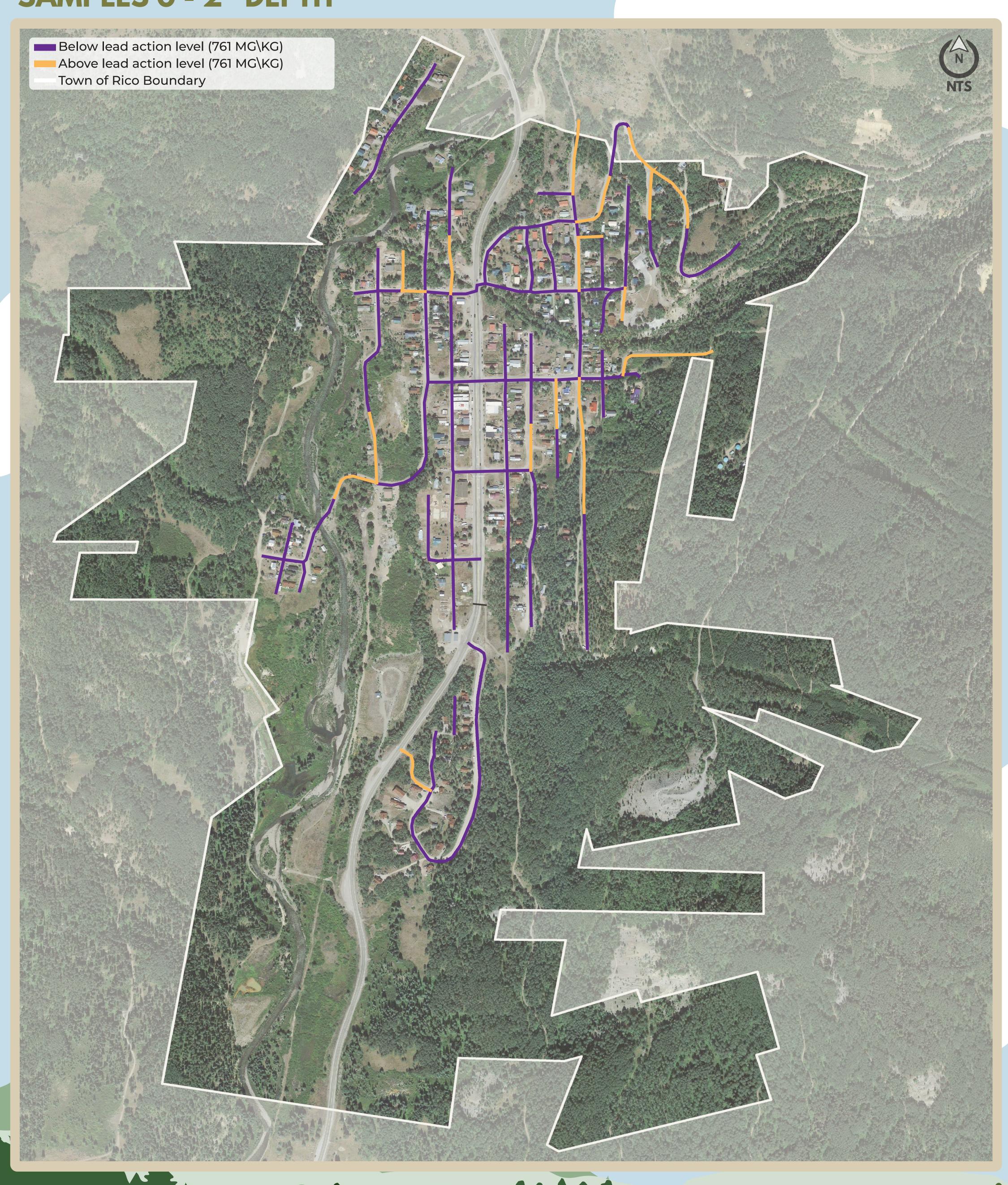




# RICO COLORADO TOWNSITE ROAD SAMPLING

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2023 LEAD CONCENTRATIONS IN UNPAVED ROAD AND ALLEY SAMPLES 0 - 2" DEPTH





