Site Highlight: State Financial Assistance Helps Bring an Indianapolis Brownfield Site Back to Life

The former brownfield site on the near north side of Indianapolis that was once a contaminated and unproductive blight to the community is now housing a thriving business on the ground floor of the existing building and will soon also include a 2,700 square-foot condominium on the upper level. This productive mixed use of a former tire facility was made possible by the efforts of The Promotion Company, a neighboring business that had a vision for the property and provided private investment in the project; the city of Indianapolis who partnered with The Promotion Company; and financial assistance from the Indiana Brownfields Program.

In October 2003, the city was awarded $29,950 in state Site Assessment Grant funding for a Phase II site investigation and asbestos and lead assessment of the property. Then in February 2006, the city received $45,462 in Petroleum Remediation Grant funding from the Indiana Brownfields Program to remove one 1,000-gallon underground storage tank (UST) and eight hydraulic lifts from the site. In addition, 180 cubic yards of contaminated soil were excavated and removed for off-site disposal. Samples collected from the site after the removal confirmed that the contamination had been addressed, and on August 23, 2006, an IDEM No Further Action Letter was issued for the site. The Promotion Company then was able to proceed with its remodeling and reuse of the site.

For more information about this example of successful brownfield redevelopment or the various tools that the Indiana Brownfields Program provides, please call (317) 234-4293 or email brownfields@ifa.IN.gov.

The Promotion Company now uses the former tire facility for office space.

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