



Introducing Washington County's Site Redevelopment Program and the \$600,000 USEPA Coalition Grant!

Since 2012, Washington County has been proactively working to evaluate and assess sites in need of redevelopment or “brownfield” sites. **A brownfield is an abandoned or underused industrial or commercial property which hinders redevelopment due to the presence or suspected presence of environmental contamination.** Assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment of brownfields is critical for eliminating threats to human health and the environment and revitalizing Washington County's communities. This “fact sheet” summarizes the progress of Washington County Coalition Communities' Site Redevelopment Program (SRP) through September 2015. Along with other planned activities, this program fact sheet is one way in which the County will maintain contact and provide ongoing updates related to the SRP program.

In 2013, Washington County formed a coalition with the City of Hartford, City of West Bend, Village of Jackson, Village of Richfield and Village of Slinger to apply for a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Brownfield Coalition Assessment Grant for Hazardous Substance and Petroleum Brownfields. On May 28, 2014, the USEPA announced that Washington County was successful in securing a Countywide Coalition Brownfield Assessment Grant totaling \$600,000. The grant funds will be used to complete a community-wide inventory and prioritization of sites that have redevelopment potential within the County, perform Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments on priority sites, complete remedial action plans and redevelopment plans for select sites and perform community outreach and education related to redevelopment opportunities.



Site Redevelopment Committee

In an effort to effectively redevelop and revitalize sites throughout the County, a Site Redevelopment Steering Committee (SRC) was formed to provide input into the grant application and implementation.

The purpose of the SRC is to provide oversight and

guidance during all phases of the Site Redevelopment Program. Members of the SRC will meet quarterly to review current progress, provide future direction, and aid the project management team.

The SRC includes leaders from local government, including the Coalition communities, and the business community:

Chair	Ray Heidtke	County Board Supervisor/Town of Jackson Chairperson
Vice-Chair	Mike Miller	County Board Supervisor-Chair, Planning, Conservation & Parks
Member	Jessi Balcom	Administrator, Village of Slinger
Member	Justin Drew	City Planner, City of Hartford
Member	Jim Healy	Administrator, Village of Richfield
Member	TJ Justice	City Administrator, City of West Bend
Member	Lisa Maylen	Workforce Development Center
Member	Curt Pitzen	NAI MLG Commercial
Member	Christian Tscheschlok	Executive Director Economic Development Washington County
Member	John Walther	Administrator, Village of Jackson





Site Redevelopment Program:

Project Management Team

The Washington County SRP Project Management Team represents the staff team responsible for managing the USEPA grant, advancing the grant and SRP workplan, including ongoing coordination with the USEPA Project Manager, the SRC, and overall community outreach.

The staff working team is comprised of professionals with expertise in environmental engineering, urban planning, economic development, redevelopment and reuse planning, and urban design:

Debora Sielski, ASLA, Deputy Administrator,
Washington County Planning and Parks Dept.

Christian Tscheschlok, Executive Director, Economic
Development Washington County

Deborah Reinbold, Business Solutions Specialist,
Economic Development Washington County

David Holmes, Senior Environmental Scientist, Stantec

Jolena Presti, AICP, Principal Urban Planner,
Vandewalle & Associates

Jorian Giorno, Associate Urban Planner, Vandewalle &
Associates

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Opportunities to Participate in the Program

A key part of the County's Site Redevelopment Program is community awareness and engagement. Meetings are planned for 2015 where community attendance and participation is encouraged, including:

- **Quarterly SRC meetings** are planned and will be open for public attendance and participation. SRC meetings will be held in coalition communities over the life of the project. The first quarterly SRC meeting was held September 29th, the next SRC meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2015.
- **Countywide Community Meeting for Site Identification and Prioritization.** A countywide

community meeting is scheduled to engage the public in discussions related to community goals for site redevelopment. A facilitated discussion will be conducted related to community goals and priorities on **October 15, 2015, 6-8pm at Moraine Park Technical College**; a separate meeting notice and flyer will be distributed.

- **Annual SRC Meeting and Public Open House.** Join the SRC and Project Management Team to review progress for the year. Stay tuned for information on the date and location of this meeting.

Other Ways to Get Involved

- Stay up-to-date with the Site Redevelopment Program's progress through press releases and fact sheets as they are distributed – also located on the County's Site Redevelopment Program webpage: <http://www.co.washington.wi.us/srp>



- Attend the EDWC Countywide Conference.
 - **Theme:** Powering Economic Growth through Investment, Innovation, and Workforce
 - **Dates:** October 5-6
 - **Location:** WBMI Prairie Center, West Bend
 - **More Information:** <http://businessreadywi.com/conference>
- **Get in touch** with Debora Sielski, Washington County Planning and Parks Dept. at **(262) 335-4445** or email at: deb.sielski@co.washington.wi.us

