

Facts About...

Columbia Palace 9 Plaza Property (Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Site Location:

This 11.1-acre property, located at 8755, 8765 and 8775 Centre Park Drive in Howard County, is bordered to the east by Centre Park Drive; to the west by light industrial facilities; to the north by multi-story commercial office space and retail shopping areas and to the south by Route 108 (Old Annapolis Road).

Topographically, the property generally slopes toward the southwest. The site is underlain by fill material and residual silty micaceous soil developed from the underlying Guilford Granite. Perched groundwater is encountered approximately 3 to 4 feet below ground surface. The site and vicinity receive public water and sanitary sewer services.

<u>Site History:</u>

Improvements on the property include a shopping center, which is comprised of three separate structures on the southern portion of the property. The northern portion of the property, which formerly housed a movie theater complex that was demolished in 2002, is currently a grocery store and retail center.

In early 1984, Peter Kirk purchased the property from Vincent Mianulli. The property was transferred to the Columbia Place Limited Partnership, LLP. in late 1984. The shopping center complex in the southern portion of the property was built in 1993 and currently includes dry cleaning, retail stores, restaurants, and offices.

Environmental Investigations and Actions:

Environmental investigations conducted in 2003 identified tetrachloroethane, a common dry cleaning solvent, in soil and groundwater.

Current Status:

On July 23, 2003, Columbia Palace Limited Partnership, LLP submitted a VCP application seeking a No Further Requirements Determination as a responsible person. The Department issued a No Further Requirements Determination on September 24, 2003 contingent upon future commercial/industrial use of the property and a prohibition on the use of groundwater beneath the property for any purpose.

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