

Poisonous wastes under Fairport Harbor, Ohio, USA

Landsat-5 TM acquired on **20 September 1985**

Landsat-5 TM acquired on **31 October 2000**

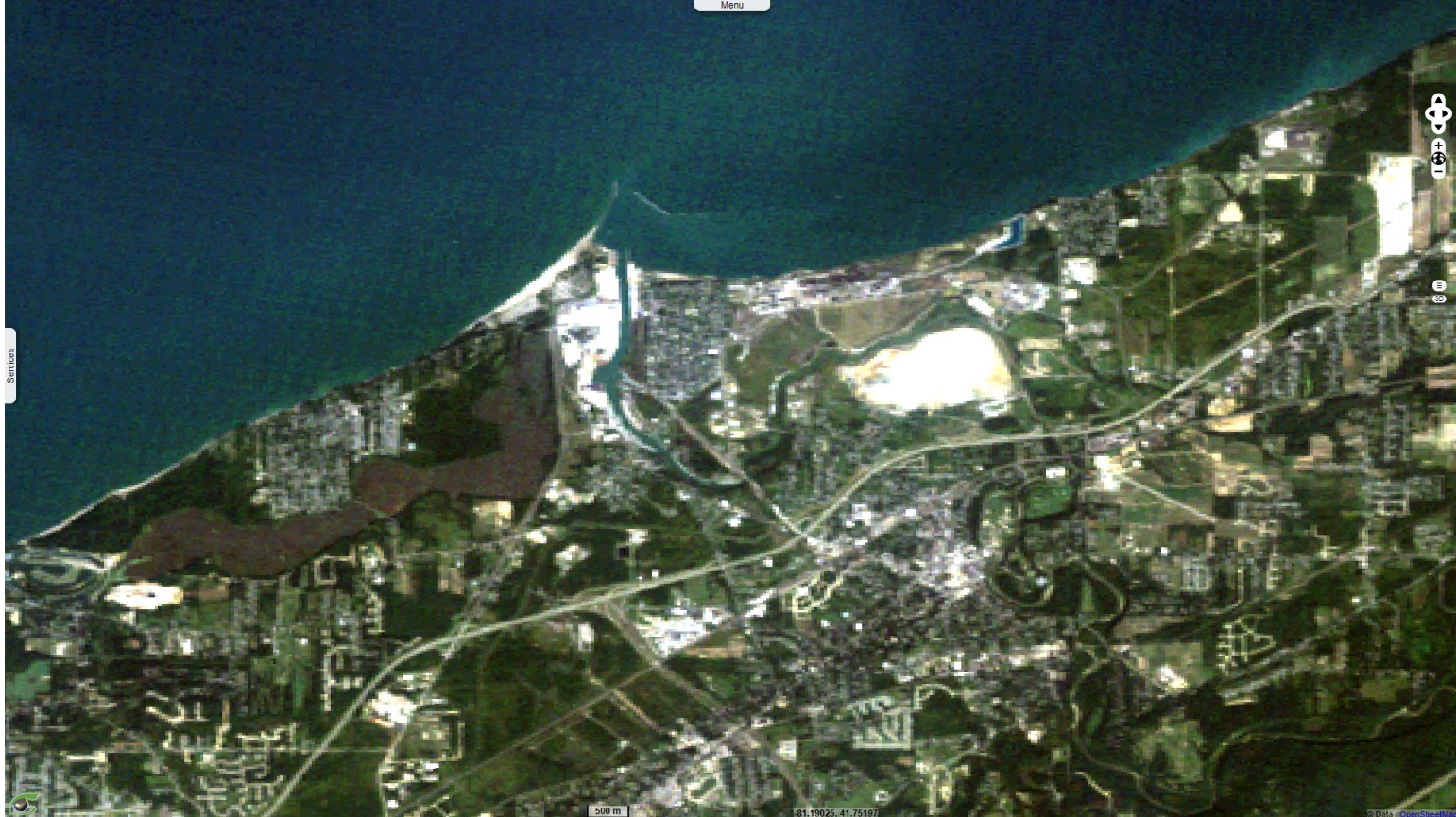
Sentinel-2 MSI acquired on **20 October 2015**

