

**FORMER POTEE STREET AUTO JUNKYARD  
3700 POTEE STREET  
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE CITY, MARYLAND**

***Site Location***

The Former Potee Street Auto Junkyard site, is located in an industrial/commercial area of south Baltimore City, Maryland, in the Brooklyn area. It is bounded to the west by the Harbor Tunnel Thruway (I-895), to the northeast by West Patapsco Avenue, to the east by Potee Street (Rt. 2) and to the south by 101 W. Garrett Street (owned by Baltimore Mayor and City Council). The site is a flat, vacant parcel of land consisting of 8.068 acres. It was also known as 3640 Potee Street in earlier reports.

***Site History***

Maryland Department of General Services currently owns the site. The Department of General Services acquired the site from the City of Baltimore in 1996. Previous ownership history is unknown. Prior to 1953, aerial photographs indicate that the site was undeveloped and appeared to be marshland associated with the Patapsco River, which is located west of the site. By aerial photographs taken in 1963, 1971, 1987 and 1988 the site has been filled and auto bodies were evident. Two buildings are also present in the northeast area of the site. This is consistent with the 1953 Sanborn map that indicates that the site was used as an auto junkyard and used auto dealership.

***Environmental Investigations***

In 1994, Robert B. Balter Co. was contracted to conduct a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment and Limited Soil Study associated with a proposed new Baltimore City District Court (which was not built on this site). Fill depth in the borings ranged from 17.5 ft to 29 ft in depth. Additionally, one sample failed Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure for lead.

In 1995, KCI Technologies, Inc. completed a Phase II Environmental Assessment of the site. The sampling results revealed that metals in the groundwater samples exceeded current MDE Cleanup Standards for Type I and II Aquifers. Fill depths ranged from 7 ft to 23.5 ft in depth.

In 1998, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) completed a Brownfields Assessment on the easternmost portion of the property. Several semi-volatile organic compounds as well as some metals exceeded the current MDE Cleanup Standards for Residential and Non-Residential Soils.

***Current Status***

An additional investigation is being conducted on this site, in conjunction with an investigation at the 101 W. Garrett Street property. Baltimore Development Corporation has contracted with EA Engineering, Science and Technology to complete this work.

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