



## **Land Revitalization Program Breathing New Life into Old Waste Sites Spring 2005**

### **Wade (ABM) Site in Chester, Pennsylvania is Now Part of Delaware County's Largest Riverfront Park**



The Wade site, shown in the left photo, formerly operated as a tire recycling plant and illegal chemical dump. Now cleaned up and renovated, the site provides parking and a fishing pier for the Barry Bridge Park along the Delaware River. Photo at right taken during site renovation.

#### **Location**

The former Wade Chemical Superfund site occupies three acres on the west bank of the Delaware River in Chester, Delaware County, Pa., about 20 miles south of Philadelphia.

#### **Current Use**

The site is now part of the newly renovated Barry Bridge Park riverfront complex. The site provides the public parking area and fishing pier for the park, which also has a public boat launch and acres of open space on the scenic riverfront.

#### **Past Use**

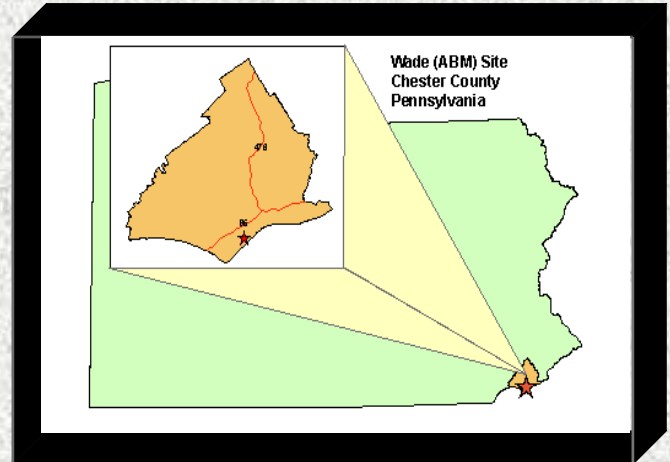
A former tire recycling facility was located at the site starting in 1950. Eventually the site became an illegal disposal site. Chemical wastes were brought to the site and stored there in drums and tank trucks, or disposed of on the ground.

#### **Past Contamination**

Containers of mixed chemicals, contaminated soil and groundwater, and fire-damaged buildings.

#### **Cleanup History**

EPA partnered with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to remove the wastes and buildings, clean up the soil, and continue monitoring the site. The site was deleted from the Superfund National Priorities List in 1989, and in 2003, EPA and the City of Chester signed a legal agreement to allow redevelopment of the site.



#### **Contacts for More Information**

For more information about Barry Bridge Park and redevelopment in Chester, contact the Chester Economic Development Authority at (610) 447-7850.

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For more information about EPA's Land Revitalization Program, visit our website at [www.epa.gov/region03/revitalization/](http://www.epa.gov/region03/revitalization/).



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