

Harford County	
1951-1957	Property developed.
1957-1994	Property utilized for off-base military housing.
1994-Present	Property inactive.
06/05/2001	Harford County Government-Department of Community Services submitted a VCP application as a responsible person seeking a No Further Requirements Determination.

**WASHINGTON COURT PROPERTY
Cedar Drive
Edgewood, Maryland
(Voluntary Cleanup Program)**

Site Description

This inactive 28.861-acre property is located in a moderately well-developed residential area of southwestern Harford County. Located south of the property is the Aberdeen Proving Ground- Edgewood Area, a federal Superfund site listed on the National Priorities List (NPL). This NPL site, being investigated and remediated by the U.S. Department of Defense – Department of the Army, does not include the Washington Court property. The Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) applicant for the Washington Court property has notified the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to have the property de-linked.

The Washington Court property is improved with 55 three-story apartment buildings, a heating plant, a water pumping station, a water tank, interior roads, communication sheds, parking lots, playgrounds and landscaped areas. Access to the property is restricted and security is provided by the U.S. Department of the Army.

The nearest surface water body is an unnamed tributary of Otter Point Creek, located 1.5 miles northeast of the property. Otter Point Creek is a branch of the Bush River that eventually discharges to the Chesapeake Bay. Overland flows easterly across the property and enters a system of off-site drains. Groundwater beneath the property occurs under shallow conditions in an unconfined aquifer. Groundwater flow is presumed to be easterly based on local topography. The property and vicinity exist in an area that receives public water and sanitary sewer services from the Harford County Department of Public Works. Potable water is also supplied to the property by the U.S. Department of the Army.

Site History

Prior to 1941, the property was privately owned until the U.S. Government- General Services Administration purchased the property for off-post military housing. Land use prior to development in 1951 is unknown and, by 1957, construction of the housing units was completed. For 37 years, the property was utilized for residential purposes. In 1994, the U.S. Department of the Army decommissioned the property, removed appliances, and boarded up the windows.

Environmental Concerns

A limited subsurface investigation, conducted in January 2001, focused on three areas of environmental concern; a water tank, an asbestos survey of the interior of the buildings, and the former location of a 15,000-gallon fuel oil underground storage tank (UST) that was removed in 1993 by the Department of the Army. Identified in the soil were elevated lead levels related to lead-based paint on the water tank. In groundwater, residual levels of petroleum compounds were detected in the vicinity of the UST.

Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) Status

On June 5, 2001, the Harford County Government –Department of Community Services submitted a VCP application seeking a No Further Requirements Determination as a responsible person. On July 20, 2001, the Department requested additional information to complete the application package. On February 11, 2002, the applicant requested withdrawal of the VCP application for the Washington Court property.

Facility Contact for the Washington Court Property

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Facility Contact for the Aberdeen Proving Ground - Edgewood Area

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