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Revitalizing Auto Communities Environmental Response (RACER) Trust is issuing this Project Update to provide the results of continued subsurface investigation and monitoring activities being completed to better characterize the presence of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) identified in groundwater along the western boundary of the former Fiero property. The presence of VOCs in groundwater is due to previous operations and activities associated with the former General Motors Corporation Fiero Assembly Plant (former Fiero property). Based on updates to Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) (formerly MDEQ) cleanup approach and related site-specific criteria established in 2020 for the former Fiero property, the concentrations of trichloroethene (TCE), a VOC, in three monitoring wells installed in locations near the property boundary exceed its respective Residential Media-Specific Volatilization to Indoor Air Interim Action Screening Level (RIASL).

From August 2020 through June 2021, subsurface investigation and monitoring activities were completed in the south public right-of-way (ROW) of East Kennett Road, the west ROW of St. Clair Street, and in the western portion of the former Fiero property. These activities included installation of five new groundwater monitoring wells and two soil vapor monitoring points (SVMPs), periodic sampling and analysis of groundwater from newly installed and other pre-existing monitoring wells, and sampling and analysis of soil vapor from the SVMPs (see figure). Work is being completed under the oversight of the

United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) in accordance with work plans which have also been provided to EGLE.

Results from investigation and recent additional evaluation activities, including the development of a Working Draft Conceptual Site Model (CSM) have been provided to USEPA and EGLE for review and are available on RACER's website (see link below). Key files for download and review include the following reports: "2021-05-18 - Pontiac North - Fiero VI Investigation Report - Final" and "2021-08-13 - Pontiac North - 2021 Fiero CSM - Working Draft".

Low concentrations of VOCs have been found in shallow groundwater (i.e., groundwater present at approximately 20 feet below the ground surface) and overlying soils along the western boundary of the former Fiero property. However, shallow groundwater is not used as a source of drinking water in the area as water is supplied to the residences and businesses by the Oakland County Water Resource Commission. In addition, it is very unlikely that anyone could come into direct contact with groundwater containing VOCs and even if someone did, there is no risk associated with direct contact with groundwater containing the observed low concentrations of VOCs.

Additional investigation of on- and off-site groundwater and soil vapor is needed to continue evaluation of potential volatilization of VOCs from groundwater to indoor air. (see figure for proposed additional off-site investigation activities). Additional investigation is planned for mid-October 2021, and monitoring will continue on a periodic basis to allow for evaluation of conditions over time.



Required ROW permits will be obtained from the City of Pontiac prior to work in the west ROW of St. Clair Street. The week prior to drilling, all underground utilities will be located and marked with paint and flags. Work within the ROW is expected to take 2 to 3 days to complete. Work hours will be from approximately 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. During that time, a small drill rig and support vehicles will be working within the ROW. Every effort



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will be made to minimize disturbance to traffic and landscaping and any disturbed landscape will be repaired. On-site investigations may take 2 to 3 weeks to complete.

The health and safety of both the public and workers are the number one priority of USEPA, EGLE, and RACER. While investigation activities are being implemented, several processes and safety measures will be in place to ensure safe and effective completion of the activities to protect the public and workers.

When the investigation and monitoring data and evaluations are documented, updates will be provided to USEPA and EGLE, and will be available on RACER Trust's website (see link below) for other interested parties.

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More information is provided in project reports that are available on RACER's website – <https://www.racertrust.org/properties/pontiac-north>