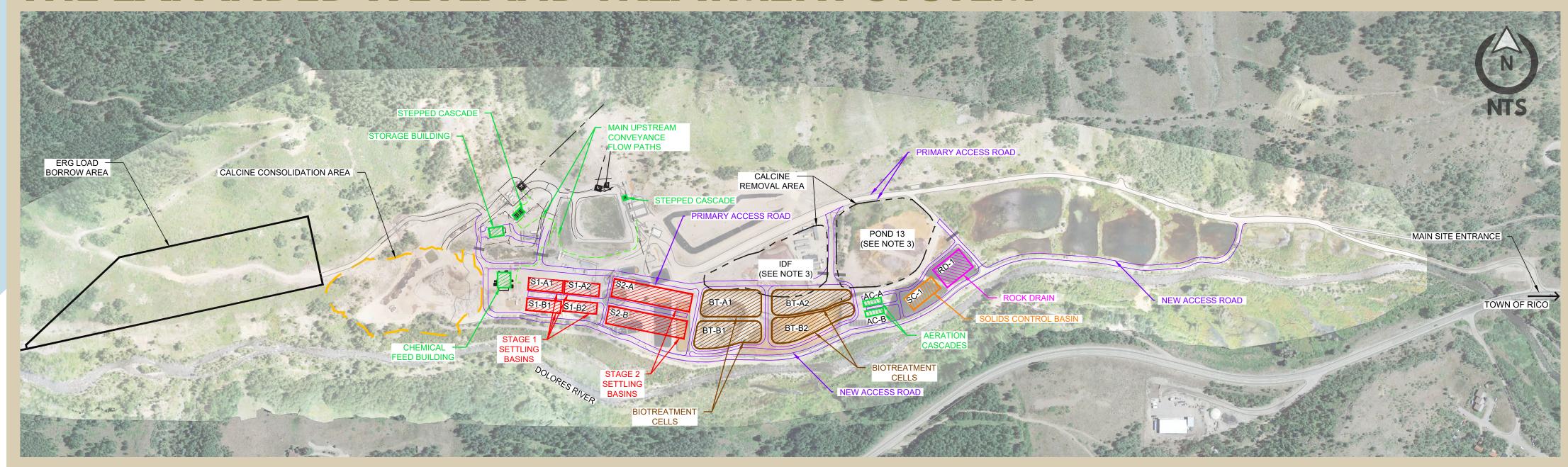
# CERCLA REMOVAL ACTION ST. LOUIS TUNNEL

