

Community Engagement 2.0



2016 Ohio Brownfield Conference

Thursday, April 7, 2016

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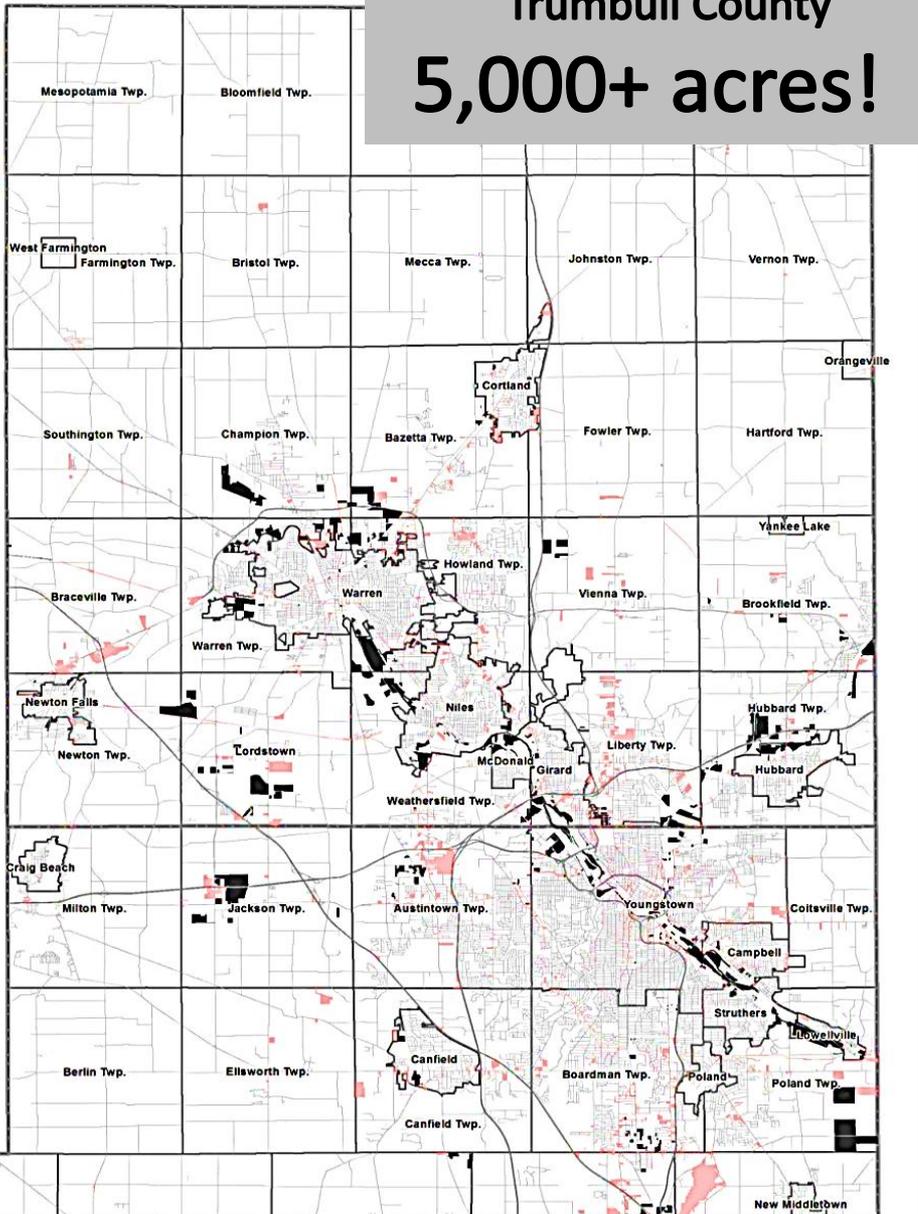
Formed in 2012, the Trumbull County Brownfield Coalition is an outgrowth of successful redevelopment in Mahoning County, Trumbull's neighbor to the south. Led by the Western Reserve Port Authority, the Coalition applied for and received a \$600,000 US EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant.



