Lipman Gifts

North Hazeldell Avenue
Crandon, WI
Forest County

.3 acres

Location: One block off Main Street in the heart of the downtown.

The former Lipman Gifts property was an ideal location for additional city storage and new public parking after recent street construction diminished parking on Main Street.

History
The former Lipman Gifts property in the city of Crandon was historically operated as a used car dealership for more than 40 years. An underground storage tank (UST) was installed to fuel vehicles on site. Over the next 28 years, the site was used as a sales office and warehouse for Lipman Gift. Crandon officials purchased the site prior to the death of the former owner.

Investigation and Cleanup
In 2000, the city conducted Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessments, removed the underground storage tank and demolish two structures.

Redevelopment
City officials redeveloped the property into a public parking lot for its downtown businesses. The city also uses the one remaining structure on the property as storage for city-owned vehicles.

Financial, Liability, Technical Assistance
In 2000, Crandon was awarded a DNR Brownfields Site Assessment Grant (SAG) totaling $22,000. The grant was used to conduct the environmental site assessment work, conduct demolition and remove the UST.

The DNR's Remediation and Redevelopment (RR) Program also offered additional assistance.

The former Lipman Gifts property. The city of Crandon completed an investigation of the property, removed an underground storage tank and demolished two structures (photo courtesy REI).
to the city via review of the community's SAG reimbursement and UST removal prior to approving final close out of the site.

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