# WHAT AND WHY?

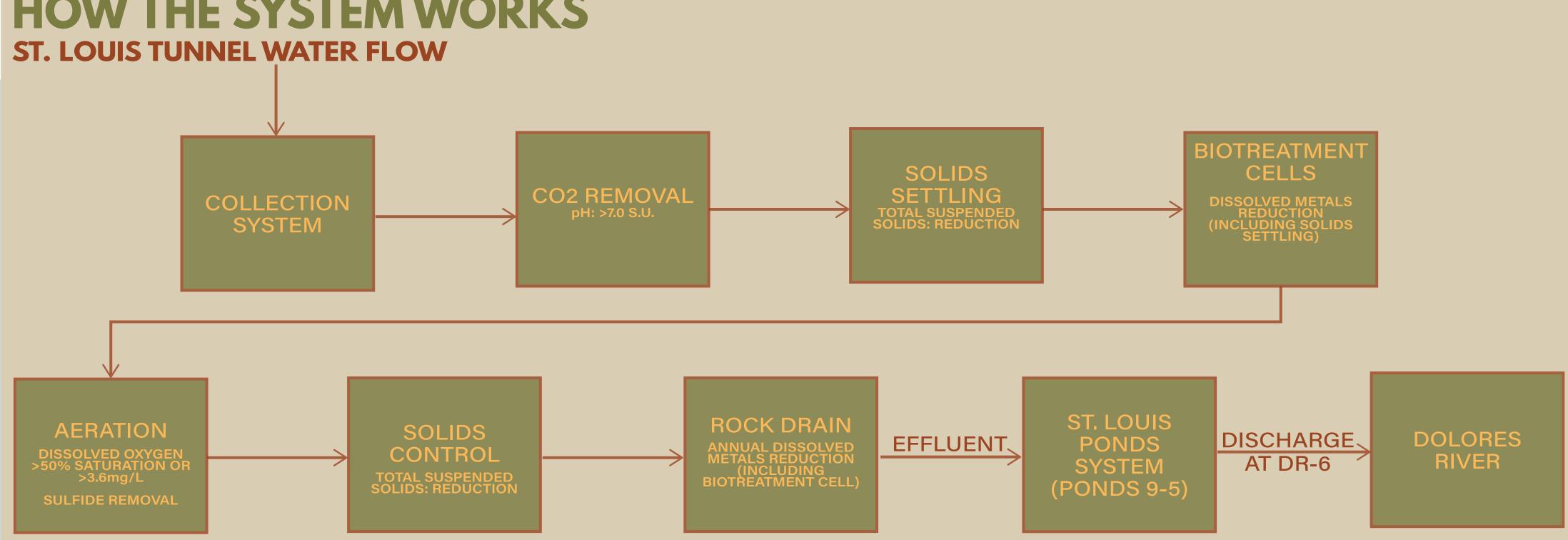
US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Atlantic Richfield Company entered into a CERCLA Administrative Order on Consent for Removal Action (AOC) in December 2021. It requires:

- · Enhanced hydraulic controls of water inside the St. Louis Tunnel (completed additional relief well, additional evaluation ongoing);
- · Expanding the water treatment system to capture and treat more of the St. Louis Tunnel water (construction in 2023 2025); and,
- · Continued solids management (treatment solids).

# THE EXPANDED WETLAND TREATMEN



# HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS



# WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM CONSTRUCTION

- · The expanded wetlands water treatment system treats flows up to 1,250 gpm and will replace the demonstration scale treatment system that has been treating up to 550 gpm.
- · This expanded wetlands water treatment system will utilize semi-passive technologies similar to those used successfully at the Site since 2014 but at a larger scale.
- · Additional site infrastructure including buildings and a new improved access road along the western edge of the Site will also be constructed. Landowner access will be maintained through the Site.
- · Completed additional relief well to better control water levels inside the St. Louis Tunnel.
- · Water quality is routinely monitored and measures implemented to protect the Dolores River during construction.
- Construction is anticipated in 2023 2025.

