

# BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN ST. JOSEPH COUNTY, MICHIGAN



Former Essex Wire Site  
Three Rivers, Michigan

**Brownfields are defined as properties that are contaminated (or perceived as contaminated), blighted, functionally obsolete, or historic.**

In 2004, the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners established the St. Joseph County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (SJC BRA) to assist in the revitalization of contaminated, blighted and functionally obsolete properties throughout the county. In 2020, the SJC BRA was awarded a \$300,000 Brownfield Assessment Grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In total, the SJC BRA has been awarded \$1.4 million in brownfield grants. With these funds, the SJC BRA will continue to assist in the redevelopment of brownfield properties county-wide.

## **FUNDS CAN BE USED ON ELIGIBLE PROPERTIES FOR VARIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES INCLUDING:**

- Phase I & Phase II Environmental Site Assessments
- Baseline Environmental Assessments
- Documentation of Due Care Compliance
- Brownfield Plans, Cleanup Planning, and activities required to pursue additional Brownfield resources
- Soil and Groundwater Sampling
- Asbestos & Lead Surveys

## **MICHIGAN'S BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS ARE SOME OF THE BEST IN THE NATION, PROVIDING COMMUNITIES AND DEVELOPERS OF BROWNFIELDS WITH:**

- Liability protection
- Opportunities for reimbursement of environmental expenditures
- Opportunities for grants and low-cost loans
- Reimbursement of demolition, asbestos/lead abatement costs, and cleanup activities
- Infrastructure improvements and site preparation activities in the cities of Sturgis and Three Rivers, both Core Communities
- The SJC BRA is the point of access to financial incentives to support redevelopment efforts.

The SJC BRA stands ready to work with local communities and businesses in support of redevelopment of Brownfields throughout the county. If we can support your efforts or answer questions regarding potential projects, please contact Cathy Knapp.

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## **WHERE TO START:**

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