

See suspicious activity??

TRESPASSING IS PROHIBITED AT THE SITE

Suspicious or Criminal Activity should be reported to the Vanceburg Police Department by calling 606-796-2111.

For emergencies dial 911

Information pertaining to activities being conducted with this project can be obtained by contacting the City of Vanceburg Mayor, Matt Ginn, at 606-796-6003 or by Contacting Buffalo Trace Area Development District at 800-998-4347

Have questions or would like to know what's going on??

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Vanceburg Shoe Factory Cleanup Project

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What is a Brownfield Property?

Since its inception in 1995, EPA's brownfields Program has grown into a proven, results-oriented program that has changed the way contaminated property is perceived, addressed, and managed.

A brownfield is a property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. It is estimated that there are more than 450,000 brownfields in the U.S. Cleaning up and reinvesting in these properties increases local tax bases, facilitates job growth, utilizes existing infrastructure, takes development pressures off of undeveloped, open land, and both improves and protects the environment.

Cleaning up and reinvesting in these properties protects the environment, reduces blight, and takes development pressures off greenspaces and working lands.

What is the brownfield project going on in Vanceburg?

The City of Vanceburg requested and was awarded \$200,000 from USEPA and \$50,000 from KY Cleaner Commonwealth Program, for cleanup activities at the Old Shoe Factory, located at 185 Rowley Street, Vanceburg, KY. The site includes a large 2-story (more than 300,000 square feet) dilapidated, brick building that is in complete disrepair and occupies the majority of the property. It was used previously as a shoe manufacturing plant, a tannery, and a military surplus retail store.

In addition to chemicals and substances that would have been used in the building in the past, the old shoe factory, which is the subject of this grant application, contains asbestos and lead-based paint debris that routinely gets washed into the adjacent Salt Lick Creek. Since the creek empties into the Ohio River immediately upstream of the City it can be concluded that Old Shoe Factory contaminants are washing into the community during flood events.

The project goal is to remove the shoe factory from the site, so that the site can possibly be re-developed or turned into green space.

Why remove the Old Shoe Factory?

The environmental and safety issues associated with the building are compelling, creating great concern for safety. According to the findings of a Phase I and Phase II U.S. Environmental Protection Agency funded environmental site assessment, the Old Shoe Factory contains significant levels of asbestos and lead-based paint contaminants. The building-related contaminants are not restricted to the site, due to the deteriorating condition of the structure. Ceilings have completely collapsed, walls are falling in, and contaminants are dropping to the floor.

Police patrol the property daily/nightly at a significant expense to the community. Despite efforts, break-ins still occur, endangering those that come into contact with hazardous materials, not to mention that they put their safety at risk with injury due to the fact that the building is falling in.

The City continually strives to revitalize and improve the quality of life for residents of the entire Vanceburg area.