

Facts About...

Liberty Plaza Shopping Center (Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Site Location

The Liberty Plaza Shopping Center property, totaling 25.885-acres, is located at 8700 and 8710 Liberty Road, 8701-8725 Liberty Plaza Mall (odd numbers), 8624-8732 Liberty Plaza Mall (even numbers) and 3615 Brenbrook Road in Randallstown, Baltimore County, Maryland. The property is improved with four commercial buildings and is utilized as a commercial shopping center, with dry cleaning and commercial retail operations, restaurants, a bank and a gasoline filing station and automobile service station.

The site is bordered to the north by Church Lane, beyond which are residential properties, to the south by Liberty Road and various commercial properties, to the west by Brenbrook Drive and to the east by an undeveloped wooded area and a commercial shopping center.

Topographically, the site slopes to the south. The nearest surface water body is Bens Run, located approximately 2,300 feet to the south. The property and vicinity are served by pubic water and sewer.

Site History

The property was agricultural land until the early 1960s. The shopping center was constructed in the early 1960s and was expanded and/or renovated in the 1970s, 1980s, 2002 and 2006. A historic dry cleaning operation was located in the northern building from 1964 to 1986. An active dry cleaning operation was located in the eastern building from 1987 onward. This dry cleaning operation has moved from the eastern building to a new building located in the southern portion of the site.

Environmental Investigations

Past environmental investigations include a subsurface soil sampling conducted in 1995. Soil and shallow ground water sampling conducted in June 2005 indicated the presence of chlorinated solvents in the shallow ground water. Ten monitoring wells completed between 15 to 30 feet below grade were installed in November 2005. Additional soil sampling was conducted in December 2005 from 56 soil borings. Two deeper wells (56 and 69 feet below grade) installed into the underlying bedrock were installed in December 2005. Elevated levels of chlorinated solvents were detected in wells located near the historical dry cleaning operation. Eighteen additional monitoring wells were installed during the Phase III investigation conducted in January and February 2006.

As requested by the VCP, supplemental shallow and deep ground water samples were obtained in August 2009.

Current Status

On December 20, 2007, Centro Properties Group submitted an application to the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) as a responsible person, seeking a Certificate of Completion. The property was accepted for participation in the VCP on March 10, 2010 and the applicant notified that a Response

Action Plan must be developed to address potential risks associated with vapor intrusion associated with the chlorinated solvents detected in the soil and groundwater at the site. Planned future land use is Tier 2B Commercial. A RAP to address the soil and soil vapor issues was submitted to the Department on April 29, 2011. A RAP to address the ground water issues will be submitted at a later date. A public informational meeting will be held on May 26, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Randallstown Community Center Building located at 3505 Resource Drive in Randallstown, Maryland.

Contact

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