Since 2012, Washington County has been proactively working to evaluate and assess sites in need of redevelopment — commonly referred to as “brownfield” sites. In 2014, the USEPA announced that Washington County was successful in securing a Countywide Coalition Brownfield Assessment Grant totaling $600,000 to fund a community-wide inventory and prioritization of sites, 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.

The EDWC Brownfields Redevelopment Web Tool was unveiled at the 2016 Business Ready Wisconsin Conference Workshop.

$41,000 of US EPA funds were used to complete Phase I and II ESAs at E.H. Wolf and Sons. Redevelopment of the site is expected to generate $3.3 million in new property value.

$38,100 of US EPA funds were used to complete Phase I and II ESAs and a supplemental site investigation for the Proposed Saxony Village Development.

$34,000 of US EPA funds were used to reassess the former Niphos Coating facility. More than 8,800 gallons of hazardous chemicals were found abandoned on site, in 2012.

In November, the Village of Jackson held a Redevelopment Plan Community Workshop where they discussed community goals and redevelopment considerations.

A Northeast Corridor Opportunity Analysis was completed in June 2016 and focuses on the oldest developed area in the Village of Richfield.