

3.19.3 ST. BERNARD – Oak Street

Location: Oak Street, I-75, and Ross Park in St. Bernard, Ohio.

Parcel(s): Unknown due to lack of exact location and number of parcels in area

Lat, Long: 39.172120 -84.491941

Region: City of St. Bernard

Owner: Likely State of Ohio (*I-75*) and City of St. Bernard (*Ross Park*)

Operation (yrs): Approximately 1930's – 1962 (*based on aerial photos*)



Facility Overview

Hamilton County Public Health records for this landfill are limited. Therefore the exact location of disposal and the type of wastes disposed of is unknown. The facility shows up on several lists of historical sites as "*St. Bernard Landfill Oak Street*". Outside of these lists HCPH's entire file consists of two Ohio EPA Rule 13 approvals related to the widening of I-75 in the area. Both of the requests are for soil borings and both state that the exact location of disposal is unknown. HCPH was not copied on the original requests or the results of the borings.

Review of aerials from the 1930's show buildings already present in areas south of the railroad and north of present day I-75. In aerials from 1946 and 1950 filling in areas that are now occupied by I-75 and the park is evident. By 1958 filling of these areas continues and construction of I-75 is visible. See Figure 3.19.3-A for aerials

from 1946, 1950, and 1958. Filling in these areas continues in 1962, however in 1963 filling in these areas appears to be complete, and the present-day walking path is under construction.

FIGURE 3.19.3-A



In 2010 the Ohio EPA and US EPA conducted an investigation at the site due to tar seeping to the surface of some of the park fields. ODH conducted a Health Consultation that concluded that the tarry material would pose a public health hazard if the public would come into direct contact with the substance. The report recommended that any material discovered on the fields should be removed and the area covered with clean soil. Contact the US EPA, Ohio EPA, and/or ODH for more information on these investigations.

SITE INSPECTIONS

The site was inspected by HCPH on October 19, 2021. No violations or nuisance conditions were observed on the site.

SITE PRESENT DAY

Part of the suspected location of historical filling is now occupied by I-75. The remainder of the suspected areas are now occupied by Ross Park. The park contains a paved parking lot, paved walking path, grass fields, dirt baseball field, and several small buildings.

