



Facts About...

Gunther Brewery – Parcel 10 – “Former Railroad Right-of-Way” – Southwest Portion
(Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Site Location

The 1.5-acre Gunther Brewery, Parcel 10 – “Former Railroad Right-of-Way” – Southwest Portion property extends from near the 1300 block of South Conkling Street northeast to the southern border of Toone Street in the mixed use Brewer’s Hill area of Baltimore City, Maryland. The property is bounded to the west by South Conkling Street and to the north by three properties in the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP), the 1301 South Conkling Street property, the Gunther Brewery – Parcel 9 – "Triangular Parcel/Parking Lot" property and the Gunther Brewery – Parcel 10 – “Former Railroad Right-of-Way” – Northeast Portion property. The property is bounded to the southeast by Exxon Company property improved with large capacity aboveground storage tanks. The property consists of an asphalt paved area used for parking near South Conkling Street and a graded, unpaved area near Toone Street.

Site History

The property was operated as rail transport for much of the 20th century. No date of service closure is known; however the rail line was present in 1914 and appears to have been of service by 1992. Prior to use by the railroad the property was part of the larger petroleum terminal property.

Environmental Investigations and Actions

In April 2002, MDE conducted a Brownfields Assessment which included the collection of three soil and two groundwater samples from piezometers on the property. The assessment identified elevated levels of mercury in soils and thallium in groundwater.

In April 2005, a Phase I site assessment documented the presence of waste tires on the property and identified recognized environmental conditions due to historic use of the site as a railroad and the former inclusion of the property as part of a petroleum terminal.

In October 2005, two soil samples were collected and analyzed for polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and priority pollutant list (PPL) metals. The samples identified elevated levels of arsenic, mercury, lead, benzo(a)pyrene and dibenzo(a,h)anthracene. Later in October, two additional soil samples were collected and analyzed for benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene (BTEX), PAHs, diesel range organics/gasoline range organics (DRO/GRO) and PPL metals. The samples showed slightly elevated levels of GRO.

Current Status

On September 11, 2006, Gunther Rail, LLC, a prospective purchaser, submitted an application to the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) as an inculpable person seeking a No Further Requirements Determination for future restricted residential (Tier 1B) use for the entire Gunther Brewery, Parcel 10 – “Former Railroad Right-of-Way” property.



On February 15, 2007 a new application was submitted for the 1.5-acre Gunther Brewery, Parcel 10 – “Former Railroad Right-of-Way” – Southwest Portion property by Gunther Rail SW, LLC. An inculpable person status letter was issued to Gunther Rail SW, LLC on March 6, 2007. The VCP has completed a review of the application package for the property and is awaiting documentation that the property has been subdivided.

Contact

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