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Michigan City Redevelopment Commission Prepares U.S. EPA Assessment Grant Proposal and Indiana Brownfields Program Assessment Grant Proposal for the Former Josam Foundry-Eastern Portion

Michigan City, IN (October 24, 2008) - The Michigan City Redevelopment Commission is in the process of preparing proposals for an United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Brownfields Assessment Grant and an Indiana Brownfields Program Assessment Grant for the Former Josam Foundry-Eastern Portion and Greenspace, located at 1302 U.S. Highway 12 in Michigan City. Michigan City is seeking funds that will enable the City to continue to address the environmental issues associated with this brownfields property.

In September 2005, Michigan City was awarded an U.S. EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant and an Indiana Brownfields Program Federal Matching Grant for the remediation of contaminated soils at the former Benz Facility, located at the southwest corner of "E" Street and Trail Creek in Michigan City. The cleanup of contaminated soils at the former Benz Facility was completed in Summer of 2007. In September 2008, Michigan City was again awarded U.S. EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grants and Indiana Brownfields Program Federal Matching Grants for the remediation of contaminated soils at the former Erincraft Facility and the former Norfolk and Western Railroad Property, located at the northeast corner of East Michigan Boulevard and East 8th Street. Soil cleanup activities at these brownfield properties are anticipated to be conducted during Summer of 2009.

Draft copies of the grant proposals can be reviewed at City Hall Planning Office from November 3 through November 7, 2008. The public may comment on the proposals until the end of the business day on November 10, 2008. The final proposals are to be submitted to the U.S. EPA by November 14, 2008.

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