

Whole Foods/Columbia St. Mary's

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Whole Foods/Columbia St. Mary's Hospital

2303 North Prospect Avenue
Milwaukee, WI
Milwaukee County

1 Acre

**Location: Adjacent to Columbia St.
Mary's Hospital and Lake Michigan**

In the bustling North Avenue area of Milwaukee, few properties can afford to stay vacant. After clean up of soil contamination from decades of industrial use, this empty auto dealership gave rise to a healthy alternative for Milwaukee shoppers.

History

At this prime location near Lake Michigan, the former Heiser Ford Dealership sold and serviced automobiles for many years. In addition, four multi-unit residential properties historically housed commercial storefronts with associated residential space.

Investigation & Cleanup

After becoming a brownfield, the site was investigated and 18 underground storage tanks (USTs) were removed. In order to address additional public health concerns from soil

contaminated with benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, xylene (BTEX), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and chlorinated volatile organics compounds (CVOCs), soil was removed to a depth of 16 feet. Soil samples before redevelopment confirmed all contaminated soil was removed from the site.

Redevelopment

With the assistance of the DNR's Remediation and Redevelopment (RR) Program, the site was closed in February, 2006. Construction of a multiple story parking lot servicing nearby Columbia St. Mary's Hospital was completed in November 2006. The first floor of this structure holds the 50,000 square-foot organic Whole Foods grocer. It is no mistake that Whole Foods is next door to Columbia St. Mary's - the



Construction at the former Heiser Ford brownfield site (DNR photo).



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The former brownfields site after redevelopment (DNR photo). In addition to the Whole Foods grocery, a multiple story parking lot was built that will also service nearby Columbia St. Mary's Hospital.

hospital's vision is to have patients discover healthier lifestyles all in one stop.

Financial, Liability, Technical Assistance

In addition to RR Program oversight, Columbia St. Mary's covered the entire cost of the site investigation, cleanup and redevelopment.

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