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Dear East Sacramento Community:

This is an update regarding the Mercy General Hospital (MGH) and Sacred Heart Parish School (SHPS) Mixed-Use construction project. We want to inform you that we are moving forward in our efforts in soil remediation at the SHPS site. In the last few weeks, work has been under way to remove the chemicals Dieldrin and Chlordane from the construction site. The Dieldrin/Chlordane remediation work is making significant progress, with completion expected in the next few weeks.

Today, remediation efforts began to remove the hazardous levels of lead that were found in the soil around and under the Bunya Bunya tree, near the corner of 39<sup>th</sup> and H Streets. The removal of the Bunya tree was necessary to ensure complete removal of the lead from the soil that surrounded the base of the tree. The lead remediation effort is scheduled to take a few weeks.

We have reserved wood from the Bunya Bunya tree to create a commemorative bench that will be placed on either the schools or hospital's campus. Additionally, we will work with the City of Sacramento on selecting a suitable replacement tree to be planted on site.

The next public meeting to discuss construction activity is the "Neighborhood Advisory Committee" (NAC) meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2009, at 5:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish School Cafeteria. All are welcome.

If you would like additional information about the construction project in the meantime, please see the construction updates on the Mercy General Hospital Web site at [www.mercygeneral.org](http://www.mercygeneral.org) under "Neighborhood News", call the Construction Information Line at 916.552.6931, or submit your question via email at [mghconstruction@chw.edu](mailto:mghconstruction@chw.edu).

Sincerely,

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