



# RCRA Corrective Action Cleanup + Productive Use

## Economic Profile

# Sparrows Point Terminal

Sparrows Point, Maryland

### BEFORE

Steel mill

### AFTER



Business Park



Deep Water Port



Offshore Wind Support

The 3,100-acre Sparrows Point facility is located along the Patapsco River southeast of Baltimore. A steel mill operated at the site from the 1880s until its closure in 1991.

The steelmaking process impacted site soil and groundwater with a range of contaminants including arsenic, lead, coal tar and sulfuric acid. EPA and the Maryland Department of the Environment have overseen investigation of 2,400 acres and corrective action is underway. Over 500 acres of the facility have been made available for reuse and redevelopment.

Rebranded in 2014 as the Tradepoint Atlantic business park, the site has attracted major companies including Amazon, FedEx and Under Armour. The business park now provides over 3,000 jobs and generates \$1 billion in annual revenue.

**CLEANUP OVERSEEN BY**  
EPA and the Maryland Department of the Environment



EMPLOYEES

**3,320**



ANNUAL SALES

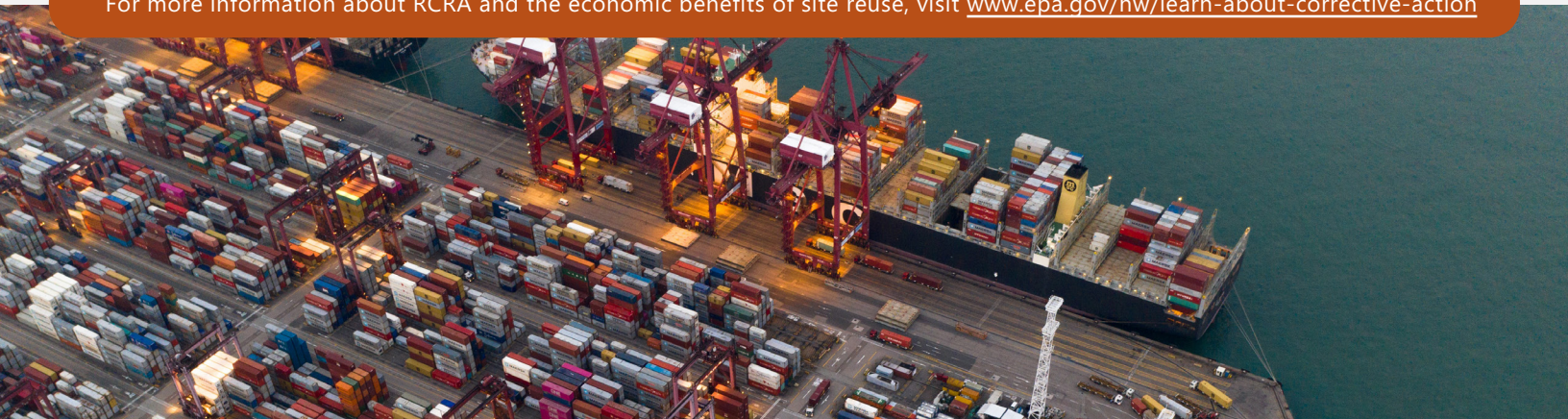
**\$1 billion**



ANNUAL WAGES

**\$143 million**

For more information about RCRA and the economic benefits of site reuse, visit [www.epa.gov/hw/learn-about-corrective-action](http://www.epa.gov/hw/learn-about-corrective-action)





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## TRADEPOINT ATLANTIC AIMS TO BECOME A KEYSTONE IN THE OFFSHORE WIND SUPPLY CHAIN FOR THE EASTERN SEABOARD.

In 2015, following Tradepoint Atlantic's redevelopment, the state of Maryland expanded the eastern Baltimore County Enterprise Zone to include the entire facility. The designation provided tax incentives for businesses to invest and create jobs in the area. Along with these tax incentives, the cleanup underway at Sparrows Point and the hub's on-site multimodal transportation and deepwater port infrastructure quickly attracted tenants.

Today, the business park's tenants specialize in logistics, manufacturing and transportation. Amazon opened two distribution centers in 2019 and 2020, collectively employing an estimated 3,000 full-time staff. Rooftop solar panels reduce the amount of electricity purchased by an estimated 30% each year. Amazon also uses zero-emissions power industrial trucks to pack and ship larger items. Another site employer is Gotham Greens, which operates an indoor farm that is 100% powered by renewable energy and uses 95% less water than conventional farming.

Tradepoint Atlantic is also helping build a greener future in offshore wind. The coastal logistics hub is partnering with both Ørsted U.S. Offshore Wind and U.S. Wind Inc. to become a staging area – and a potential manufacturer – for wind turbines off the Maryland coast. Ørsted completed the first phase of its 120-megawatt project in March 2021. The project is expected to create an estimated 1,400 jobs and power 35,000 homes with clean energy. U.S. Wind's 270-megawatt installation is anticipated to come online in 2024, powering 76,000 homes. Through these partnerships, Tradepoint Atlantic aims to become a keystone in the offshore wind supply chain for the Eastern Seaboard.



Tradepoint Atlantic is a member of the Port of Baltimore, with 900 acres available for marine shipping activity. Nearby rail and storage services provide tenants and customers with efficient infrastructure for commercial and industrial uses.



To support Tradepoint Atlantic's goal of becoming an offshore wind hub, Baltimore County supported a \$78 million infrastructure investment at the site.