**Mahoning and Trumbull Counties
Vacant Commercial and Industrial Properties**

Legend

- Vacant Industrial
- Vacant Commercial
- County
- Freeway
- Street
- Communities

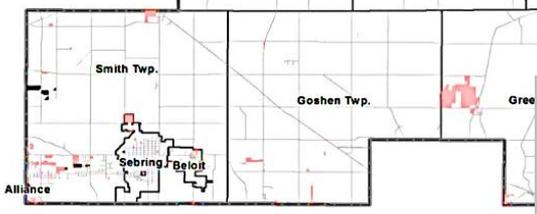


**Trumbull County
5,000+ acres!**

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Youngstown State University
Source: Mahoning County Enterprise GIS files, Trumbull County GIS files, Mahoning and Trumbull County Auditors
Date: 3/17/2014



**Mahoning County
3,500+ acres!**



Golden Triangle Site

Legend

-  Golden Triangle Site
-  Political Subdivision
-  Other Property
-  Rail
-  Road
-  2ft Contour



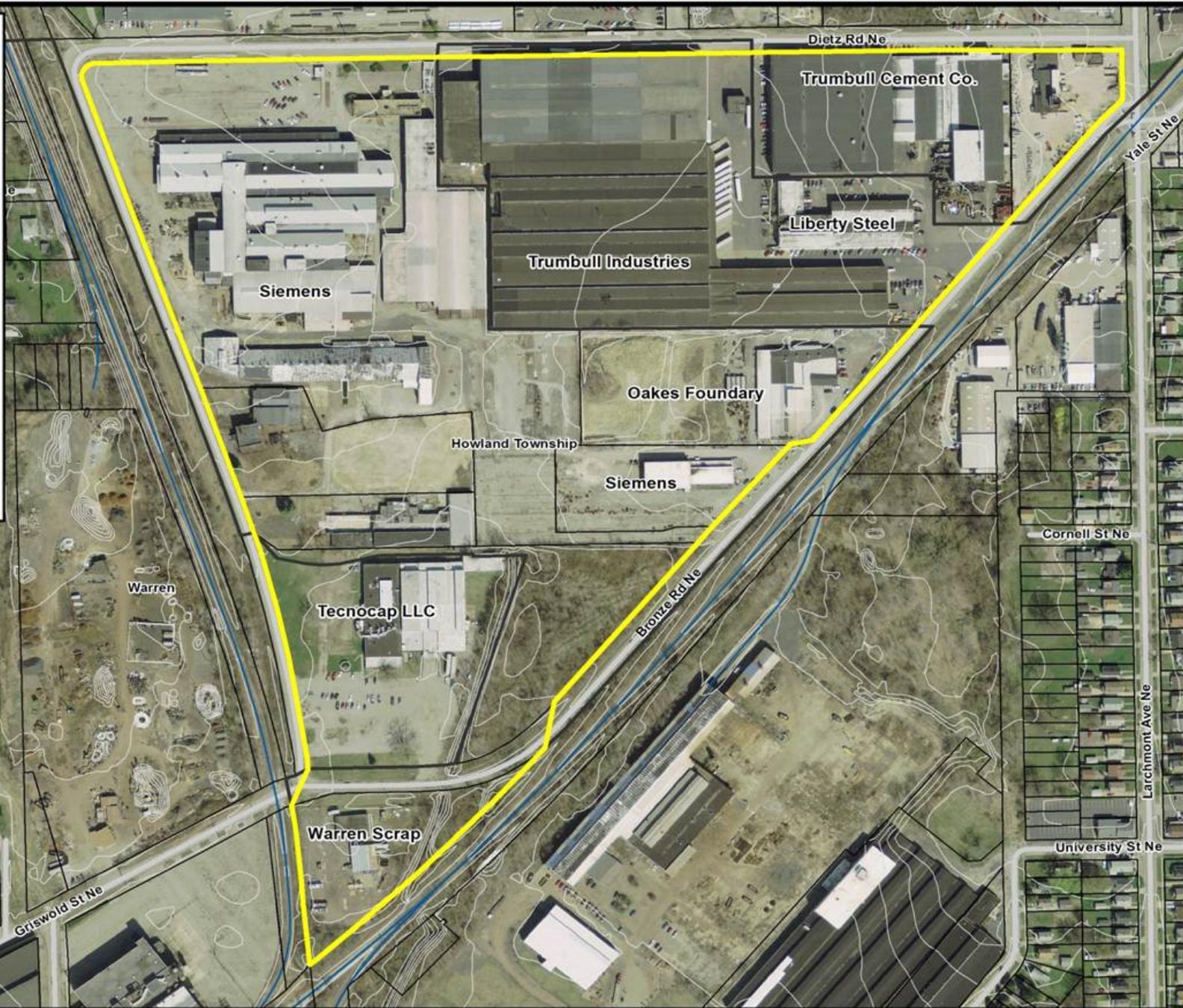
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Youngstown
STATE UNIVERSITY