# If you have a question, please contact:

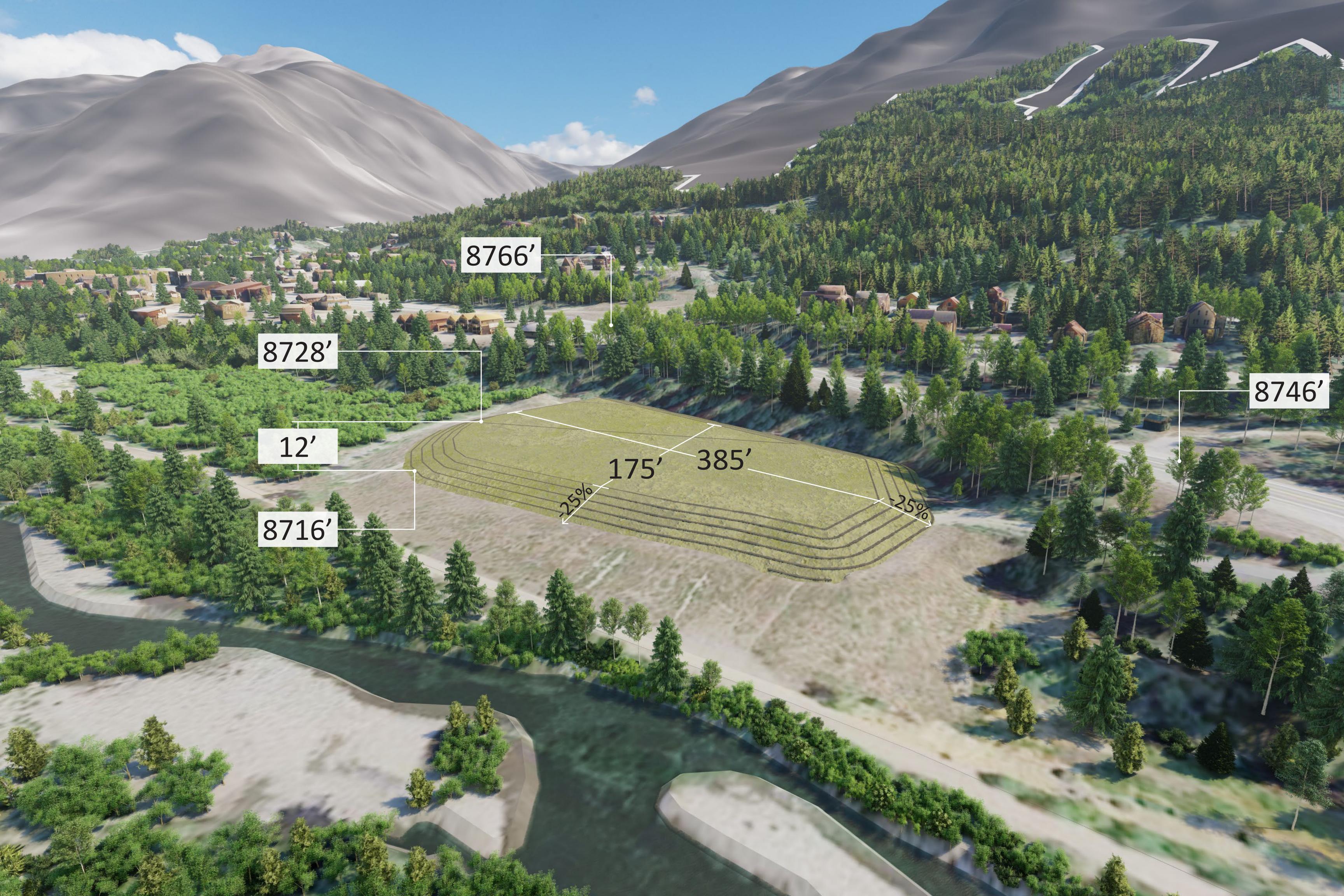
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### What is the Rico Townsite Soils VCUP?

Colorado created the VOLUNTARY CLEANUP AND REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (VCUP) in 1994 to facilitate the cleanup and redevelopment of contaminated properties. The Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) has overseen over 1,500 VCUP projects throughout Colorado since the program's inception in 1994. It is a very common way to manage contamination in Colorado.

The Rico Townsite Soils VCUP (Rico VCUP) will continue to protect public health and the environment by reducing exposure to lead soils. As with other VCUPs, CDPHE will oversee the Rico VCUP. The Rico VCUP will provide public health benefits while minimizing disruption.

### How will the Town benefit from the Rico VCUP?

Under the Rico VCUP, Atlantic Richfield (AR) will conduct soil sampling and analysis; remediate developed lots with elevated lead levels; provide funding, technical assistance, and materials for Town residents to remediate property at the time future development occurs and maintain remediated lots; provide access to a repository for disposal of lead-contaminated soil; and pay for remediation of Town roads with elevated lead levels and associated stormwater diversion.

