



Facts About...

City Center Property
(Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Site Location

The City Center property ("site"), totaling approximately 0.52-acre contains 8 separate lots, and is located near the inner harbor at 26-36 South Calvert Street, 108-114 East Lombard Street, and 31 Grant/117 Water Street in Baltimore City, Maryland 21202. The site is situated in an office/retail commercial area and previously consisted of eight multi-level buildings that ranged between 2 and 12-stories. The existing buildings were razed in 2009 to make way for new development that will consist of a hotel and parking garage. The site is bounded to the north by a hotel and East Redwood Street beyond, to south by a hotel and East Lombard Street and a parking garage beyond, to the west by Grant Street and retail buildings beyond, and to the east by South Calvert Street and commercial offices beyond. The inner harbor is located approximately 600 feet south. The site elevation is approximately 10 feet mean sea level and the surface topography is flat. Surface water drains to City water collection points and the depth to groundwater is assumed less than 10 feet below ground surface (BGS). The site is located in a non-groundwater use area and groundwater flow direction is assumed south-southeast toward the inner harbor.

Site History

The site has been developed since at least 1890. Multiple buildings have been historically located on the property with varying operational facilities such as oil and grease storage, tin ware manufacturing, fertilizer manufacturing, liquor store, book store, silversmith, printer, electric shipping and repair, leatherworks and a hotel. The buildings that have historically housed these operations have been razed and newer buildings were erected between 1905 and 1920. Subsequently, these new buildings contained office space and were razed in 2009. Currently, the site is vacant land.

Environmental Investigations and Actions

In January 2008, A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment was conducted on the property that identified recognized environmental conditions (RECs) associated with the previous activities at the site. In June 2009, a second Phase I ESA was conducted that also identified RECs due to historic use at the site.

Current Status

On June 10, 2009, a Voluntary Cleanup Program application was submitted by CityCenter, LLC seeking a No Further Requirements Determination as an inculpable party. Future property use was indicated as Tier 2B, restricted Commercial use. On July 27, 2009, the Department submitted comments on the application package and requested that a Phase II ESA be conducted. The application is currently in delayed status until the Phase II ESA is submitted.

Contact

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