

Indiana Brownfields Program Trails and Parks Initiative

Project Highlight: Brown Boulevard in Terre Haute

Community/Applicant
City of Terre Haute

TPI Assistance Provided
Phase II Environmental Site Assessment totaling
\$37,900

Current Status

Trails and Parks Initiative (TPI)-funded Phase II Environmental Assessment activities have been completed at the site. Results of the assessment indicate that remediation of petroleum contamination is necessary. The City of Terre Haute is currently evaluating options for addressing the contamination.

Background

The Brown Boulevard site was a portion of a former rail switch yard and mainline tracks for Conrail/Penn Central and Vandalia railroads from before 1896 to about the early 1990s. The property is currently vacant. It was acquired by the City of Terre Haute to become part of the National Road Heritage Trail corridor and for a Locust Street expansion. The City received a Stipulated Assessment Grant from the Indiana Brownfields Program in 2007 for a Phase I and a limited Phase II at the site. Petroleum contamination was found, and the site needed additional assessment work. In October 2008, the City received a TPI assessment award to further assess the petroleum contamination at the site.

Once the contamination at the site is addressed, the City plans to develop the site as a trailhead for the National Road Heritage trail. It will include public restrooms, a shelter, a bicycle rack, and a small parking lot for those using the trail. The National Road Heritage Trail is intended to eventually connect Terre Haute, Indianapolis, and Richmond for a total distance of over 150 miles. The City of Terre Haute currently has 22.62 miles of its trails and greenway system completed and open to alternative transportation/recreation users. Additional planned development



The Brown Boulevard property in Terre Haute is planned to become part of the National Road Heritage Trail.



Areas of concrete remain at the site from its operations as a rail-road switch yard.

will add over 40 additional miles to the trail and greenway system within the next ten years.

Another brownfield site in Terre Haute, referred to as the National Road Heritage Trail site, has also received a TPI award for assessment. It too is planned to become part of the National Road Heritage Trail.

For More Information

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