

# Three Lakes Badger Garage

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1811 Superior Street  
Three Lakes, WI  
Oneida County

1/2 Acre

**Location: Downtown Three Lakes in  
northern Wisconsin**

This brownfield – a former gas and service station – sat idle for many years before a local bank stepped into the picture.

### History

This site in Three Lakes, a tourist area located in northern Wisconsin, operated as a gas and service station from more than 60 years. It became a brownfields in the 1980s after it was abandoned.

### Investigation, Remediation & Cleanup

The soil and groundwater at the site were heavily contaminated with petroleum and other chemicals. In 1988, the underground gas tanks were pulled from the site, and in 1995 more than 100 tons of contaminated soil were removed.

The DNR and Department of Commerce approved the use of natural attenuation – allowing natural processes to clean up groundwater contamination – and remediation was completed in June of 2002. The site was



This former brownfield in northern Wisconsin served as a gas station for more than 60 years and had petroleum contamination in the soil and groundwater (DNR photo).

placed on the GIS Registry of Closed Contamination Sites, a DNR database of contaminated properties located on the Internet.

### Redevelopment

In 1998, the First National Bank of Eagle River bought the property and capped the site with an asphalt parking lot to help prevent exposure to any remaining contamination.

The bank completed building a new branch office on the property in May of 1999.

### Financial, Liability, Technical Assistance

In addition to technical assistance from DNR and Commerce, the redevelopers also used funds from the Petroleum Environmental Cleanup



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Fund Award (PECFA) for the cleanup of the property.

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The former Badger Garage brownfield after developers cleaned up the property and built a bank and parking lot on the site. The asphalt cap will prevent exposure to any residual contamination (DNR photo).

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