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Eco-troublesome facility moving out of Meadowlands

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A recycling business that was the source of environmental concerns and noise complaints -- not to mention several fines -- is moving out of the Meadowlands.

Bedroc Contracting has sold its Lyndhurst property to Hackensack-headquartered Russo Development, Mayor Richard DiLascio confirmed.

Russo owns several commercial and office space facilities in Carlstadt, as well as space at a Saw Mill Park development in Kearny, which houses its largest tenant, Pepsi.

Russo closed on a sale for the Bedroc property in early September, DiLascio said.

Township officials and residents in the Bedroc area have been concerned over the stone crushing operations at the property and heavy truck traffic along Orient Way.

The property is directly behind the new recreational facilities, and township officials had retained an environmental attorney to help with a push to close the facility -- or, at least, cease the concrete crushing.

DiLascio is unsure what Russo plans for the site. However, he said, the current building on the property would be demolished and extensive cleanup efforts would have to take place before any development could follow.

Brian Aberback, a spokesman for the New Jersey Meadowlands Commission (NJMC), said the agency hadn't received any official notice of a sale. Staff there intends to review the file of Bedroc's violations to determine the appropriate action at that time, whether they needed to be paid or not.

Frank Weidner, owner of Bedroc, is currently appealing a \$2,000 fine the NJMC levied in April. Two other \$2,000 fines are still outstanding.

Calls to Weidner and Ed Russo, president of Russo Development, weren't immediately returned today.