



Facts About...

MARYLAND PLAZA PROPERTY (VOLUNTARY CLEANUP PROGRAM)

Site Location

This 0.363-acre property is located at 1204 Morton Street and 30-36 West Biddle Street in a commercial-residential area of central Baltimore City. The property consists of an asphalt-paved parking lot and a vacant building. Overland flow from the property discharges to city storm water drains on West Preston, West Biddle and Morton streets. Municipal water and sanitary sewer services are provided to the site and vicinity.

Site History

In the 1800s, the land was improved with residential homes. In 1920, Gunther Hardware Company moved into the 36 West Biddle Street property and expanded to the east. Several residential homes on the property were demolished in 1950 and were replaced with a parking lot. By 1974, only a few residential homes existed on the site and Gunther Hardware occupied all of the buildings. The property is currently owned by University Properties who purchased it in 1998 from 36 West Biddle Street, LP, the successors of the Gunther Hardware Company.

Environmental Investigations and Actions

A Phase I environmental assessment was completed for the property on April 17, 2002; however, no subsurface sampling has been conducted to date. In November 2002, the Maryland Department of the Environment's Oil Control Program oversaw the removal of two underground storage tanks and a notice of compliance was issued on January 29, 2003.

Current Status

On June 17, 2002, Maryland Plaza, LLC submitted a Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) application for the property seeking a No Further Requirements Determination as an inculpable person. On May 5, 2006, the VCP sent a letter to the applicant regarding the completion of the application package and requested a response to continue within the program. The VCP did not receive any response and has considered the application withdrawn.

Planned or Potential Future Action

The proposed future use of the property is residential.

Contact

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

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