



Maryland Department of the
Environment

FACTS ABOUT: ARDEN'S TOWN CLEANERS

Site Description

Arden's Town Cleaners was located at 107 N. 6th Street in Denton, Caroline County. Most of the properties surrounding the site are residential with some adjacent commercial properties. Commercial properties are dominant to the west with a few industrial properties located to the east on the outskirts of town. The site was located in a relatively flat area at approximately 42 feet above mean sea level. Overland flow is directed to the City sewer system and Saulsbury Creek that discharges into the Choptank River approximately 1/4-mile to the northwest. The geographic coordinates are latitude 38.886438° north and longitude -75.826819° west. The Maryland grid coordinates are approximately north 385,750 feet and east 1,134,000 feet.

Site History

Arden's Town Cleaners was listed in the Dry Cleaner Initiative as a Level 1 Operation which is defined as a dry cleaner operation at a location in a Well Head Protection Area for 15 years or more. The 1923 to 1943 Sanborn Map for Denton shows the site as a cleaner in that time period. According to the current site occupant who runs a print shop on the property, the shop was operating under the Arden's name in the 1960's but was operated as Chambers Dry Cleaning in the 1970's until the site became Kagel's Furniture Upholstering prior to being vacant a couple of years in the late nineties. The current print shop, Bakers Printing Company, began operations in the early 2000's.

Environmental Investigations and Actions

In July 2012 MDE conducted a Pre-CERCLIS Screening of the site which concluded: "The site lies over a well head protection area and is within one half a mile of twenty four domestic wells. Residences and other businesses are located adjacent to the property. Due to the potential threat this site poses to local groundwater and vapor intrusion to nearby properties it is recommended that this site be placed in CERCLIS."

Current Status

A Preliminary Assessment has just been completed by the MDE and submitted to EPA for approval.



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