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Performance Award — Wellesley College Paint Shop Pond Remediation and Playing Fields, Wellesley

Owner: Wellesley College

Designer: Haley & Aldrich, Inc.

Contractor: Richard White Sons

Turning a liability into an asset was the goal of this project. Wellesley College purchased the property in the 1930s, unaware that there were highly toxic contaminants on the site as a result of years of use by a paint factory. Working with many regulatory agencies over a 20-year period, cleanup plans were

developed to remediate the site - one of the worst hazardous waste sites in Massachusetts.

The contractor, with long-standing ties to the College, assembled a team of experts to determine the extent of contamination, stabilize the hazardous compounds, identify the impact to the wetlands and present

options for land reuse. Working with the assembled team, alternative remediation scenarios and costs were developed and an on-site cleanup plan was devised. This solution satisfied all parties including the regulatory agencies that had mandated the cleanup and the College was able to reclaim the land for athletic purposes.