### How will the Rico VCUP affect me?

As part of the Rico VCUP, the Town will incorporate soil management regulations into its Land Use Code that will apply to property owners digging or excavating 1 cubic yard or more of soil on their property. AR will reimburse the additional costs property owners incur to comply with these regulations. Reimbursement amounts will be determined prior to the start of the program and are referred to as "incremental costs." If your property requires cleanup under the VCUP, when the cleanup work is finished, you will receive a no further action (NFA) determination from CDPHE confirming that no additional remediation is needed to protect human health and the environment.

### What are the details of the Rico VCUP?

The Rico VCUP will proceed in three phases. In Phase I, AR will conduct soil sampling and analysis at previously unsampled properties. AR will remediate all developed properties where Phase I or other prior testing confirms that lead concentrations exceed the CDPHE-approved lead action level. AR will also work with property owners and the Town to obtain NFAs from CDPHE for remediated properties. If property owners refuse access to AR, those properties will not be

sampled or remediated during this phase. Phase I will also include remediation of road segments that contain elevated levels of lead and construction of drainage features needed to maintain road remediation. The lead action level (761 mg lead/kg soil) for road segments will be the same as the lead action level used for residential and commercial properties in Town.

Phase II will start at the same time as Phase I. In Phase II, an AR contractor will help property owners comply with the soil management regulations during initial development of un-remediated properties and soil-disturbing activities on developed properties (remediated and un-remediated). Phase II will continue for 3 years after completion of Phase I or until 15 previously undeveloped properties are remediated, whichever is later.

In Phase III, the Town will oversee the contractor helping property owners comply with the soil management regulations, with continued funding provided by AR.

Throughout the VCUP, AR will provide: access to a repository for disposal of soil with lead concentrations exceeding the action level; assistance and materials (including clean soil) for compliance with the soil management regulations; and payment of incremental costs incurred to comply with the Rico VCUP, which has no end date.

### What does the Rico VCUP mean for me?

As part of the Rico Townsite Soils Voluntary Cleanup and Redevelopment Program (Rico VCUP), the Town will adopt Soil Management Regulations that require certain steps when excavating 1 cubic yard or more of soil. Technical assistance, materials, and reimbursement will be provided by Atlantic Richfield (AR). These regulations are a key part of the Rico VCUP, because they will ensure that remediated property stays clean.

### Will the Soil Management Regulations apply to me?

The Soil Management Regulations will be part of the Rico Land Use Code and will apply to everyone in Town digging or excavating 1 cubic yard or more of soil. There are exceptions for activities such as installation of fences and porches, soil testing for new septic tanks, emergency situations, such as broken water lines, and developments on properties where prior testing confirmed that lead concentrations are below the action level.

# Will I be reimbursed for the extra costs of complying with the Soil Management Regulations?

Yes, AR will provide funding to the Town to reimburse Rico property owners for the costs of complying with these regulations. Reimbursement will be determined according to a set schedule, that adjusts for inflation, and will generally be a set dollar amount per cubic yard of soil. This will keep reimbursement equitable and simple to calculate.

### What will the Soil Management Regulations require?

Property owners and developers will have to obtain a permit per the Rico Soils Management Program (which will be created as part of the Rico VCUP) before any digging or excavation activity that will disturb 1 cubic yard or more of soil.

If the property was not previously remediated, and soil sampling data shows lead levels below the lead action level (as approved by the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE)), the property owner will receive a confirmation from the Rico Soils Management Program that no remediation is required and no permit application needs to be submitted. If soil sampling data shows lead levels above the lead action level, the property owner will need to remove the top 12 inches of soil and transport it to AR's lead soil repository north of Town or, during certain periods of VCUP work, a lead soil repository at the Columbia Tailings Site. A fabric marker and 12 inches of clean soil will be placed in the excavation area that remains exposed once developed. State and federal agencies have determined that a 12-inch layer of clean soil provides adequate protection from lead left in soils below that depth. The Rico Soils Management Program (funded by AR) will provide these materials and technical assistance.

