



Facts About...

Apples Church Furniture Repair
(Non-Master List Site MD 573)

Site Location

The study area consists of a residence located at 212 Apples Church Road, the historic location of a private furniture repair and refinishing operation (Frederick County Tax Map 751, Parcel 1841). The residence is located east of Apples Church Road, between Eyer Road and Carroll Street N. The area is located on the eastern edge of the Town of Thurmont in a mixed-use area that contains industrial, commercial, agricultural and residential development.

Site History

In 1940, A.B. Dreher and Bonnie B. Dreher sold the property to Catherine and Donald Simmers. In 1956, Catherine and Donald Simmers sold the property to Lillie P. and Francis S. Long. In 1996, the property was transferred to Patsy Ann Hurst, the sole beneficiary of the estate of Lillie P. Long. In 2000, Ms. Hurst sold the property to the current owners, Colin and Greta Crowder.

Previous uses of the property include an informal furniture repair/refurbishing operation. Given the surrounding land use and rural setting, the land was likely used for farming historically. The dates of operation of the furniture repair business are unknown at this time.

Environmental Investigations

In approximately 2001, this site was identified by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) as one of several potential sources of the trichloroethene (TCE) contamination in the area groundwater. As a result, MDE conducted a soil gas study of the site. The soil gas was analyzed for TCE and perchloroethene (PCE) because TCE had historically been found in the Thurmont town wells and local residents recall the disposal of "dry-cleaning waste" (PCE) on the nearby Harbaugh property. TCE was identified in low levels in one of the soil gas samples collected at the site.

The same year, MDE also initiated a groundwater study of the area which included the sampling and analysis of local residential wells in the vicinity of Town Wells 7 and 8. The results of the sampling indicated that one of the residential wells north of Thurmont Town Well 7 contained low levels of volatile organic compounds, including TCE.

Current Status

The property is currently scheduled for a Preliminary Assessment/Site Inspection by MDE's Federal Superfund Division.

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