



TAB: Technical Assistance to Brownfield Communities

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(What I do)

- **CRED:** Center for Regional Economic
Development (Where I'm housed at the
University)

- **Region V, EPA:** In, Il, Mi, Mn, Wi, Oh
(where I work)

- **LPG:** Licensed Professional Geologist

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WHY TAB?

- EPA sponsors the nation-wide program to provide *unbiased* technical assistance to communities
- Technical issues associated with Brownfield Redevelopment can be complex and overwhelming to smaller towns and communities



What is a Brownfield?

“.....real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contamination.” (US EPA)

including sites contaminated by controlled substances, petroleum or petroleum products and mine-scarred lands.

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Brownfield Properties

- Estimated 500,000 in the United States
- Most sites known by community and not listed
- Brownfields in every county, urban and rural

Brownfield Redevelopment Why?



- Increases (RENEWS) property value and local tax base
- Reduces the need to develop greenfields
- Uses existing infrastructure (cost savings)
- Mitigates public health and safety concerns
- Improves the community image

Drill down...Brownfields— a community definition

EPA provides the guidance, but it is the community that identifies a property as a Brownfield

- **Abandoned property**
- **Active but Underutilized**
- **Real estate turnover complicated by real or perceived contamination**
- **Property use Blighted –significantly conflicts with a master plan**

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It's about the Economy ☺...

Approximately \$132 million has been awarded to Region 5 Brownfield grantees resulting in...

- **1,094 properties undergoing redevelopment**
- **4,463 acres ready for reuse**
- **2,590 redevelopment and cleanup/construction jobs**

EPA measures success in jobs, property redeveloped, leveraged funds



Funding to States in EPA Region 5

R5 States	R5 Total # Apps	# funded applicants per State	Funding awarded per State in R5	Funding % State
In	13	2	\$400,000	1.83%
Il	10	4	\$1,600,000	7.31%
Mn	6	5	\$2,600,000	11.87%
Wi	6	3	\$3,000,000	13.70%
Mi	30	17	\$6,345,000	28.98%
Oh	24	12	\$7,950,000	36.31%
Total	89	43	\$21,895,000	100%

Warsaw Indiana (courtesy of QEPI, Inc)



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Petroleum sites



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Indiana Brownfields?

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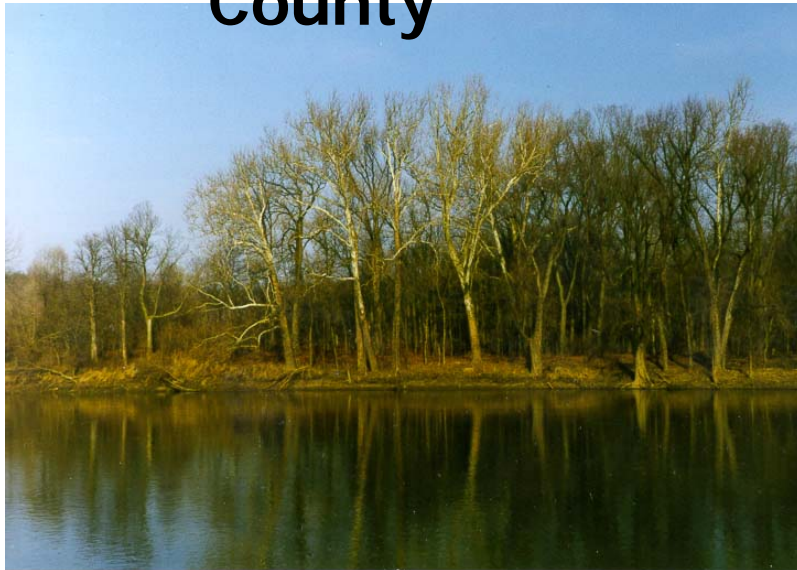


Muncie



Brownfield?....

Tippecanoe County



Delaware County Greenways



Courtesy of Hull & Associates

THE BAD NEWS ABOUT BROWNFIELDS....

**CROSSING TURF
LINES**

**UPSIDE DOWN
DEALS**

**LIABILITY ISSUES
CONFUSING**



THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT BROWNFIELDS



- **EPA GRANTS RANGING FROM \$200,000 TO \$1,000,000 FOR ASSESSMENT, CLEANUP AND REVOLVING LOAN FUNDS FOR COMMUNITIES AND NOT FOR PROFITS**
- **LOCAL AND STATE FUNDING PROGRAMS AVAILABLE TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

Former Cab Company, Indpls

(courtesy QEPI, Inc)



- Abandoned Cab Company facility will be transformed into Condominiums

Swayne Robinson and Company

(courtesy Keramida Environmental , Inc)



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Swayne Robinson and Company transformed Wayne County Jail

(courtesy Keramida Environmental , Inc)



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EVANSVILLE PLATING WORKS

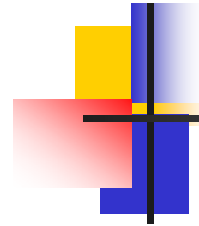
VACANT FOR 12 YEARS



COUNTY JUST SOLD FOR \$236k

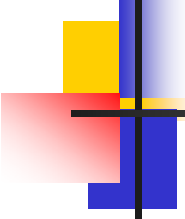
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Frankfort Community Public Library Project



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ASSISTANCE TAB CAN PROVIDE AT NO COST

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- PROGRAM GENERAL
 - COMMUNITY SPECIFIC
 - PROJECT SPECIFIC
 - TECHNICAL

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Online tool simplifies and provides more accessibility to the EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant application process.

Can be found at www.mhsrc.org --just click on the new pilot software announced on the Home Page

THE COMMUNITY VISION



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