



# ***Facts About...***

## **Dorsey's Search Village Center Property (Voluntary Cleanup Program)**

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### **Site Location**

This 13.1-acre property is located at 4715, 4725, 4735 and 4755 Dorsey Hall Road in a commercial-residential area in Columbia, Howard County, Maryland. The property is bordered to the north by Dorsey Hall Road, to the west by Columbia Road, to the south by Old Annapolis Road and to the east by other commercial properties. Located on a relatively flat, east to west sloping hillside, the property is improved with a single story strip shopping center and an asphalt-paved parking lot.

Storm water runoff from the property flows towards the Little Patuxent River, the nearest surface-water body located approximately 500 feet to the west. Groundwater beneath the property occurs under perched and semi-confined conditions. Currently, municipal water and sanitary sewer services are provided to the site and vicinity.

### **Site History**

In 1969, the Howard Research and Development Land Company annexed 1178 acres in Howard County to create the planned community of Columbia. In 1988, DSVC Retail, LLC acquired the property from the Howard Research and Development Land Company. Prior to 1988, the property was vacant agricultural land.

The property was developed in 1989 into a 100,000 square foot strip shopping mall, which included offices, commercial tenant space and a large parking lot. Tenants at the property include several eating establishments, a large grocery store, a gas station, a dry cleaner and numerous general office tenants. Dry cleaning operations have occurred at the site since 1989.

### **Environmental Investigations and Actions**

Environmental investigations conducted in 2002 identified the dry-cleaning solvent, tetrachloroethylene (PCE), in the groundwater. Several underground storage tanks, associated with the gas station and grocery store operations, are present on the property. No releases to the environment have been identified from these underground storage tanks.

### **Current Status**

On May 17, 2002, DSVC Retail, LLC submitted a Voluntary Cleanup Program application for the property seeking a No Further Requirements Determination (NFRD) as a responsible person. The Department issued an NFRD for the property on May 24, 2004 and the NFRD was recorded in the Howard County land records on July 9, 2004. The NFRD was issued contingent upon industrial or commercial use of the property (residential use only above the first floor) and a prohibition on the use of groundwater beneath the property for any purpose.



### **Planned or Potential Future Action**

The property will continue as a shopping center.

### **Contact**

For additional information, please contact the Land Restoration Program at (410) 537-3493.

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