



Facts About...

Cemetery Lane
State Master List (MD-305)

Site Location

The site is located in the southeast corner of Howard County, northwest of Interstate 95 and south of the intersection of Mayfield Avenue and Meadowridge Road approximately 3.5 miles south of Elkridge. The site originally consisted of approximately 58.3 acres and was comprised of thirteen parcels 172, 173, 179, 403, 407, 408, 412, 454, 499, 500, 524, 535, and 538 shown on Howard County Tax Map 37.

Site History

Between 1943 and 1953 the site was used for sand and gravel quarrying. During the 1960s, the site was used as a gravel source for the construction on Interstate 95 that ultimately bisected the site.

The site came to the attention of the State and Howard County in 1982 from an anonymous source that reported unpermitted dumping on the site. Investigation of the site identified buried drums, domestic waste, discarded household appliances and furniture that began in the 1960s until the mid 1980s. With the bisection of the site by Interstate 95, it was then identified as two separate sites, Cemetery Lane East (CLE) and Cemetery Lane West (CLW).

Environmental Investigations

A removal action was conducted at the CLE site by the State from July through November 1985. In April 1989, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) completed a Preliminary Assessment of the CLW site that led to a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-led removal in 1990. Approximately 615 tons of contaminated soil and 118 drums were removed from the CLW site during that action. In August 1991, MDE completed a Screening Site Inspection of the CLW site that recommended additional investigation of parcels 408 and 172 under the ongoing investigation of the adjacent Howard County Mayfield Repair Facility (HCMRF), owned by Howard County. In July 1999, MDE completed a Site Survey of the CLW site that concluded there are further requirements for investigation of hazardous waste by MDE but it did not recommend further investigation by EPA.

In 2001, parcels 173, 179, 407, 412, 524, 535, and 538 totaling approximately 34.9 acres were addressed under the MDE Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP). A Phase II Assessment was completed on these parcels by ATC Associates. As a result, in November 2001 a No Further Requirements Determination was issued by the VCP on condition that the property is restricted to commercial use and the groundwater beneath the site is not used for any purpose.

Current Status

MDE still has requirements for the CLW parcels not addressed by the VCP or the HCMRF investigation (parcels 499, 403, 454, 500).

Contact

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