

Veterans Memorial Park

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Veterans Memorial Park (former Deering property)

120 N. Main Street
Seymour, Wisconsin
Outagamie County

Less than 1/2 Acre

Location: Downtown Seymour

Providing a place of remembrance, healing, hope and beauty, the Veterans Memorial Park is an honorable reuse of a former brownfields site.

History

This property, located in the heart of Seymour's downtown, was a former service garage and gas station. The brownfield had six leaking underground storage tanks (LUSTs) and the property had been abandoned for about 10 years. The responsible party (RP) was financially unable to clean up the site and the city acquired the property through tax delinquency.

Investigation & Cleanup

Thanks in part to a DNR Brownfields Site Assessment Grant, the city was able to perform Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments at the property, and also conducted a full site investigation. The grant was used to excavate and properly dispose of 525 tons of



The Deering property prior to cleanup (photo courtesy city of Seymour).

petroleum contaminated soil, remove the six LUSTs, demolish buildings and remove asbestos.

Redevelopment

The city acquired the property through tax delinquency and obtained a local government liability exemption, which protects the city from future liability. The city also conducted a site closure per state requirements, partnering with the DNR to conduct the remediation and redevelopment in the correct and most efficient manner.

Financial, Liability, Technical Assistance

In addition to the local government liability exemption, the city also received a \$27,493 DNR Brownfields Site Assessment Grant and a general liability clarification letter from the DNR's Remediation and Redevelopment (RR) Program. The city also utilized dollars from Department of Commerce's Petroleum Environmental Cleanup Fund Awards (PECFA) Program to cleanup the remaining LUST contamination.



Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Remediation and Redevelopment Program

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<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr>



Throughout the project, RR Program staff assisted with project plans and reports, oversaw remediation activities and approved the site closure. Program staff also worked with city officials to obtain the local government liability exemption.

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Seymour's new Veterans Memorial Park,
completed in April of 2007
(photo by Tom Sturm, DNR).