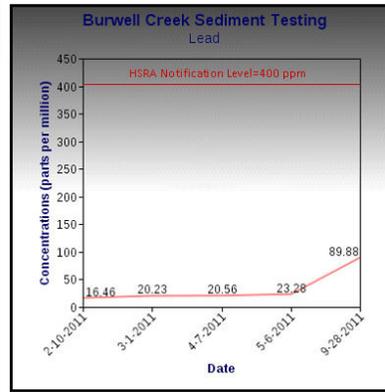
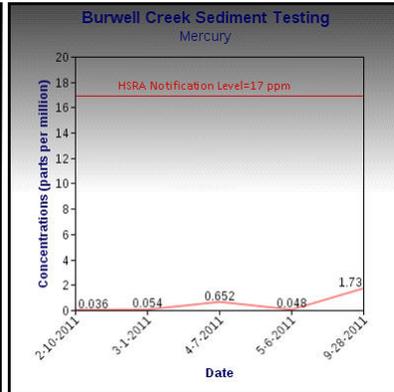
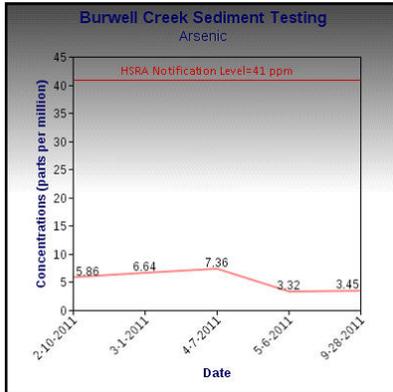


**Contaminants at the Burwell Creek Property:**

Because of the presence of the abandoned city landfill, there are contaminants found in the soil and groundwater, but the level of contamination is limited. Since 1992, some 1,695 analyses for various hazardous waste have been conducted. Of those, only 16 turned up hazardous material that exceeded HSRA notification concentrations (levels that would trigger a hazardous waste clean up). Contaminants have been found in groundwater at the site, but no residents in the area rely on this groundwater for their water supply. To date, neither Ledbetter Properties or the City of Rome have conducted

tests on Burwell Creek to determine if any contamination exists in the creek. In 2011, CRBI collected sediment samples from the creek which were analyzed by the University of Georgia for lead, mercury and arsenic. These tests show no significant contamination (see graphs).



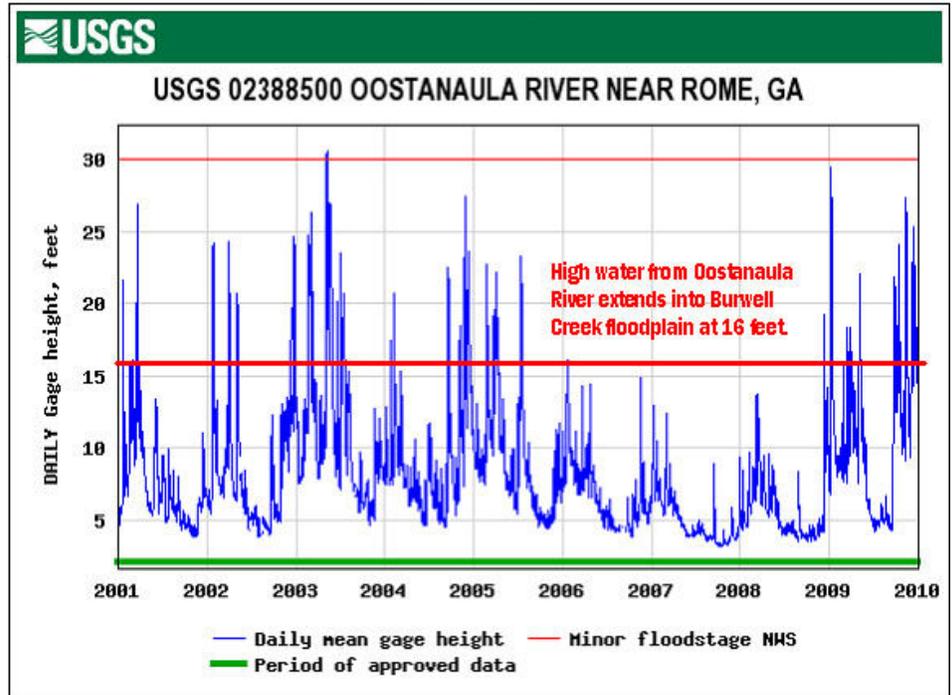
EPA has labeled the site “NFRAP”—No Further Remedial Action Planned, meaning that EPA has no plans to force the City of Rome to initiate a clean up of the landfill.

**Floodplain Impacts:**

Of the property’s 60 acres, 47.9 acres lie within the 100-year floodplain. This property holds significant amounts of water during high water periods on the Oostanaula River. In 2009, the property flooded on 15 occasions. During December 2009, the development site was underwater for 25 days.

In the critical wetlands area adjacent to Burwell Creek that are to be filled, floodwaters rise more than nine feet above the current grade. At such times, virtually the entire development site can be paddled in a canoe or kayak. These flood events occur regularly.

The graph at right documents the flood events from 2001-2010 that would impact the development site.



**Contact You City Commissioner:**

Please contact your city commissioners and encourage them to re-evaluate this development proposal and consider alternative site plans. Please be courteous in your communication. These individuals volunteer their time to serve their community.

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