



Maryland Department of the
Environment

FACTS ABOUT: AUTOBAHN MOTORS SITE

Site Location

Autobahn Motors was located at 3704 S. Hanover Street, Baltimore, MD 21225. The site is in an area of Baltimore City that has been used for commercial/industrial purposes since the 1800s. The site is located in the Patapsco River drainage, and is situated 20 feet above mean sea level. The geographic coordinates are latitude 039° 14.234' north and longitude 076° 36.612' west. The Maryland grid coordinates are north 511,500 feet and east 910,600 feet.

Site History

Sanborne fire insurance maps document the building that housed Autobahn Motors as an auto repair facility from 1936 until the last map update. Autobahn Motors, Inc. acquired the property in 1972. Farhad F. Adjooodani, the current owner of the property, was President of Autobahn Motors, Inc.

In 1974 the site came under environmental scrutiny due to the discovery of a flammable explosive liquid stored in drums on the property.

The Autobahn Motors site is listed as an “other” solid waste disposal facility in the Historic Landfill Database. The parcel was primarily listed in the landfill database due to the 1974 discovery; however it also came to the Department’s attention as a used car lot and auto junk yard.

Environmental Investigation and Action

MDE conducted a Preliminary Assessment (PA) of the Autobahn Motors site in October 2009. The PA determined that no further action was needed on the site pending future changes to the site. There are no records of previous environmental investigations of the property.

Current Status

All that remains of Autobahn is an abandoned building on the southwest corner of Garrett and Hanover Streets. The basement windows have been broken out. Derelict vehicles and debris are scattered across the rear parking pad. Signage indicates that the site was most recently a check cashing store. The store is closed but there are signs of attempted rehabilitation inside the building. No further remedial action is planned for this site.



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