

Site Redevelopment Profile

Havertown PCP Superfund Site

Eagle Road RC Drawer F, Haverford, Pennsylvania 19041

Property Overview

Size

12 acres

Current Site Uses

- Five businesses, including a YMCA facility, are located on site.

Use Restrictions

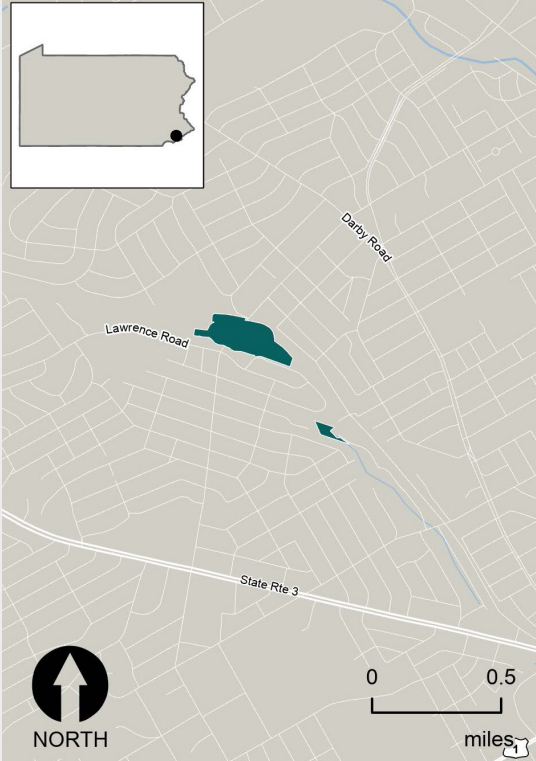
- Institutional controls prevent installation of groundwater wells and activities that could disturb the soil cap.

Surrounding Population

19,348
1 MILE

140,791
3 MILES

412,343
5 MILES



A map of the site in Pennsylvania.

Site History and Redevelopment Timeline

1947-1991

A wood treatment facility 1991 operated at the site.

1962

Pennsylvania State Department of Health discovered contamination in the stream near the site.

1972

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources discovered contaminated groundwater near the site.

1976

EPA started containment operations.

1983

EPA placed the site on the NPL.

1987

Remedy construction.

2010

Remedy construction finished.

2011

The remaining factory building on site was demolished.

2013

The Haverford Area YMCA opened on site. PADEP assumed operation and maintenance responsibilities for the site's remedy.

2015

EPA recognized the YMCA redevelopment project with its Excellence in Site Reuse Award.

2018

Commercial and recreational uses and groundwater treatment and monitoring activities are ongoing at the site.

History and Cleanup

Collaboration between Haverford Township, the Community Capital Campaign, YMCA of Philadelphia & Vicinity and EPA has created significant recreation and employment opportunities for people living near the Havertown PCP Superfund site in the Philadelphia suburb of Haverford Township.

From 1947 to 1991, a wood treatment facility operated at the 12-acre site. Waste handling practices contaminated groundwater and soil. EPA placed the site on the Superfund program's National Priorities List (NPL) in 1983 and completed construction of the site's remedy in 2010. EPA-financed cleanup activities included removal of tanks and drums from the facility area, removal of contaminated soil from residential properties and a recreation area, and installation of a groundwater pump-and-treat system. The site also received \$3.4 million in additional federal funds to expedite and support the cleanup. In 2013, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) took over responsibility for long-term operation and maintenance activities for the site's remedy.

Redevelopment

The YMCA of Philadelphia & Vicinity had been looking for land to expand its facilities into the Haverford Township community and was attracted by the cleaned-up property. In April 2011, demolition of the remaining factory building on site marked the beginning of the site's redevelopment. The YMCA coordinated with EPA on its redevelopment plans, ensuring the protection of site monitoring wells and remedial infrastructure.

The \$22.5 million, 80,000-square-foot Philadelphia Freedom Valley YMCA opened to the public in October 2013. Serving 24,000 members, the facility features an indoor track, gymnasium, swimming pools, childcare area, 10,000-square-foot wellness center and classrooms. Local organizations and volunteers also worked together to connect the YMCA property to the nearby Penny Trail, a recreation trail built on an abandoned rail corridor. In recognition of the project's success and community-wide benefits, EPA presented the Philadelphia Freedom Valley with the EPA Region 3 Excellence in Site Reuse Award in 2015.

Over time, the revitalization of the site has continued, returning the land to productive reuse. The site supports five businesses, including the YMCA, a physical therapy clinic, a grocery store, a restaurant and a storage facility. In 2018, these businesses employed over 400 people and generated an estimated \$9 million in annual sales.



The Philadelphia Freedom Valley YMCA facility at the site.

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