



Facts About...

649 Water Street Lot 2 (Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Site Location

This 1.33-acre property, consisting of Lot 2, is located at 649 Water Street in Havre de Grace, Harford County, Maryland. The property, mostly undeveloped land with a small unused garage located along Water Street, is bounded to the south by the railroad bridge, to the north by a yacht brokerage, to the east by the Susquehanna River and to the west by Water Street with residences beyond. The land use surrounding the site is mixed industrial, commercial and residential.

Site History

The first known developed use of the property was in 1894 as part of the Consumers Ice Company ice house and later as part of the American Ice Company. The property's use as an ice house continued until at least 1921 when it became part of the larger Standard Oil property. In 1930, the property housed three gasoline storage tanks and two oil houses. In 1962, the property included a 3 foot earthen dike in the center of the property.

In December 1972, J. Larson Gilbert Distributor, Inc. (later Gilbert Enterprises, Inc.) applied for an oil handler's permit for operations that included the 649 Water Street Lot 2 property. The property was subject to numerous inspections, several site complaints and violations, and two petroleum spills during the operations. The bulk plant closed in 1993 and by 1999 all aboveground storage tanks had been removed from the property.

Environmental Investigations and Actions

In 1997, the Maryland Department of the Environment Brownfields/Site and Assessment Division collected two soil samples that were analyzed for total metals, semi-volatile organic compounds, volatile organic compounds, and pesticides. Based on the sample results, the assessment suggested that the property was suitable for residential development.

In 2005, a limited environmental site assessment included the collection of two soil samples and one groundwater sample from the property. Samples were analyzed for total petroleum hydrocarbons, metals, volatile organic compounds and semi-volatile organic compounds. Petroleum hydrocarbons were identified in the soil at the property.

Current Status

In August 2005, MTBR Yacht Club, LLC, as the prospective purchaser of the property, submitted a request for expedited inculpable person approval and filed an application with the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) seeking a Certificate of Completion for future residential use for the property. MTBR Yacht Club, LLC was granted expedited inculpable person approval on August 15, 2005 and took title to the property that day. On November 16, 2005, the property was accepted into the VCP and the applicant was informed that a response action plan must be developed for the property. A proposed Response Action Plan was submitted on July 6, 2006 and a public informational meeting was held on August 2, 2006 at the



Harford County Public Library in Havre de Grace. The proposed RAP was approved on November 15, 2007. On April 8, 2010, MTBR Yacht Club, LLC withdrew from the VCP.

Contact

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