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State grant helps Dugger clean up brownfield site

INDIANAPOLIS - The Indiana Brownfields Program awarded Petroleum Remediation Grant funds to six Indiana communities including Dugger, Indiana. The Town of Dugger received \$9,228 to clean up a former gas station, located on S.R. 54 just west of Dugger. The site is being remediated in preparation for commercial reuse.

"The site was abandoned for about 15 years or so and was an eyesore in the middle of an area of businesses that were well kept," said Town Manager Bill Pirtle. "The grant has allowed the property to be cleaned up to be used as an auto repair and carwash facility. It's made a big difference for the community."

The Indiana Brownfields Program awarded a total of more than \$194,000 to six communities across the state during this round of grants.

"That old gas station sat there for a long time and I'm glad that we were able to help clean it up," said Rep. Bruce Borders. "Our state finances are back in order and we've been able to work on lots of projects, big and small, that may not have had financial support before."

"This is a great opportunity for Dugger," State Sen. John Waterman said. "This allows them to clean up a hazardous site, while at the same time restoring a productive use for this land. This will provide local job opportunities and help the local economy."

The funds for the Petroleum Remediation Grants come from appropriations approved by the Indiana Legislature.

"Cleaning up blighted areas in our cities and towns leads to new development, which brings in new businesses, and ultimately creates jobs for Hoosiers - Governor Daniels' number one goal," said Ryan Kitchell, Public Finance Director.

The Indiana Brownfields Program, which oversees several financial incentives for brownfields redevelopment, administers the Petroleum Remediation Grants. The Indiana Brownfields Program is a division of the Indiana Finance Authority, which was created by Governor Mitch Daniels in 2005 to more effectively manage state finances under one entity.

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