If the property was previously remediated and already has a fabric marker and 12 inches of clean soil, the property owner/developer may (1) dig or excavate within the clean soil layer and not disturb the fabric marker; or (2) remove and stockpile the clean soil layer, conduct the digging or excavation, and replace the fabric marker and the stockpiled soil.

Disposal of soil at the repository locations will be limited to soil (excluding large rocks and other debris) that cannot be returned to an excavation and that contains lead concentrations exceeding the lead action level. However, excavated soil less than 3 cubic yards in volume and soil removed to make space for the 12-inch clean soil layer may also be disposed of at the repository locations.

# What if I do not have any plans to excavate any soil at my property where I currently live? Will the lead soil be remediated if it exceeds the action levels?

Yes. For currently developed properties with elevated lead in the soil, AR's contractor will complete the remediation with consent of the property owner, at no cost to the property owner.

### Will elevated lead in the streets be remediated?

Yes, as part of the Rico VCUP, the Town will hire a contractor to remediate the portion of Town roads and alleys where the road surface material contains lead that exceeds the CDPHE-approved lead action level. The lead action level for Town roads and alleys will be the same as the lead action level used for residential and commercial properties in Town (761 mg lead/kg soil). AR will fund this remediation, including the cost of stormwater management needed to protect the remediated areas.

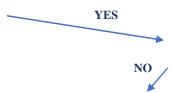
### What will the Rico Land Use Code Soil Management Regulations require?

These Regulations apply to any excavation, digging, landscaping, or similar activity that disturbs more than 1 cubic yard of soil on properties in Rico (with certain exceptions). This flow chart is intended as a general guide to the most common situations under these Regulations, and does not cover all possible circumstances or requirements. The Rico Soils Management Program will help you comply with these requirements by answering questions and providing technical support, advice, and materials. You will be reimbursed by the Soils Management Program for costs incurred to comply with the Regulations, based on a schedule of incremental costs.

Does soil sampling at the property\* show lead levels above the action level of 761 mg lead/kg soil (which has been approved by CDPHE)?

NO S

Has this property already been remediated to remove lead-contaminated soil?



Will the excavation activity go below the 12-inch clean soil cover and the fabric marker beneath it?

You must apply for and obtain a Residential No-Action Confirmation from the Rico Soils Management Program.

NO

You are not required to obtain a Soils Excavation Permit, and your excavation activity is exempt from these Regulations. Future excavation activities will be exempt as well.

However, if you encounter exposed mine waste on the property, you must comply with the provisions of these Regulations concerning disposal of mine waste.

\*If sampling data does not exist for a property, you will need to perform sampling to determine eligibility for the No-Action Confirmation or whether remediation is required. Sampling data may not exist if a property owner refused to allow access for sampling in Phase I or under certain other conditions.

You must apply for and obtain a Soils Excavation Permit from the Rico Soils Management Program.

After completing the excavation, you must return the excavated soil to the excavation (to the extent space is available), to a depth up to 12 inches below final surface grade. Any soil that cannot be returned that was removed to make space for the 12-inch clean soil cover (described below) may be brought to the lead soil repository location(s) maintained by Atlantic Richfield without additional testing. Any additional soil that cannot be returned must be tested by the Rico Soils Management Program. Soil that tests above the lead action level may be brought to the repository location(s).

After filling the excavation to 12 inches below grade, you must install a commercial-grade fabric marker and 12 inches of clean soil. Both the marker and the clean soil may be obtained from the Rico Soils Management Program.

You must submit a Cleanup Completion Report to the Rico Soils Management Program, which will issue a Cleanup Completion Certification if satisfied the activity complied with the Soils Excavation Permit. You will also work with the Rico Soils Management Program to obtain a NFA from CDPHE.

