



Facts About...

Wilkens Beltway Plaza Shopping Center (Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Site Location

The Wilkens Beltway Plaza property, totaling approximately 11.89 acres, consists of four parcels located at 4600 Wilkens Avenue in Baltimore, Maryland: Parcel A (7.154 acres) and Parcel C (0.82 acres), 4660 Wilkens Avenue: Lot 2 (1.67 acres), 4700 Wilkens Avenue: Parcel B (1.21 acres), and one contiguous parcel located at 817 Maiden Choice Lane: Lot 1 (1.03 acres). The property is located in a mixed commercial and residential area and is bound to the north by Charlestown Retirement Center, to the south by Wilkens Avenue and residential areas beyond, to the east by a vacant wooded lot with a stormwater retention basin and to the west by Maiden Choice Lane with residential areas beyond. The topography slopes gently to the north and groundwater is located approximately six feet below grade.

Site History

The Wilkens Beltway Plaza property was a baseball field prior to the construction of the retail shopping center in 1980. The Betty Brite dry cleaning facility has operated at the shopping center since that time. The shopping center currently includes three office buildings, two banking facilities, a Giant food store, a dry cleaner and other retail shops.

Environmental Investigations

In 1999, a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) identified historic dry cleaning operations as a potential environmental concern for the property. In 2003, a Phase II ESA confirmed the presence of tetrachloroethene (PCE) in soil and groundwater beneath the property. In 2005, further investigations conducted revealed slightly elevated levels of tetrachloroethene in the groundwater beneath the property. In 2006, sub-slab soil gas sampling revealed elevated levels of chlorinated solvents were contained beneath the Betty Brite dry cleaner tenant space.

Current Status

On August 10, 2004, a Voluntary Cleanup Program application was submitted by Kensington Associates LLC seeking a No Further Requirements Determination (NFRD) as a responsible person for a future commercial use of the property. On June 5, 2006, the Department issued a No Further Requirements Determination for restricted commercial or industrial use of the property along with a change of occupancy requirement for tenant space #4638.

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