

Facts About...

5600 Lombard Street (Brownfields site)

Site Location

The site is located at 5600 Lombard Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21224. The property is bordered to the north and east by the Penn Central Railroad, to the south by Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center and Lombard Street and to the west by LUI Corporation. This site is approximately 11 acres in size.

Site History

Site use prior to 1979 is unknown. From 1979 to 1982, Potts and Callahan (a construction company) owned the property and at some point used it to temporarily stockpile soils from a sediment cleanout of Herring Run for Baltimore County. In 1982, the property was purchased by Beltway Partnership, but it is not known how the purchaser used the site. In 1986, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore purchased the property and subsequently leased the property to Picorp, Inc.

Environmental Investigations and Action

Baltimore Development Corporation contracted with Spotts, Stevens and McCoy in 1995 to conduct an environmental investigation of the site. Several semi-volatile organic compounds were detected subsurface samples above the screening levels used at that time.

In 1996, the Baltimore Development Corporation requested that the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) conduct a Brownfields Assessment of the subject property. Surface soil, surface water and sediment samples were collected. Several polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons and metals were detected that exceeded the screening levels. However, the toxicological evaluation indicated that all risks fall within acceptable levels.

Current Status

The Brownfields Assessment conducted by MDE did not identify any environmental conditions requiring Departmental action. The site is currently leased to Picorp, Inc. for the storage of shipping containers and trailers.

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