

Stephenson County Brownfields Program

THE FACTS

The Region 5 Brownfields Program serves its communities through 397 Cooperative Agreement including:

- 238 Assessment Grants
 - 12 Job Training Grants
 - 47 Revolving Loan Fund Grants
 - 79 Cleanup Grants
 - 3 Showcase Communities
 - 6 States Grants
 - 15 Tribal Agreements
- (as of September 2006)

**The Number of Acres Region 5 Has Made Ready for Reuse: 5064

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

Seeing Brownfields Funds at Work!

Whether it was on your drive to work, on a trip to a family member's house, or just on a leisurely drive, you may have noticed some unusual activity around the County lately. You may have seen crews around different locations throughout the County conducting drilling activity. What are they doing you ask?? They are putting the County's Brownfields funds to work! Three (3) proper-

ties have undergone Phase II Environmental Site Assessments to determine if contamination is indeed present and to develop a plan for cleanup and redevelopment/reuse. These three (3) properties are: the Tutty Baker Park in Freeport, the Former Mortuary Site next to Tutty Baker Park in Freeport, and the Lena Train Depot Project Site in Lena. Each of these properties underwent ground penetrating radar to determine if there

was anything underneath the surface of the properties, such as underground storage tanks, etc. Then, the properties were drilled to obtain soil samples. The County is still awaiting the results of the soil samples. The need for Phase II Environmental Site Assessments on these properties was great due to each of their respective redevelopment opportunities. Keep your eyes open for more brownfields action!

BROWNFIELDS PROJECT IN ACTION



If you have any information regarding potential Brownfields, please contact Chairman John Blum or Joel Zirkle of Fehr-Graham & Associates



Pictured Above: A back view of Hank's Town Pump in Pearl City where a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment was recently completed.

TRAIN DEPOT RESTORATION PROJECT GAINS *STEAM* IN LENA

Lena- In 1873, the Village of Lena had an active economy, due in most part to the Train Depot and the successful rail line that ran right through the heart of their downtown. As the years passed, the train depot disappeared but recently, a very determined group of community leaders have looked for ways to revitalize the Depot back to all its glory. The Lena Business and Professional Association initiated a very ambitious project to build a replica of the original 1873 Lena Train Depot. The redevelopment plan for the site include: a community welcome center, proposed trailhead location, museum, train observation platform, retail store, community restrooms, and operating train displays. The Stephenson County Brownfields grant funds have been assisting the Lena Business and Professional Association in conducting a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment that will reveal any site contamination and set the property's stage for redevelopment. The Phase II Environmental Site Assessment is nearing completion and the County should be receiving the results soon. The County's Brownfields grant funds will help to ensure that the Lena Train Depot project has a bright future!



Pictured Above: Lena Train Depot Site, Downtown Lena

2nd Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Complete in Pearl City!!

The property known as Hank's Town Pump in Pearl City, Illinois has had a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment completed. This assessment will position the property for successful redevelopment. There currently is not a redevelopment plan for the property. It is surrounded by residential properties on each side and could be an attractive location for any economic development opportunity. For more information, please contact Bob Knoup, Pearl City Mayor.



Pictured Above: Front View of Hank's Town Pump in Pearl City. This site recently had a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment completed on the property.