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### **State grant helps Flora clean up brownfield site**

INDIANAPOLIS - The Indiana Brownfields Program awarded Petroleum Remediation Grant funds to six Indiana communities including Flora, Indiana. The Town of Flora received \$84,520 to clean up the site of the former Brethren Home, Inc. nursing home, located on S.R. 75 on the west side of town. The site is being remediated and rehabilitated into assisted care and nursing home facilities.

"The site has been empty for six years, and a buried petroleum tank was discovered," said Joretta Tinsman, Clerk Treasurer. "Our goal is to get the property rehabilitated and have it reopen as a nursing home again, and this grant will enable us to get one step closer to our goal," Tinsman said. "The reason we pursued this was for the new jobs that we will regain after reopening the nursing home. The nursing home will be a large utility customer, which will also help the town's economy."

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

"Not only will this grant allow the Town of Flora to clean up this potentially hazardous site, but it will also help the local economy," said Sen. Brandt Hershman. "Re-opening a nursing home on this site will provide jobs and an important service to the community. I am pleased that Flora received this opportunity and I look forward to seeing the completion of this much-needed project."

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

"This announcement will not only help preserve an economical asset in the community and help to continue to serve the city of Flora in a positive way, but it will also help to create jobs in the area," said Rep. Richard McClain.

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.

For more information about Petroleum Remediation Grants, contact Sara Westrick Corbin at (317) 234-1688 or [swestrick@ifa.in.gov](mailto:swestrick@ifa.in.gov). Information is also available at the Indiana Finance Authority's website at [www.in.gov/ifa/brownfields](http://www.in.gov/ifa/brownfields).

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