RACER Trust
Buick City

Project Update

Thursday, March 14, 2019
Metropolitan Baptist Tabernacle
930 E. Myrtle Avenue (at Industrial)
6 pm to 8 pm

racertrust.org
Information and Materials

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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
  o 89 former GM locations, 14 states
  o 44 million square feet of industrial space
  o 66 buildings
  o 7,000 acres

  o In Michigan we have 36 sites with funded environmental cleanup budgets

  o 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 a public information meetings in June 2013 and November 2018
• 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 recent 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
• Others here to help answer questions
• Small Group Discussions
  Are there questions that may need more information
  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 – late summer early fall
Drinking Water Pathway

- The shaded area is a conservative estimate of the area that could potentially be affected by contaminated groundwater found on the Buick City property.

- RACER under DEQ and EPA oversight and assistance from Genesee County Health Department evaluated water well records and City of Flint active water connections.

- Field verification of the absence of wells at homes connected to the City of Flint Water.

- Based on the data sources reviewed and field verifications groundwater is not being used for drinking water in areas likely to be impacted by RACER.

- If you know of a well being used for drinking water in or around this area, please contact Mr. Kevin Lund, DEQ Project manager (517) 513-1846.
What is 1,4-dioxane?

1,4-Dioxane is an industrial solvent. It is typically used as a stabilizer in other solvents and is commonly found in many household products:

- Highly soluble in water
- Very mobile, flows with groundwater
- Creates long plumes
- Potential adverse health effects, suspected carcinogen

Sources of 1,4-dioxane

- Consumer Products
- Detergents
- Paint / Dye / Grease
- Manufacturing Byproduct
- Direct Use
- Chlorinated Solvents (1,1,1-TCA)
What Are PFAS (Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances)?

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
Thank you.

Questions?