

**3800 EAST BIDDLE STREET PROPERTY**  
**3800 East Biddle Street**  
**Baltimore City, Maryland 21213**

**Site Location**

This 14.43-acre site is located in an industrial area of eastern Baltimore City. It is bounded by industrial operations to the north and west and East Biddle Street to the south. Beyond East Biddle Street is a steel manufacturing operation, and overgrown, undeveloped land to the east, which may be part of a railroad right-of-way. The property is currently a vacant field vegetated with grass, weeds, and some trees. Several piles of soil and mixed debris are present. An easterly flowing intermittent stream/storm water drainage way, which is associated with a possible wetland area, is located along the northern border of the property. Topographic gradient slopes gently to the southeast. The vicinity is serviced with public water and sanitary sewer connections. Groundwater occurs at approximately 10 to 12 feet below grade.

**Site History**

The property has historically been utilized for canning since the Southern Can Company began operations, presumably in the early 1900s. In 1928, Continental Can Company purchased the property and continued canning operations. In 1976, the Second Biddle Associates purchased the property. In 1977, the State of Maryland purchased the property, and the on-site buildings were presumably demolished during this time interval. In 1989, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City purchased the property.

From 1977 to 2004, the property was utilized for the storage of construction equipment, and from 1995 to the present, a portion of the property was also utilized for damaged automobile storage.

**Environmental Investigations and Actions**

In 1977, 24 test borings were advanced to investigate the suitability of the soil and fill material as a foundation to the proposed Maryland State Prison. However, the project was abandoned before work was completed. In 1987, a subsurface foundation investigation determined that approximately two feet of fill underlay the southwest portion of the property, and the fill increases to approximately 10 feet in thickness in the north, northeast, and northwest portions of the property. The fill reportedly was derived, in part, from demolition of the buildings associated with the Continental Can Company. Phase 1 environmental site assessments were performed in 1993 on the westerly-adjacent property (3500 East Biddle Street), and the western portion of 3800 East Biddle Street, and in 2004, on 3800 East Biddle Street. Two Phase 2 environmental site investigations were performed in 1996. The investigations determined that concentrations of benzo(a)pyrene, arsenic, and lead in the soil exceeded the Maryland Department of the Environment's Cleanup Standards for Soil and Groundwater- August 2001, Interim Final Guidance (Update No. 1) for non-residential property. Lead and mercury in the groundwater exceeded current regulatory standards.

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## Current Status

On October 8, 2004, the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore filed an application for participation in the Voluntary Cleanup Program seeking a No Further Requirements Determination as an inculpable person. The Department is currently waiting submission of the results of a Phase 2 environmental site investigation.

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