Sentinel-2 MSI acquired on **23 October 2020**

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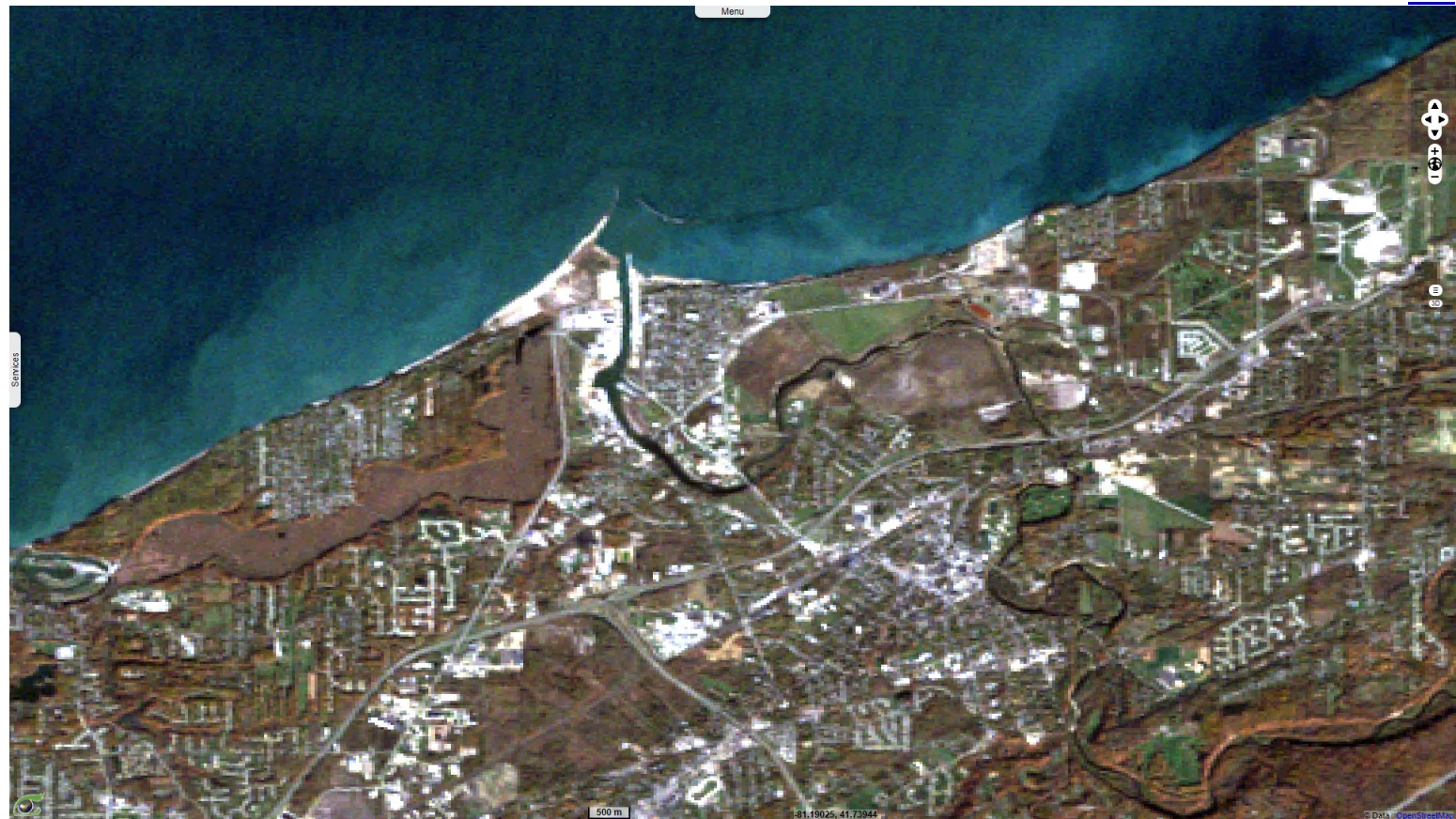
Fig. 1 - Landsat-5 TM (20.09.1985) - Diamond Alkali established in Fairport in 1912, producing soda ash, caustic soda & bicarbonate of soda. [2D View](#)



Diamond Shamrock Corp. moved to Texas and closed on 31 December 1976, leaving thousands without jobs and industrial carcass scarring the land.

Fig. 2 - Landsat-5 TM (31.10.2000) - Not only the workers died young, but the whole community has been affected by widespread early cancer.

[2D View](#)



The urban area continued to develop amidst cancer-causing chemicals like mercury, cyanide, and hexavalent chromium in the same water that Fairport Harbor residents used for play.

