



The RACER Trust: Empowering America's Auto Communities

Ontario, OH RACER Site 12010

Ontario Stamping Plant
2525 West 4th Street
Ontario, OH 44906

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Site Description

This property, encompassing 265.052 +/- acres, once was home to the GM Mansfield/Ontario Stamping Plant.

For approximately 55 years, GM used the facility for stamping sheet metal into automotive parts. GM ceased operations in 2010.

In March 2011, RACER Trust was created to clean up contamination found on the site and position the property for redevelopment. RACER sold the property to Brownfield Communities Development Company in 2012. The City of Ontario acquired the property in 2018. In 2020, Industrial Commercial Properties (ICP) purchased a portion of the property that became the new home of Charter Next Generation, a producer of high-performance specialty films used in flexible packaging. ICP continues to work with the City of Ontario to acquire additional portions of the property.

The Ohio EPA issued a Covenant Not to Sue in April 2016, a declaration that site cleanup is complete and that the agency will not pursue legal action related to previous contamination at the property. The Settlement Agreement that established RACER Trust set aside \$3 million for environmental assessments and cleanup work.

Ohio EPA was the lead agency for the environmental investigation of the property, with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency providing support.

Environmental History

Environmental conditions at the property have been evaluated and no significant issues have been identified. Prior spills of wastewater, oil, grease and ethylene glycol were addressed in the 1990s and underground storage tanks were removed in the 2000s. All of this work was performed by General Motors, with the approval and oversight of the Ohio Bureau of Underground Storage Tank Regulations.

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On May 25, 2012, RACER submitted to the Ohio EPA a Notice of Entry into the RCRA and Voluntary Action Program Memorandum of Agreement (VAP MOA) Track. This program was developed in 2007 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Ohio EPA to promote the cleanup and redevelopment of contaminated or potentially contaminated properties (e.g., brownfields) in Ohio.

Next Steps

Ohio EPA issued a Covenant not to Sue in April 2016. Active remediation of the property is complete.

Information on the site and past environmental tests can be viewed at the RACER website at www.racertrust.org or on the Environmental Protection Agency's website at www.epa.state.oh.us/contact/richland.aspx.

*An information repository has been established where final project-related documents are available for public review:
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