

# Save-A-Lot Foods

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## Save-A-Lot Foods (previously Bay City Cab)

505 Dousman Street  
Green Bay, WI  
Brown County

1.16 Acres

### Location: Downtown Green Bay

This former service station and Bay City Cab site is the perfect example of a community coming together to improve their downtown.

After cleanup the site now boasts a new grocery store and is part of Green Bay's redevelopment initiative.

### History

This site originally operated as a gas station for several years before it became the Bay City Cab Company. The city of Green Bay took title from Bay City in 1997 and immediately incorporated the site into its plans for revitalizing the downtown area.

### Investigation & Cleanup

Problems with the site were similar to other former gas station properties around the state. Soil and groundwater in the area were contaminated

with lead and petroleum compounds such as benzene and methyl tertiary-butyl ether (MTBE).

### Redevelopment

Workers at the site removed more than 800 yards of soil and stored them in five off-site "biopiles," a unique way of turning former contaminated soil into usable fill materials. Soils from the Bay City Cab site were remediated and used on another redevelopment project in the city.



The former Bay City Cab building was located on the property in the 1990's.

The site's groundwater contamination was remediated using natural attenuation. Natural attenuation makes use of natural processes to help contain the spread of contamination and reduce the amount of contamination. Lastly they removed former gas tanks and demolished old buildings. The site was closed by the Department of Commerce in September 2002.

### Redevelopment

After cleanup was completed, the Save-A-Lot



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company built a new grocery store on the property. The store employs three full-time and 17 part-time employees. Along with the new business and jobs, the value of the property has increased from approximately \$75,000 in 1996 to close to \$700,000 in 2001.



The Save-A-Lot Food Store provides groceries within walking distance to many residents, including a nearby retirement community.

### **Financial, Liability, Technical Assistance**

Thanks to a local government liability exemption available through the DNR, the city was able to take on the site without worrying about being liable for the cost of investigating and cleaning up any previous contamination at the property.

In addition, the site also utilized the Wisconsin Department of Commerce's Petroleum Environmental Cleanup Fund Award (PECFA) Program in order to pull a leaking underground storage tank and clean up the site.

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