

Sam Jones

Hi, my name is Sam Jones. I am writing today to express my concerns about this toxic waste site. I grew up a few blocks from this site. We called the Tar Pit. It was a pond filled with what looked to be tar that never solidified. For me this was known as the forbidden zone. We were told it was dangerous because one of us could fall in it as kids. We were never told of the dangers of being exposed to it. Most people would not understand the magnitude of this tar pond. It was not small. It was eventually covered, but not forgotten. The vegetation in that area tells the story. I am surprised it has been this long to come up with a plan to clean it up or at the very least fence it off so no one can get to it. I can only imagine what it would unleash into the surrounding area if dug up. Now the HRA wants to build a large subsidized apartment complex near an industrial waste site? How could anyone have thought this was ok? Now they have broken ground on a road that will lead to said apartment complex before this area has been cleaned up or fenced off. In my opinion the best option would be to fence it off and never touch it. I do not want my parents (whom live right near there) or any of my former neighbors exposed to dust or runoff that may come from there if it is dug up. Also this could possibly be the worst place to put an apartment complex. Next to a toxic waste dump. Save the environment, exposure to workers, residents and money by putting up a fence and halting the construction of the apartment complex. Thank you.