



Facts About...

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

Site Location

The 2-acre Gunther Brewery – Parcel 10 – “Former Railroad Right-of-Way” – Northeast Portion property extends from the southern border of Toone Street to the intersection of O’Donnell Street and South Haven Street in the mixed use Brewer’s Hill area of Baltimore City, Maryland. The property consists of an unpaved area with trees near O’Donnell Street and an unpaved graded area near Toone Street with an unpaved area with a soil pile in between. The property is bounded to the west by Gunther Brewery - Parcel 6 (formerly Parcel 4) property and the Gunther Brewery - Parcel 7 – “Toone Street” property, both also in the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). The property is bounded to the southeast by Exxon Company property.

Site History

The property 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 appear to been taken out 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 one soil sample on the property; however, the sample was not submitted to the fixed laboratory for analysis and field screening data was not reported for the sample.

In April 2005, a Phase I site assessment documented the presence municipal waste near O’Donnell Street and identified recognized environmental conditions due to historic use of the site as a railroad right-of-way and the former inclusion of the property as part of a larger petroleum terminal.

In September 2006, a Phase II environmental site assessment was conducted that included collection of six soil samples from borings, five soil samples from a soil pile on the property and one soil gas sample on the property. Results showed elevated levels of arsenic and mercury in soils.

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 (NFRD) for future restricted residential (Tier 1B) use for the entire 3.5-acre Gunther Brewery, Parcel 10 – “Former Railroad Right-of-Way” property property. On October 16, 2006, Gunther Rail, LLC was notified that the property was accepted for participation in the VCP and that a response action plan (RAP) must be developed to address arsenic and mercury contamination in soil at the property.



On February 15, 2007, the application was revised to include only the 2-acre Gunther Brewery, Parcel 10 – “Former Railroad Right-of-Way” – Northeast Portion property.

Contact

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