

Facts About...

Lot 2 "Site F" Governor William Donald Schaeffer Office Site (Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Site Location

The Lot 2 Governor William Donald Schaeffer State Office Building Site (also known as Site "F") is approximately 0.84-acres and is located at the intersection of East Street and Commerce Street in the southeast section of the city of Frederick, Frederick County, Maryland 21701. The property is located in a mixed commercial/residential area and is bounded to the north by All Saints Street, to the south by Commerce Street, to the east by East Street and to the west by the Governor William Donald Schaeffer State Office Building and South Carroll Street beyond. The closest body of water is Carroll Creek, which is located approximately four hundred feet north of the property boundary. Surface drainage and runoff appears to flow eastward, parallel with Carroll Creek.

Site History

Former uses of the property include a maintenance and repair facility for the Baltimore and Ohio B&O railroad, coal storage facility and stockyard. The Lot 2 property was used as a B&O rail yard from the mid-1800s until 1920. Southern States Cooperative occupied the property between 1920 and 1971. From 1971 to present, the site has remained an asphalt parking lot for the adjacent Governor William Donald Schaeffer State Office Building. The site is currently owned by the City of Frederick and is used as a vehicle parking lot.

Environmental Actions and Investigations

In 2003, Maryland Department of the Environment's (MDE) Brownfields/Site Assessment Section completed a Phase II Brownfields Assessment for the property. This investigation revealed elevated levels of metals in the soil and ground water.

Current Status

On July 26, 2005, One Commerce Plaza submitted a Voluntary Cleanup Program application seeking a Certificate of Completion as an inculpable person. Future property use is indicated as Tier 2 commercial. The Department accepted the property into the VCP on September 21, 2005. On August 21, 2006, the Department received a proposed response action plan and the required public meeting was held on August 31, 2006. On February 20, 2007, the revised RAP was approved. The Department is currently awaiting RAP addendums prior to initiation of on-site activities.

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