



Maryland Department of the
Environment

FACTS ABOUT: MINE FIELD NOA SITE

Site Location

The Mine Field Naturally Occurring Asbestos (NOA) site consists of 261.72 acres and is located at 615 Cherry Hill Road, in Street, Harford County, Maryland. The site is situated in a rural area south of Street at an elevation of roughly 400 feet above mean sea level. The center of the site is at 39° 38' 37.37" north latitude and 076° 21' 43.98" west longitude. The Maryland Grid coordinates for the center of the site are 658,000 north by 978,500 east.

Site History

The property was historically farmland before the mid 1800s. From about 1967 and up until the present, the property has been used as a children's summer camp. The property is currently owned by the Habonim Camp Association Co. Inc.

The earliest property records on file show the property being part of a farm transferred in 1844 to Isaac Rogers. A number of small farms were consolidated in the period between 1844 and 1866. Mineral rights to these consolidated parcels were obtained by a corporation who subsequently mined the area. In July 1967 the property was transferred from the Nagel Family to the Children's Fresh Air Society. In May 1984 the property was transferred to the current owners.

Camp Moshava is one of seven Habonim Dror camps in North America. Moshava was founded in 1935 when Sigfrid Sonniborn of Baltimore gave 162 acres of land near Annapolis to the labor Zionist youth movement as a summer camp. Camp Moshava relocated to Street, Maryland in 1985.

Environmental Setting

The site is in a rural area south of the town of Street. The Mine Field NOA Site was documented in the August 2009, *MDE NOA Initiative Report*. The site is not located in a designated well head protection area. There are 97 domestic wells and 1 farm well within a one-mile radius of the site. The site is now occupied by Camp Moshava, a Jewish children's summer camp. The camp obtains its water from a well set in bedrock at 173 feet below ground surface. A central feature of the camp is the water filled mine pit located just north of Deer Creek.



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Environmental Investigations

A Site Inspection was conducted in November 2010. The inspection included the sampling and analysis of soil, groundwater and surface water media at the site to determine the nature, extent and concentrations of asbestos and metals. A toxicological assessment determined that there was an unacceptable level of risk posed by the levels of metals in soil and sediment. However, the contaminants were deemed to be naturally occurring, a result of regional geology, and as such do not need to be further delineated.

Current Status

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