



Maryland Department of the
Environment

FACTS ABOUT: OLD FRUITLAND DUMP

Site Location

The Old Fruitland Dump site is a 0.82 acre property located approximately ¼- mile southwest from North Division Street on Slab Bridge Road in Fruitland, Wicomico County, Maryland. The site is listed on Tax Map 803 Parcel 150 and is situated at 38.319218° north latitude and -75.604421° west longitude. The property is located on the northeast side of Slab Bridge Road and extends northward to Morris Prong, a tributary of Tonytank Creek.

Site History

The site was used by local residents in the 1950s as a general dump for household waste. In 1977 the City of Fruitland purchased the property and removed most of the waste located on the surface and disposed of it in the county landfill. After the site was cleaned up, the City used the site as a rubble dump site, disposing of concrete and asphalt wastes. Later, the site was cleaned up again as the rubble waste was removed and deposited in an appropriate facility. Since then, the site has been used as open space.

Environmental Investigations

In November 2014 a Site Inspection (SI) was initiated by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) in which soils, groundwater, surface water and sediments were sampled at the site. Contamination from inorganics and pesticides was identified in samples of soil, sediments, groundwater and surface waters at the site.

Current Status

The property is currently zoned Municipal Area and is owned by the City of Fruitland. It is used as open space. The SI report is being drafted for EPA review.



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