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### **Local Connections Highlighted on The History Channel**

**June 13, 2005 , Canton, MA** – BWI Sparrows Point LLC of Canton, MA and Baltimore, MD announced today that its property, Sparrows Point Shipyard/Industrial Complex, Sparrows Point, MD, will be featured nationally on the History Channel’s June 19, 2005 show, “Boneyard – Where Machines End Their Lives”. The show will air at 8 p.m. EST.

“We are pleased that the show will be able to highlight some of the amazing history of the Shipyard --it has undergone tremendous transformation over the last 50 years, and really mirrors the economies and lifestyles of different decades of American history,” said spokesperson John Bulman.

Among other uses, the Shipyard currently serves as a ship repair and demolition site for commercial and military vessels. Other maritime-related industries have also been leasing space at the massive site. “Since we took over the site in March 2004, we have invested substantial capital just in cleaning, modernizing, and rejuvenating the infrastructure of the yard,” said Bulman.

The Sparrows Point Shipyard was originally built in 1889 by Maryland Steel Company. It delivered its first ship in 1891. In 1917, it was bought by Bethlehem Steel, at which point it had built 176 ships, almost all commercial, but including three destroyers and six naval colliers.

The shipyard was sold at auction in November, 2003 and is now owned by SPS Limited Partnership LLLP. Vincent F. Barletta of Weston, MA is the President of BWI Sparrows Point LLC, the operators of the Sparrows Point Shipyard/Industrial Complex. The total site is over 225 acres with approximately 800,000 sf of buildings and related cranes and equipment. The site is comprised of over one mile of waterfront and has views of the Harbor and Key Bridge.

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