

Brownfield Redevelopment Opportunities In Kalamazoo County



In October 2002, the Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners established a Countywide Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to assist in the revitalization of contaminated properties throughout the county. The Authority is managed by the Kalamazoo County Department of Planning and Community Development. Currently funded by a \$400,000 US EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant, the Authority is able to assist in the redevelopment of properties.

Funds can be used on eligible properties for various environmental assessment activities including:

- Phase I Environmental Site Assessments
- Soil and Groundwater Sampling
- Asbestos Surveys
- Baseline Environmental Assessments
- Due Care Plans
- Brownfield Planning

In the next few months the Authority will be soliciting projects from throughout the county that require financial assistance with assessing potential environmental roadblocks or concerns.

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
- Single Business Tax Credits
- Opportunities for grants and low-cost loans
- Reimbursement of demolition, site preparation, and asbestos/lead abatement costs (City of Kalamazoo and City of Portage properties only)

The Kalamazoo County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority stands ready to work with local communities and businesses in support of redevelopment of Brownfields throughout the County.

Staff will respond no later than 10 days from request for assistance, however, please note that the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority normally meets on the fourth Thursday of the month.

Contact David Artley at (269) 384-8304 or DPARTL@kalcounty.com for more information. Refer to the County's website for updates and additional information at www.kalcounty.com.

