

Timeline of Ringwood Mines/Landfill Superfund Site

1965: Ford (Ringwood Realty Co.) purchases approximately 900 acres from Pittsburgh Pacific Mines Co. (see Property Transfer Log)

Nov 1965: Ringwood Realty Co. sells 5 acres to Jersey Central Power and Light Company. (see Property Transfer Log and 1965 Deed)

Feb 1966: Ringwood Realty Co. sells land to High Point Homes. (see Property Transfer Log and February 1966 Deed)

Nov 1969: Ringwood Realty Co. sells 87 acres to High Point Homes. (See Property Transfer Log and 1969 Deed)

May 1970: Ringwood Realty Co. sells 207 acres to PSE&G. (See Property Transfer Log and May 1970 Deed)

June 1970: Ringwood Realty Co. sells 18 acres to High Point Homes. (See Property Transfer Log and June 1970 Deed)

Nov 1970: Ringwood Realty Co. gifts 290 acres to Ringwood Solid Waste Management Authority. (See Property Transfer Log and November 1970 Deed)

Nov 1970: Ringwood Realty Co. sells 122 acres to High point Homes (See Property Transfer Log and November (1) Deed)

1971: Ford changes hauling contractors from O'Connor to ISA. Is able to secure a permit to dump at O'Connor Disposal Area but is wary of regulations to be followed as per the North District Water Supply Commission and decides to back out of its agreement with Ford. (See Permitting Letters)

Aug 1972: RSWMA gifts 8 acres to How To

Dec 1973: Ringwood Realty Co. gifts 35 acres to How To. (See Property Transfer Log and December 1973 Deed)

Dec 1973: Ringwood Realty Co. gifts to State of New Jersey. (See Property Transfer Log and December 1973 (1) Deed)

Dec 1981: RSWMA transfers its land to the Borough of Ringwood (See December 1981 Deed)

Dec 1981: Borough of Ringwood acquires How-To land via tax foreclosure (See Tax Foreclosure)

Dec 1982: EPA press release announcing 418 possible Superfund sites, Ringwood included. This list becomes the National Priority List in 1983. Ringwood is list in Sept 1983. (See [listing under "Ringwood Mines/Landfill"](#))

1993: EPA begins the delisting process for the Site. (See Delisting Notices) The site is delisted in 1994.

Sept 1993: Consent Decree (settlement of EPA vs. Ford and the Borough) declares that Ford is responsible for \$435,600 and the Borough for \$144,700 of EPA's oversight costs. (See 1993 Consent Decree documents)

1994-2001: EPA directs Ford to complete 3 more clean ups

Sept 2005: EPA issues order to the Borough to cooperate with Ford in remediation of the Site ([Consent Order, Order begins on page 9](#))

Oct 2005: Council passes resolution to relist the Site; EPA relists. (See 2005 Resolution)

2006: Toxic Tort Lawsuit filed against Ford and its agencies as well as the Borough of Ringwood.

2007: Joe Maraziti insists on Insurance Policies. Borough Clerk finds insurance policies and evidence begins of insurance non-compliance and refusal of coverage. (See Insurance Documents and Reservation of Rights)

Aug 2009: Toxic Tort Lawsuit settled.

2012: Scott Heck flies to Dearborn Michigan to present Ford with a damage claim.

May 10, 2012: Special meeting in which Borough professionals discusses the feasibility of capping vs. excavation. A recycling center was NOT mentioned. ([Minutes](#))

2013: EPA submits a Proposed Plan to the National Remedy Review Board. In which a partial clean up of Peter's and Cannon Mines and a full clean up of O'connor is suggested. The NRRB responds with its concerns regarding the Plan, and Walter Mugdan responds to the NRRB.

([Proposed Plan](#))

([NRRB response to Proposed Plan](#))

([Walter Mudgan's response to NRRB response](#))

Sept 2013: Borough proposes a recycling center to the EPA.

2014: EPA issued an Administrative Consent Order. This is the most recent document which names the Borough as a Potentially Responsible Party. (See 2014 Borough Consent Order)

2015: Borough and EPA finds 1,4 dioxane at the Site. More tests are conducted to confirm its presence and to determine how to handle it.

2016: The Record reports the presence of 1,4 dioxane before are able to make recommendations on the situation.

2016: Scott Heck sends two letters to the EPA regarding the EPA's lack of communication with the residents of Ringwood and their handling of the 1,4 dioxane information. (see Letters from Scott Heck)