

Bank Midwest site



The new home for Bank Midwest is a 1,195-square-foot building that has auto bank service in the back.

State members from the MPCA's Prevention and Solid Waste Management and Voluntary Investigation and Cleanup programs provided technical oversight of the environmental cleanup and investigation to support redevelopment of two parcels.

History

The north parcel was developed in 1954 as the Martin County VFW Post 1222. The south parcel was used as a gravel-surfaced parking lot for vehicles and equipment storage.

Environmental issues and the cleanup process

- The south gravel-surfaced parking area had been used as a burial ground for treated wood blocks and demolition debris; which comprised an estimated 60 percent of the volume in characterization excavation trenches.
- MPCA Solid Waste provided initial disposal-management assistance.
- Technical oversight by VIC staff for all investigation and cleanup activities relative to the release of polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH) at concentrations exceeding the MPCA soil reference values.

Redevelopment of the site

- Site investigations in support of redevelopment of 1.4 acres for the new bank building began in 2010.
- Approximately 6,883 tons of PAH-impacted soil and debris were excavated and disposed at a permitted landfill.
- Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development funding included \$33,660 for site investigation and \$369,609 for site cleanup.

Cleanup success

A convenient new bank built along a busy highway increases tax revenues for the city and county.



The former gravel parking lot and site of Martin County VFW Post 1222 as viewed from the southeast. (Photo: Beemer Companies, Inc.)

Project dates:

Feb. 2012 - Jan. 2013

MPCA project identification:

VIC project ID: VP 28060
Petroleum Brownfield ID:

Location:

301 and 351 State Street in Fairmont

Legislative Dist. 24 A
Congressional Dist. 1

Martin County Property Identification No. 232620010

Environmental and economic benefits

- A commercial parcel along the highway was cleaned up for higher land use.
- The new bank facilities will provide work space for an estimated 28 employees as well as additional tax base to the city of Fairmont and Martin County.

Assurances received

November 8, 2012: MPCA issued a No Further Action Determination for Soil to Bank Midwest.

Project partners

- MPCA: VIC project manager - Ed Olson; Solid waste staff - Cory Boeck
- Developers included Tech Builders, Inc. and Beemer Companies, Inc.
- Environmental consultant was Becky McCarty of Braun Intertec Corp.

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