



The RACER Trust: Empowering America's Auto Communities

Van Buren Township, MI RACER Site ID 10060

Van Buren Industrial Land
Denton & Ecorse Roads
Van Buren Township, MI 48111

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Site Description

This densely wooded 75.69-acre vacant parcel sits just north of the Willow Run airport, and is zoned industrial. The property was cultivated for agricultural use as early as 1940 and this use continued until at least 1964. Residential structures were located on the property between 1935 and 2003.

Some commercial structures were built on the property, including a building used as a United Auto Workers Hall in 1962, and a structure associated with the adjacent GM warehouse in 1972. By about 2003 all structures had been removed, and the property is currently undeveloped and densely wooded in most areas, and contains some potential wetlands, regulated woodlands and two county drains — Smith Drain, that runs through the southern portion and Ayres Drain that runs through the northern portion of the property.

Activities are performed by the RACER Trust, with the approval and oversight of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Settlement Agreement that established the RACER Trust set aside approximately \$21,000 for cleanup work at this property.



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Environmental History

A site assessment prepared in February 2007 showed no historical or significant recognized environmental conditions. The Settlement Agreement provided funds to remove debris (residential construction debris, general refuse, tires, etc.) that had been identified at the property prior to GM's bankruptcy. The debris was removed from the property in late 2012 and a report documenting the removal was submitted to EPA in early 2013. EPA approved the removal report in September 2014.

Next Steps

No further environmental action is planned for the property.



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

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