



# ***Facts About...***

4500 and 4504 Harford Road  
(Voluntary Cleanup Program)

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## **Site Location**

The 4500 and 4504 Harford Road property is comprised of two parcels totaling approximately 0.57 acres in a mixed-use residential and commercial area in Baltimore City. At the time of the Voluntary Cleanup Program application, the 4500 Harford Road parcel (Parcel 1) was a vacant former auto repair facility/gasoline service station and the 4504 Harford Road parcel (Parcel 2) was a vacant grass covered lot formerly occupied by a three-story private residence.

The site is bordered to the east by Harford Road, to the west by residential development, to the north by a commercial site and to the south by Montebello Terrace. Lake Montebello is located approximately three quarters of a mile southwest of the site. The site receives public water and sanitary sewer services.

## **Site History**

The 1928 Sanborn Map indicates a residence was present on Parcel 2, while Parcel 1 was undeveloped. A review of available historical records indicates Parcel 1 appears to have been utilized as a gasoline service station as early as 1950. In 1990, three 6,000-gallon gasoline underground storage tanks (USTs) were removed from a tank field located on the southern portion of Parcel 1. In August 2004, the site was acquired by the City of Baltimore.

## **Environmental Investigations and Actions**

In April 2005, test pits were completed within the following areas: the area formerly containing the three 6,000-gallon USTs, areas with suspected USTs north of the dispenser islands, areas with circular pavement cuts and solid waste storage areas near the former residence at 4504 Harford Road. Two 3,000-gallon USTs and two 2,000-gallon USTs were removed from a tank field located north of the former dispenser island near Harford Road. Two 550-gallon USTs and one 275-gallon aboveground storage tank were removed from Parcel 2 in August 2005. Seven hundred sixty-three tons of petroleum-contaminated soil was removed from Parcel 1. Post-excavation soil samples were collected from the tank excavations and along the former piping runs after the soil removal was complete. Additional soil and sub-slab soil gas sampling was collected in July and August 2006.

## **Current Status**

On January 27, 2006, Baltimore Development Corporation submitted a VCP application seeking a No Further Requirements Determination ("NFRD") as an inculpable person for the 4500 and 4504 Harford Road property. On December 21, 2006, the VCP issued an NFRD for commercial or industrial use of the property with a prohibition on groundwater use beneath the property for any purpose and a requirement for a vapor barrier in any future buildings.



## Contact

For additional information, please contact the Land Restoration Program at (410) 537-3493.

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