



Maryland Department of the
Environment

FACTS ABOUT: UNIVERSITY HOUSING SITE

SITE LOCATION

The 7.76-acre University Housing site is located along Boteler Lane just off University Parkway in College Park, Prince George's County, at coordinates 39° 0.153' N latitude, -76° 56.529' W longitude. The Courtyards at University of Maryland is situated approximately 0.1-mile NE of the intersection of Paint Branch Drive and E University Parkway (MD Rt. 193) and are comprised of parcels 183, 184, and 185 on Prince George's County tax map 0025.

SITE HISTORY

According to available historic aerial photographs, it appears that the University Housing site was agricultural until sometime after 1989. On July 29, 1999, the State of Maryland purchased several parcels in the vicinity of Boteler Lane to construct apartments to house University of Maryland students. Construction of The Courtyards at University of Maryland was completed by 2002.

ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS

The site was discovered on November 22, 1999 as a result of a report received by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that soils contaminated with up to 930 parts per million (ppm) of arsenic were being transported from a construction site to this site for use as clean fill.

A Removal Assessment was completed by EPA on December 28, 1999. Two soil samples were collected from staged piles on site and four soil samples were collected along the western edge of the site where approximately 30 truckloads of source soil were mixed with other soil brought onto the site. Chemical analysis of the soil samples collected identified arsenic up to 1.12 ppm.

On January 16, 2001, EPA completed a Preliminary Assessment (PA). Based on the results of the Removal Assessment, the PA determined that there was no evidence that a release or threat of release occurred at this location. Therefore, EPA archived the site on January 17, 2001.

CURRENT STATUS

MDE has no further requirements for this site at this time.



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