### **Construction of Land-Based Support Facility to Continue in Spring 2018**

Arconic will continue staging area construction and other preparations this spring that will support future in-water work on the Grasse River remediation project. Arconic began construction of the staging area, located at the intersection of Route 131 and Country Route 42, in 2017. The staging area will be used to unload sediments dredged from the nearshore areas of the river and to load clean capping and backfill materials that will be placed in the river during the in-water portion of the project. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is the lead agency overseeing the work with involvement from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) and the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT) Environment Division.

2017 construction work included clearing and grading, and installation of fencing, a water transfer line, road ways, scales and construction trailers, electrical supply and distribution, and approximately half of the sheet pile wall along the river. Arconic also expanded the secure landfill on its property to safely store dredged material from the river during in-river work. The secure landfill has been used in the past for disposal of sediments from the Grasse River and is designed to safely contain dredged sediments.

2018 Grasse River activities are expected to include:

- Completion of the sheet pile wall along the staging area riverfront and construction of a dock facility.
- Removal of a small amount of sediments along the shoreline at the staging area and soil in areas along the north shore of the river near the Alcoa Bridge.
- Re-opening of the secure landfill for the disposal of shoreline sediments and soils.
- Performing an in-river capping test targeted for small areas near the staging area to verify construction sequencing for the armor cap in certain areas of the river.

A final design for the in-river portion of the remediation project is still under development and no start date has yet been determined. We will provide additional updates as the project develops. For details on the scope of the remedial action, please visit the Grasse River website: <a href="https://www.thegrasseriver.com">www.thegrasseriver.com</a>.

## **Community Health and Safety**

Community health and safety will be an important focus during the execution of the 2018 work. Community Health and Safety Plans are under development and will be posted on the project website: <a href="www.thegrasseriver.com">www.thegrasseriver.com</a>. Specific efforts include development of traffic plans and environmental monitoring plans. The 2018 work will result in an increased level of truck traffic at and near the staging area and potentially the Alcoa Bridge, and we ask that you exercise caution when driving in the vicinity. Arconic is working with the contractor and local authorities to limit the impact of construction to residents. The majority of the 2018 work, except for environmental monitoring activities and in-river capping test, will be done from the land. We do not expect this work to impact recreational boating.



#### **For More Information**

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Additional project information is also available on Arconic's Grasse River website at <a href="https://www.thegrasseriver.com">www.thegrasseriver.com</a>.

Additional EPA information about the Grasse River Superfund site is available at:

https://www.epa.gov/ny/aluminum-company-america-massena-ny

Note: In November 2016, Alcoa successfully separated into two companies—Alcoa Corp. and Arconic. Upon separation, the Massena West forgings and extrusions operation became part of Arconic, which assumed responsibility for the Grasse River remediation project under the 2013 Record of Decision (ROD) issued by the EPA. Our commitment to the remediation project is unchanged by the separation.



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# **Public Information Meeting:**

The EPA will host a public information meeting during construction to provide interested residents an opportunity to ask questions about the 2018 construction activities. The meeting will be held:

May 16 - Massena: 7-8pm, Massena Community Center, Community Room, 61 Beach Street, Massena