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***Plainfield receives grant to assess landfill site***

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Brownfields Program has awarded \$51,500 to the Town of Plainfield to perform an environmental assessment of a former landfill site, located at 5344 Pike Lane , Plainfield . The Town plans to convert the 13-acre site into a recreational area to compliment a nearby \$25 million recreation and fitness center.

“The grant award has been a real positive for our community in that it was a confirmation from the State that the Town’s vision of creating a positive asset for the community at the former Shouse Landfill site could move forward,” said Tim Belcher, Town Engineer. “Not only was it underutilized property, but it also posed a risk of contaminating White Lick Creek. The grant will allow us to prevent that from occurring and create a recreation space for our community.”

A brownfield is a property where redevelopment can be complicated due to actual or potential environmental contamination. The Indiana Brownfields Program aims to help communities identify and mitigate these environmental barriers, which could impede the economic growth of the community.

Political subdivisions are eligible to apply for grants of up to \$100,000 to perform environmental assessment activities, including Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments and asbestos and lead paint surveys. Awardees must meet an investment criterion within two years of a grant award; otherwise they must repay the grant. Investment can include, but is not limited to remediation, demolition, construction or site preparation.

“I am excited that the state can assist the community,” said Rep. Bob Behning. “ Plainfield has always been a forward-thinking town, looking for ways to increase the recreational opportunities for its residents. This grant has a two-fold benefit, providing an additional recreational area and cleaning up a potential environmental problem.”

The Indiana Brownfields Program is managed by the Indiana Finance Authority and offers financial, legal, technical, and educational assistance to entities involved with brownfields redevelopment. The Indiana Finance Authority was created by Governor Daniels in 2005 to more effectively manage State-related finances under one entity.

“Cleaning up distressed properties in our cities and towns and adding new recreational opportunities leads to a healthier state – one of Governor Daniels’ top priorities,” said Ryan Kitchell, Public Finance Director of the State of Indiana .

Communities can obtain more information on grant eligibility from the Indiana Brownfields Program at [www.brownfields.in.gov](http://www.brownfields.in.gov) or contact Sara Westrick Corbin at (317) 234-1688 or [swestrick@ifa.in.gov](mailto:swestrick@ifa.in.gov).

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