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Whitman Cleans Up at Former TV Town and Sports Complex

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NORTHVALE, N.J.--Whitman recently completed environmental work at the site of the Rio Vista Greens adult residential community, remediating soil and groundwater contamination that was the result of leaking underground storage tanks.

The six-acre parcel in Bergen County served as the fictional town of Stuckeyville, Ohio on the Golden Globe-nominated sitcom "Ed," which aired on NBC from 2000-2004. During the 1960s, the site had been used as a premiere sports complex, featuring a bowling alley, indoor tennis facility, basketball and other sports.

The owner of the property also operated a land development and construction business on site, which contained 2,000-gallon gasoline, diesel, waste oil and other unregulated underground storage tanks. Over the years, as the sport complex was expanded, new buildings were placed on top of these storage tanks, which eventually leaked benzene and other contaminants into the soil and groundwater.

Rio Vista undertook the rezoning of the land for the 88-unit community that includes a three-story clubhouse, pool and other recreational facilities as well as townhouses and apartment style units, and voluntarily remediated the land while obtaining site approvals.

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