



Project Update:
Newburgh Village Retirement Community

July 1, 2024

Please refer to the June 14 Project Update and Summary, posted at racertrust.org/Livonia, for background information that explains the purpose and mission of the Revitalizing Auto Communities Environmental Response (“RACER”) Trust, as well specific reasons for our work in Newburgh Village.

RACER Trust has continued collecting and analyzing groundwater and soil vapor samples at various locations in Newburgh Village to assess the potential for underground vapors to enter buildings through cracks in the floor slab or other surface-level pathways.

Vapor samples collected nearest the residential buildings in Newburgh Village to date show **no exceedances** of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (U.S. EPA) screening level for TCE, the main contaminant of concern in our study area. These initial results indicate that TCE vapors are not encroaching on residences.

Data collected along Newburgh Village’s northern property boundary showed two locations slightly in excess of the U.S. EPA screening level. These locations are highlighted in yellow on the attached figure, which also shows the other locations in Newburgh Village where RACER has collected data. RACER consulted with U.S. EPA and decided, with the consent of the Housing Authority, to install permanent groundwater monitoring wells along the southern edge of N. Capitol Court. These wells will be sampled on a regular schedule as we track the movement of TCE in groundwater.

An analysis of the initial samples from the new permanent groundwater monitoring wells should be available the week of July 15, 2024. RACER intends to present the findings in a meeting with residents, later that week in the Newburgh Village community room.

We have established a website, racertrust.org/Livonia, where we post information about our work in Newburgh Village and invite interested parties to sign up for proactive, emailed updates.

RACER, working under U.S. EPA oversight, will continue to assess this area and take whatever U.S. EPA-approved action is necessary to ensure that any TCE impacts are properly addressed. We will continue to keep residents and city staff apprised of our progress and any steps we take to assess and address TCE in soil gas and groundwater.

We welcome your interest and will do our best to answer any questions you may have about our work. Please feel free to contact either of the RACER cleanup managers listed below.

Thank you.

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