Facts About…
Jefferson at Congressional Village Property
(Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Site Location

This 12.69-acre property is located at 180 Halpine Road in a commercial area of Rockville, Montgomery County, Maryland and is improved with a strip shopping center and asphalt-paved parking lot. Site runoff flows southwest toward Old Farm Creek, located within one-quarter mile of the property. Municipal water and sanitary sewer services are provided to the site and the vicinity.

Site History

Private citizens owned the property until the 1950s when the Congressional School of Aeronautics acquired the property. A portion of the property was formerly part of the Congressional Airport, which closed in the late 1950s. Development of the property into a shopping center occurred circa 1960. Since that time, the property has had numerous tenants including a grocery store, a dry cleaner, retail stores and restaurants. In 1983, Congressional South Associates, the current property owner, acquired the property.

Environmental Investigations and Actions

In 2002, limited environmental investigations were conducted by EMG and identified tetrachloroethene in the groundwater at the property. It is believed that the contamination is associated with the former dry cleaning operations at the property.

Current Status

On August 14, 2002, Jefferson at Congressional Village, LP submitted a Voluntary Cleanup Program application seeking a No Further Requirements Determination (NFRD) as an inculpable person. A NFRD was issued on November 3, 2003 for use of the property for limited residential, commercial or industrial purposes and a prohibition on the use of groundwater beneath the property for any purpose. The recordation of the NFRD in the land records was completed on February 13, 2004.

Planned or Potential Future Action

The property is improved by commercial and residential development.

Contact

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

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