

Prince Georges County	
Pre-1966	Property was undeveloped.
1966	Four commercial buildings constructed on the property.
1997	An environmental site assessment revealed PCE in the soil and groundwater.
2/1998	The owner applied to the VCP.
10/1998	Maryland Department of the Environment approved the application and issued a No Further Requirements Determination.

RIVERDALE PLAZA SHOPPING CENTER
5601-5851 Riverdale Road
and 5603 Kenilworth Avenue
Riverdale, Maryland

(Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Site Description

The 11-acre property, owned by Riverdale Plaza Shopping Center Limited Partnership, consists of four commercial buildings, including a twenty-three tenant strip mall, a two story building used as a theatre, an automobile service facility, a restaurant, and a vacant building formerly occupied by a bank. The property is bound by residences and commercial businesses to the north, south, and west, and St. Bernard's Church and School to the east.

Site History

The property consisted of woodlands and cultivated land prior to the construction of the shopping center in 1966. The property has been used as a shopping center since the four commercial buildings were constructed in 1966. The strip mall is occupied by commercial and retail stores and restaurants, including Riverdale Plaza Cleaners, a commercial dry cleaning facility. An October 1997 Phase I environmental site assessment of the shopping center recommended that further investigation and sampling be performed in the vicinity of Riverdale Plaza Cleaners. The Phase I identified the dry cleaning facility as a potential area of concern because of the use and storage of tetrachloroethene (PCE), a cleaning solvent commonly used in the dry cleaning business. Soil and groundwater samples collected in October and November 1997 revealed PCE in the soil and groundwater in the vicinity of the dry cleaners.

Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) Status

On February 17, 1998, Riverdale Plaza Shopping Center Limited Partnership submitted an application to the VCP seeking a No Further Requirements Determination as a responsible person. The Department notified the applicant that additional sampling and other information were required to complete the application. The applicant subsequently submitted the additional information to complete the application.

On October 8, 1998, the Department approved the application and issued a No Further Requirements Determination on condition that the property be used only for industrial or commercial uses in the future. Use of the groundwater beneath the site is not permitted for any purpose.

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