RACER Trust Buick City

DRAFT Project Update

Tuesday, August 13, 2019
Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle
930 E. Myrtle Avenue (at Industrial)
6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

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Information and Materials

racertrust.org/buickcity18
About RACER Trust

- We own former General Motors Corp. (GM) properties – result of bankruptcy (June 2009)

- RACER was established by U.S. Bankruptcy Court March 2011
  - 89 former GM locations, 14 states
  - 44 million square feet of industrial space
  - 66 buildings
  - 7,000 acres
  - In Michigan we have 36 sites with funded environmental cleanup budgets
  - Buick City began with $33 million – we have $21 million remaining and long term budget to the year 2060

RACER Trust’s Mission

- Help communities affected by the closure of GM facilities
- Conduct safe, effective, efficient environmental cleanups
- Help create new jobs
- Help bring new investment and local tax revenue
- Position properties for economic redevelopment and job creation through the sale to qualified, responsible buyers
Overview

- We have been working on this site since April of 2011
- We held public information meetings in June 2013, November 2018, and March 2019
- Completed substantial work on site
- Tonight we want to share a summary of what we have been doing
- And what we plan to do over the months ahead
- Our work has been complicated by the discovery of PFAS

Format for Tonight

- Grant Trigger, Michigan Cleanup Manager
  Review basic work done and current activities
- Patricia Spitzley, Deputy Redevelopment Manager
  Overview of marketing and development activities
- Chris Black, USEPA Project Manager
  Overview of USEPA approval process
- Others here to help answer questions
- Small Group Discussions
  Better way to listen and answer questions
  If we cannot answer a question tonight - we will do our best to get an answer
- Reconvene – sum up discussion
- Next meeting – this fall
PFAS are a part of a group of chemicals used globally during the past 50 years in manufacturing, firefighting and thousands of common household and other consumer products (USEPA):

- Made up of “chains” of carbon atoms attached to fluorine and other atoms
- Stable, persistent and mobile in the environment – the “Forever Chemicals”
- Found everywhere in the US and around the world
- Bioaccumulative
- Potential adverse health effects, suspected carcinogen
- Top priority - prevent drinking water exposures and minimize eating fish
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EGLE GROUNDWATER/SURFACE WATER INTERFACE CRITERIA – 12ng/L
U. S. EPA’s Roles

Report Review & Approval

Oversight

Budget Approval

RCRA Corrective Action

*Where is it/What is it?
RCRA Facility investigation
RFI

*How are we cleaning it up?
Corrective Measures Study
CMS

*Put cleanup plan into action
Corrective Measures Implementation
CMI

Statement of Basis
Public Comment Period
Final Decision
Where are we in the RCRA Corrective Action Process?

**Northend**
We are conducting Interim Measures and testing to decide the proper final remedies to propose. (CMS/Stmt. of Basis)

**Southend**
Final Decision is complete and we are moving forward with implementing work. (CMI)
Future Work

• Northend Statement of Basis
  Fall 2019

• Public Comment Period
  – 45 day period where we request comments from the public on the remedy proposed

U.S. EPA’s Goals

• Primarily – make remedy decisions to protect human health and the environment

• Effective cleanups within the budget allowed by RACER

• Focus cleanup levels on Industrial Reuse Standards
Thank you.
Questions?