You must apply for and obtain a Conditional Cleanup Completion Certification from the Rico Soils Management Program.

When you conduct the excavation activity, you must be sure that the fabric marker and soils beneath it are not disturbed.

After completing the excavation activity, you must schedule and complete an inspection with the Rico Soils Management Program to ensure the clean soil cover and fabric marker were not disturbed. The Cleanup Completion Certification will then become final instead of conditional.

You must apply for and obtain a Soils Excavation Permit from the Rico Soils Management Program.

When you conduct the excavation activity, you must first remove the 12-inch clean soil cap and stockpile it onsite.

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### What support will Atlantic Richfield provide for the VCUP?

Atlantic Richfield (AR) and the Town are working to finalize an agreement under which AR will pay the Town to implement the Rico Townsite Soils VCUP (Rico VCUP) and provide technical and financial assistance to the Town and property owners/developers, as follows:

Funding to Town and Property Owners/Developers:

- Payment for VCUP-related start-up expenses including purchase of water meter and software to support implementation of Soil Management Regulations
- Annual lump-sum payments than can be used for certain recurring VCUP-related expenses, such as:
  - o Annual stipend of 25% of the Town Manager's salary
  - o The services of the Town's selected Subcontractor that will act as a liaison to the Soil Management Program contractor when that contractor is hired and managed by AR (Phases 1 and 2)
  - o Dust control on roads prior to completion of the road remediation
- Reimbursement to property owners for additional costs incurred to comply with Soil
  Management Regulations when development activity involves excavation of more than one
  cubic yard of soil; reimbursement will be according to a set schedule that is adjusted for
  inflation
- The full cost of the Soil Management Program contractor when that contractor is hired and managed by Town (Phase 3)
- The full cost of road remediation by the Town's selected Roads Contractor, as well as the construction of drainage features needed to protect remediated road segments
- Reimbursement of certain costs, expenses, and attorneys' fees of the Town related to implementing Soil Management Regulations

### Additional Support:

- AR will sample soil at properties not previously sampled and remediate developed properties with elevated lead levels in accordance with a site-specific work plan for each property
- AR will work with property owners to obtain "No Further Action Determinations" from the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) when soil remediation is complete on each property
- AR will maintain a lead soil repository north of Town; property owners may transport soil with elevated lead levels to the repository. Additionally, the Columbia Tailings Site (the Gazebo Property) on the south end of Town will be repaired and used as an additional lead

- soil repository during designated initial portions of the VCUP work. AR will then reclaim the Columbia Tailings Site and make it available for use by the Town as a public amenity.
- AR, through the Soil Management Program and contractor, will pay for technical assistance to property owners and Town staff managing lead-contaminated soil and will provide materials such as a fabric marker and clean fill soil
- AR will pay for and maintain a GIS database showing soil sampling results and remediation status of properties in Town, and will provide Town with access to database and training

## Anticipated VCUP Timeline

<u>2024</u> <u>2025</u> <u>2026</u> <u>2027 and forward</u>

Complete in Q2 2024:

- Finalize VCUP and Funding Agreement
- Adopt Soil Management Regulations into Land use Code

VCUP Phase 1: AR samples unsampled lots and remediates developed properties, if necessary (with consent of owner)

Continues until work complete (estimated 2024-2026)

VCUP Phase 2: Soil Management Regulations in place and property owners receive incremental funding and technical support as lead soils are managed for excavation. Soil Management Program Contractor is funded and managed by AR

Continues for 3 years or until 15 properties are developed (whichever is longer)

Summer 2025: Road remediation, supervised by Town and funded by AR

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VCUP Phase 3: Soil Management Regulations in place and property owners receive incremental funding and technical support as lead soils are managed for excavation. Soil Management Program Contractor funded by AR and managed by the Town

Begins when Phase 2 ends (could begin as early as 2026)