

Chico's Super Service

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404 Mather St.
Green Bay, WI
Brown County

1/3 acre

Location: Downtown Green Bay

Contamination at old gas stations - in the form of leaking underground storage tanks - is unfortunately a common problem across Wisconsin, including major urban areas like Green Bay. But with Wisconsin's brownfields technical assistance and liability tools, communities are removing these blighted eyesores and turning them into new economic assets.

History

Sitting on a busy corner lot in downtown Green Bay, this property has changed hands several times in the past 80 years. In the 1930s, it operated as a small gas station. About 20 years later, it was leveled and a new gas station was built, operating for another 20 years. During this time, a small grocery store and home were built on the remaining open portions of the property. After service station operations ceased in the early 1980s, another gas station and used car lot opened in 1987.

Investigation & Cleanup

In 1991, the DNR became involved in the cleanup of the property to protect environmental and public health and prevent any future exposure to contamination. Investigation revealed soil and groundwater contamination caused by leaking underground storage tanks (LUSTs).



The former Chico Super Service property in Green Bay. The site had served as a gas and service station for nearly 80 years before becoming a brownfield (photo courtesy of Giles Engineering).

Cleanup took several years; activities included the removal of six LUSTs and more than 5,000 tons of contaminated soil, and the installation of groundwater and vapor extraction systems to prevent any recontamination of clean areas.



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The Corner Coin Laundry after cleanup and redevelopment were completed. In addition to RR Program oversight, the developer also received assistance from the petroleum cleanup fund to help with remediation efforts (DNR photo).

Redevelopment

After the property was cleaned up, the Corner Coin Laundry was constructed. Since this area of Green Bay did not have a laundry mat, the new self-operating facility was received warmly by area residents.

Financial, Liability, Technical Assistance

In addition to RR Program staff oversight, the developer also received a Petroleum Environmental Cleanup Fund Award (PECFA) for more than \$200,000.

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