



# City of Loves Park Brownfields News

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## THE FACTS

\*\*It is estimated that there are more than 450,000 Brownfields in the United States\*\*

U.S. EPA's investment in their Brownfields Program has resulted in many accomplishments including:

-Creating Nearly 30,000 New Jobs

-Assessing More Than 4,800 Properties

U.S. EPA Region 5 serves its communities through 397 Cooperative Agreements, including:  
-238 Assessment Grants  
-12 Job Training Grants  
-47 Revolving Loan Fund Grants  
-79 Cleanup Grants

In Region 5 alone, 4,280 Redevelopment, Cleanup, and Construction jobs have been created.

**Region 5** is composed of the following states: Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin

If you have any information regarding potential Brownfields, please contact Dan Jacobson at the City of Loves Park or Joel Zirkle of Fehr-Graham & Associates

## Brownfields at Work

### Hines Lumber Co. Site:

The City of Loves Park is not wasting any time utilizing their U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment funds. The former Hines Lumber building (originally J.H. Patterson Lumber Company) is a 6.5-acre eyesore that is located on Pearl Avenue. This eyesore will soon be transformed into a multi-use sports complex that will include: softball diamonds, a lighted tee-ball area, sand volleyball, restrooms, and a concession stand.

The multi-use sports complex project is being made possible by an elaborate Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Loves Park, the Rockford Park District, the Rockford Park District Foundation, The Carlson Boys & Girls Club, and Woodward Governor. The Intergovernmental Agreement entails the purchase and demoli-

tion of the old Hines Lumber Co. and expanding the neighboring Loves Park Playground onto the lumber company's 6.5-acre site.

The City of Loves Park used their U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment funds to conduct assessment activities on the site, including Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments. The former Hines Lumber site has now been enrolled into the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Site Remediation Program. Enrollment into the Site Remediation Program means the site will be investigated and any recognized environmental conditions will be addressed.

This redevelopment project will also allow for the expansion of a research laboratory and test

facility for Woodward Governor on a portion of the current Loves Park Playground.

### Parkside Uniform Site:

Prior to purchase, the City of Loves Park commissioned their Environmental Consultants, Fehr-Graham & Associates, to conduct a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment on the former Parkside Uniform Building site. Following the Phase I, the City purchased the site. Current plans for the site include demolition of the onsite structure and the landscaping of the remaining open lot for green space. The City utilized their U.S. EPA Brownfields Assessment funds to perform an asbestos inspection prior to demolition to identify any asbestos containing materials (ACM's). Currently, the City is funding the abatement of the identified ACM's.

## BRAC Has Been Established

In 2007, the City of Loves Park was awarded two (2) \$200,000 Brownfields Assessment Grants. Following award, the City established a Brownfields Redevelopment Advisory Committee (BRAC) to assist them with their Brownfields redevelopment efforts.

The BRAC was established for the purpose of planning the long and short-term strategic goals of the City's brownfield redevelopment initiative. Members of the BRAC include representatives from the City of Loves Park, financial institutions, economic development entities, developers, and representatives of non-profit organizations.

Interested citizens and environmental advocates were also encouraged to join the BRAC.

The BRAC's primary duty consists of the prioritization of the sites that have been identified as potential brownfield sites. The City will use the prioritized list as guide for their redevelopment efforts.