



Washington County Site Redevelopment Program



Memo To: Washington County Site Redevelopment Steering Committee (SRC)

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Re: Consideration of EPA Assessment Grant Funding for City of West Bend – Former Blaine Site

Funding is requested to perform supplemental assessment activities at the former Blaine property in West Bend. Industrial use of the property dates back nearly 100 years, beginning in 1920 with the Barton Axle Company, followed by the Barton Washer Mfg. Company which began operations in 1930 but which went out of business in 1971. Ownership of the property shifted hands multiple times during the 1970s and 1980s. Buildings at the property were demolished in the 1990s, during which time the building was used for illegal storage of large numbers of used tires. After the property went into foreclosure, it was acquired by the West Bend Urban Redevelopment Corporation in 1996 followed by the City in 1998. The property has been vacant for nearly 20 years. The property directly abuts the former Bermico property that is a current assessment focus for the City.

Very limited assessment of the property was performed in the 1990s. It is anticipated that any future reuse of the Bermico property would best be performed in conjunction with reuse of the Blaine property. As assessment activities are finally underway at the Bermico property, it makes sense to continue the assessment process at the Blaine property so that information needed for remediation and reuse of the property will be available.

Anticipated assessment activities include performance of Phase I and Phase II ESAs. Based on the findings of the Phase II ESA, a remedial action and soil management plan may also be required. A preliminary estimate of potential costs for assessment activities is approximately \$24,000.

The City of West Bend is requesting approximately \$24,000 of EPA Assessment Grant funds for this effort.