Fig. 3 - S2 (20.10.2015) - Instead of a cleaning up, the chemicals were first fenced, then sealed and covered. 600m3 of highly toxic waste is still at risk of leaking into the lake.

[2D View](#)

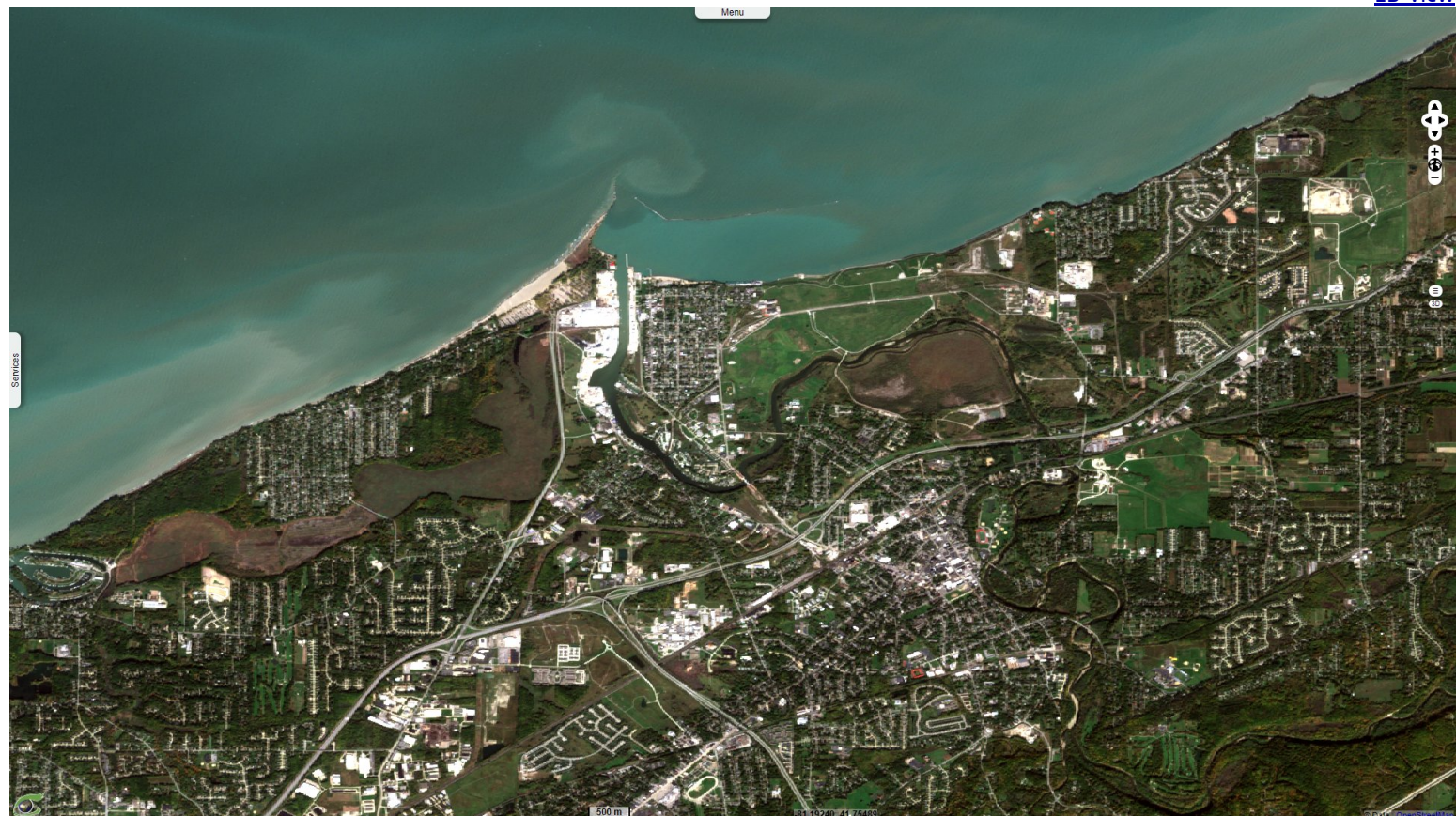














Fig. 4 - S2 (23.10.2020) - With acres & acres of lakefront real estate, it was revived as luxury resorts opened above the industrial waste & its sludge in the 2000s.



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