



Land Revitalization Program Breathing New Life into Old Waste Sites Summer 2005

Portion of Saegertown Industrial Area Prime for Reuse Saegertown, Crawford County, PA



Once used to clean and repair railroad tank cars, the 25-acre General American Transportation Corp. property near Erie, Pa., was an obvious eyesore and threat to the community (left). Today, (right) it is cleaned up and prime for reuse.

Location

The Saegertown Industrial Area site encompasses about 100 acres, including several industrial operations, near the intersection of Routes 19 and 198 in Crawford County, Pa. The site is divided into two portions — the Lord Corp. portion, which consists of about 25 acres, and the General American Transportation Corp. (GATX) portion, which also consists of about 25 acres.

Current Status

The GATX portion, in addition to two additional properties that required no cleanup, were deleted from the National Priorities List in 1997, and are ready for unrestricted use and unlimited access. The Lord Corp. portion of the property is still being cleaned up under EPA's Superfund program.

Current Owners

GATX portion — Borough of Saegertown, Pa.
Lord Corp. portion — Lord Corp. of Erie, Pa.

Potential Future Uses

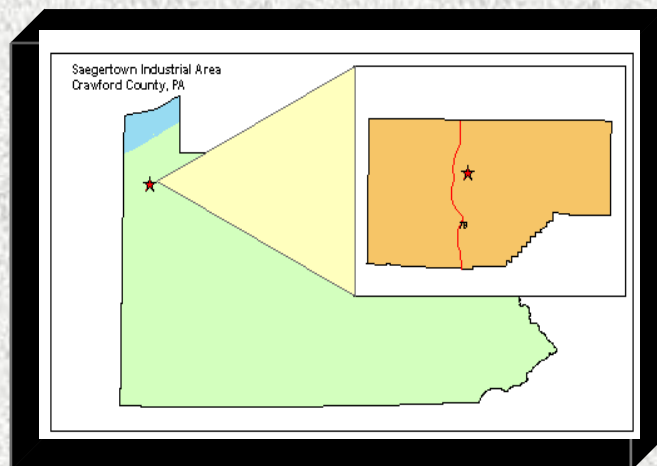
The GATX property is appropriate for unrestricted use and unlimited access, in accordance with local zoning laws and restrictions.

Past Use

GATX cleaned and repaired railroad tank cars on the site from the mid-1950s to 1965, disposing of wash water, solvents, sludge and tanker waste.

Contamination

Soil, sludge and pond sediments on the GATX property were contaminated with volatile organic compounds (VOCs), prevalent in solvents, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, a byproduct of petroleum products. The groundwater beneath the Lord Corp. property is contaminated with VOCs.



Contacts for More Information

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For information about the GATX property, contact the Saegertown borough office at (814) 763-4600.

For more information about EPA's Land Revitalization Program, go to our website at: <http://www.epa.gov/region03/revitalization/>.



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