



Facts About...

Gateway Tower Property
(Voluntary Cleanup Program)

Site Location

This 3.85-acre property is located at 401 North Washington Street in a commercially zoned area within the City of Rockville, Montgomery County, Maryland. The property is improved with a nine-story office building, a three-story parking garage and asphalt-paved parking lots. Overland flow across the property enters the storm water management systems located on North Washington Street and Hungerford Drive.

The nearest surface-water body is a small pond that feeds Watts Branch, located one-quarter mile northwest of the property. Municipal water and sanitary sewer services are provided to the site and the vicinity. The property is located on a groundwater divide with flow to the east and to the west.

Site History and Environmental Investigations and Actions

Prior to development in 1972, the property was farmland and owned by private entities. Since development of the office building in 1972, the primary tenant has been General Electric Information Services which provides corporate training at the facility. In 1999, 401 North Washington LLC, the current property owner, acquired the property. Environmental investigations in 2002 identified an underground storage tank and low levels of chlorinated solvents and petroleum hydrocarbons in the groundwater.

Current Status

On February 5, 2003, Transwestern Investment Company submitted a Voluntary Cleanup Program application for the property seeking a No Further Requirements Determination (NFRD) as an inculpable person. The Maryland Department of the Environment requested supplemental sampling and additional information to complete the application package, which was received in September 2003. A NFRD was issued on October 3, 2003 for use of the property for commercial or industrial purposes and a prohibition on the use of groundwater beneath the property for any purpose. The recordation of the NFRD in the land records was completed on October 31, 2003.

Planned or Potential Future Action

The property will continue to be used as a commercial office building.

Contact

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

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