

Indiana Brownfields Program projects receive Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence

Two of the ten 2008 Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence recognized brownfield redevelopment projects. On October 1, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) presented crystal trophies to the City of Indianapolis for the Former Ertel Manufacturing redevelopment project and to Green Tech Transfer and Recycling, LLC/Mother Earth, LLC, for the former Studebaker Plant 8 project in South Bend. Both of these projects received financial, legal, and technical assistance from the Indiana Brownfields Program and U.S. EPA.

The Governor's Awards recognize Indiana leaders who have implemented outstanding environmental strategies into their operations and decision-making processes. By exploring and utilizing innovative environmental practices, facilities or programs reduce waste, save money, and contribute greatly to Indiana's environmental protection efforts. The awards are open to all Indiana facilities, government agencies, individuals, and other groups that implement exemplary environmental projects with measurable results. This year's awards were presented for the following categories: Outreach or Education, Land Use, Greening Government and Recycling/Reuse.



The Former Ertel Manufacturing project received a Governor's Award in the Land Use category. *Pictured:* Rick Bossingham, IDEM; Chris Harrell, City of Indianapolis; Natalie Weir, Major Tool & Machine Company, Inc.; Chris Rothenberger, Major Tool & Machine Company, Inc.; Kyle Hendrix, Indiana Brownfields Program; Stephanie Quick, City of Indianapolis; and Nivas Vijay, Qepi, Inc.



The Former Studebaker Plant 8 project received a Governor's Award in the Recycling/Reuse Category. *Pictured:* Rick Bossingham, IDEM, and from Green Tech Transfer and Recycling, LLC/ Mother Earth, LLC, Belinda Morris, Mike Morris, and Amanda Morris.

Former Ertel Manufacturing — Land Use Category

The City of Indianapolis' Brownfield Redevelopment Program demolished the blighted and collapsing Ertel Manufacturing facility structures, and then remediated the former industrial foundry site. The city project disposed of 55,000 tons of contaminated soil and reused or recycled 73 percent of the former structural materials. The nearly \$6 million-cleanup of hazardous and non-hazardous materials set the stage for an over \$19 million-industrial expansion project by Major Tool & Machine Company, Inc., on the formerly abandoned industrial site. This redevelopment project retained over 270 industrial jobs and will contribute 53 new jobs in Indianapolis. For more information about the Ertel project, visit www.in.gov/ifa/files/Ertel_Success.pdf

Former Studebaker Plant 8 — Recycling/Reuse Category

South Bend-based Green Tech Transfer and Recycling, LLC, has established itself as the only large-scale location in the state of Indiana to offer extensive recycling operations at a transfer station, which is a processing facility for solid waste. The company has also taken recycling one step further, repurposing the former Studebaker Plant 8 facility into an 85,000-square foot building designed for its needs. For more information about the Studebaker project, visit [www.in.gov/ifa/files/Studebaker_Plant_8\(1\).pdf](http://www.in.gov/ifa/files/Studebaker_Plant_8(1).pdf).