



Case Study:

# FRAMINGHAM LANDFILL LAND

0 WESTERN AVENUE, SHERBORN & 3 WESTERN AVENUE, FRAMINGHAM, MA 01701

## FACTS

Site ID: 12900  
 Acres: 28.857  
 SF at Time of Sale: N/A  
 FMV: 0  
 Congressional District: MA-05  
 Date Sold: July 25, 2017  
 Buyer: Richard Gill  
 End-User(s): Brigham-Gill Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram; possibly ADESA Boston  
 New Use: Outdoor vehicle storage on existing paved portions of site  
 Jobs Pledged: 2 new  
 Jobs Actual: N/A  
 Investment Pledged: 0  
 Investment Actual: N/A  
 Est. New Tax Base: 0  
 Lead Agency: MassDEP  
 Regulatory Programs: Massachusetts Contingency Plan (MCP)  
 Remedial Activities: Site was inherited in OM&M phase. Activities include inspection and maintenance of the engineered cap placed over the former disposal area (including crack resealing on day before closing); storm water control features and monitoring well network; regular groundwater monitoring for metals and SVOCs; regular surface water and sediment sampling and analysis for metals and SVOCs; and completion of Inspection and Monitoring Reports for each event.  
 Est. Cleanup Cost: \$2,325,836



## THE CHALLENGE:

RACER's Framingham property was parceled off from an adjacent automobile assembly plant that was operated by GM from 1946 to 1994. The Property has few viable development options, since the only improvement to the Property is a paved surface parking lot that was incorporated into the cap for a closed landfill that carries restrictions on further development. Further, regulated wetlands occupy most of the remaining area of the Property, and access to the Property is limited. RACER assumed title to the Property subject to a lease with the owner of the adjacent plant, a national auto wholesaler that used the Property for the storage of used cars. RACER aggressively marketed the Property to utility-scale solar developer prospects, to take advantage of the favorable renewable energy markets in Massachusetts, but to no avail. RACER also marketed the

Property to other prospects that could operate the Property given its limitations on further development.

## THE OUTCOME:

RACER was able to convert one of many leads generated — a local auto dealer that needed space on which to store its new vehicle inventory — into the sale of this Property. RACER sold the Property to Richard Gill, owner and operator of a Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge and Ram dealership for staging and storage of vehicles, solving a capacity issue for the buyer and producing additional tax revenue for the community. Access to the Property for the buyer is via a 40-foot recorded easement that runs with the land, was affirmed by RACER and which also provides RACER access to fulfill its post-closing environmental responsibilities, which include ongoing regular inspection and maintenance of the landfill cap and monitoring surface water and groundwater on the site.



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