The 80.4-acre Danville Central Foundry land was used as a captive foundry waste landfill for the former General Motors Corporation Powertrain Division Plant and accepted non-hazardous waste generated from on-site foundry operations between the periods of 1940 to 1995. It has been closed since 1995.

This closed, captive landfill, constructed in an area dissected with several ravines that drain towards the Vermillion River, was used for the disposal of foundry waste, including coke ash, core sand, slag, scrubber sludge, excess systems sand, and nodular sand.

Cleanup activities are performed by the RACER Trust in cooperation with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). The Settlement Agreement that established the RACER Trust set aside $5.26 million for cleanup.

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Environmental History

The foundry and landfill were closed in 1995, and the land is now covered with a vegetative soil cover.

Through an evaluation of the Groundwater Monitoring Well Network (GMWN), RACER determined that the existing GMWN was not adequate for monitoring groundwater at the site. The GMWN report was submitted to IEPA as part of a permit application to change the monitoring program for the site. IEPA issued a revised permit in 2014 and that plan is currently being implemented.

RACER Trust is working under the supervision of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to assess groundwater on an ongoing basis.

Next Steps

RACER Trust will continue to monitor groundwater per the new permit issued by IEPA.

It is important to note that further remedial activities will be closely coordinated with development plans. RACER can transfer title to a property prior to the completion of cleanup activities as long as RACER retains the right of access to complete the cleanup while the new owner redevelops the property and invests in job-creating activities.

More detailed information on the site can be viewed at the RACER website at www.racertrust.org.

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