



PROJECT SUMMARY

Community

The property, located in the Pico-Union neighborhood in Los Angeles, California at 1554 West 11th Place is home to the Union Avenue-Cesar Chavez Community Garden. The City of Los Angeles encompasses some of California's most environmentally overburdened and socially underserved communities. EPA places a high priority on providing Brownfields technical assistance and other support to such communities.

Property Information

The property is currently used as the Union Avenue-Cesar Chavez Community Garden, and includes several individual raised gardening plots, park benches, a storage shed and decorative brick pathways. Former historical business operations potentially contributing to contamination at the property include a gasoline and oil service station, an automobile repair facility and a dry cleaner.

Technical Assistance

EPA provides technical assistance to research historic property uses, conduct environmental sampling and identify cleanup options and costs. This EPA-funded assessment focused on soil and soil gas sampling. Lead was found in soil sampling locations throughout the property at concentrations exceeding human health screening levels. Analysis of property soil samples indicate the presence of elevated petroleum hydrocarbons near the location of the former auto repair building. **Recommendation:** Excavate and dispose of impacted soil prior to redevelopment.

Future Use

The property is owned by the Community Redevelopment Agency of the City of Los Angeles who, in conjunction with the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, plans to redevelop the land for use as a community park.

Property Information

Address 1554 W. 11th Place
Los Angeles, CA 90015
County Los Angeles
Size 0.3 acre

Technical Assistance Recipient

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