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GIS files, OSIP aerial 2012





FOR SALE!

selling urban ugly

TCBC's Public Engagement Strategy

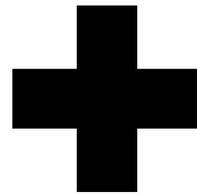


- Build partnerships with local agencies
- Reach out to all groups adversely affected by brownfields.
- Generate meaningful conversations.
- Change attitudes about brownfield redevelopment

Community Stakeholders

1. Elected Officials
2. Realtors
3. Property Owners
4. Residents

1. Politicians



MRC Mayor's Association





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December 8, 2015

Mr. John Moliterno, Executive Director
Western Reserve Port Authority
240 N. Champion Street
Youngstown, OH 44503

RE: Trumbull County Brownfield Coalition US EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant Proposal

Dear Mr. Moliterno:

I am pleased to offer The City of Youngstown's support for the Western Reserve Port Authority's (WRPA) US EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant Proposal.

The City of Youngstown is one of nine municipalities along the Mahoning River that formed a joint coalition with jurisdictions within Trumbull and Mahoning County to address the need of a regional urban economic and brownfield revitalization plan. The cornerstone of this revitalization is a collective effort among the communities to strategize and take action in creating shovel ready sites that are attractive to business industry for future investment and job creation. A grant award that funds an assessment of acreage within the proposed region is critical for progression of this area-wide plan to remediation action and benefits all of the surrounding communities.

The role that the Port Authority has taken in moving this agenda forward and making application for a \$500,000 US EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant is fully supported by the City of Youngstown. We look forward to working with the Western Reserve Port Authority on future funding opportunities of the like. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (330) 509-3584.

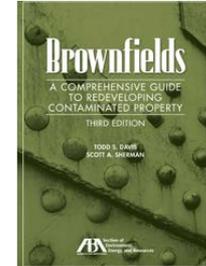
Sincerely,


John A. McNally
Mayor, City of Youngstown

MRCI Accomplishments (Trumbull + Mahoning Counties)

- Over 1200 acres inventoried, mapped, and characterized.
- Secured \$12.6M to environmental planning, assessment/remediation work
- 230 acres have been or are being remediated
- Secured \$22.94 M for infrastructure projects
- Secured 3.4 M for environmental enhancement projects

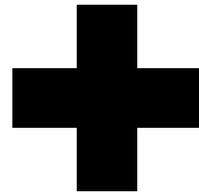
2. Real Estate Round Table



3. Property Owners



4. Residents



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HUBBARD

Garden tour



Couple open up
their land, **1B**

FOOTBALL



Buckeyes ready for
opener, **1C**

Brownfields inspire photographers



Special to the Tribune Chronicle

Photographers who participated in the "Urban Opportunity" exhibition are, from left, Deshawn Scott, Sarah Bokone, James Shuttic, Carl Paul Henneman and Adam Gregory. Not shown is Melanie Rae Buonavolonta.

By **ANDY GRAY**
Tribune Chronicle

WARREN – Photographer Carl Paul Henneman took his camera into the former St. Joseph Riverside Hospital.

"This symbol of public safety and good health has been reduced to rubble, riddled with asbestos and black mold," Henneman said of the abandoned Tod Avenue NW building. "There's spoons and other signs of drug use. The copper has just been stripped out of this place. There was this whole subculture that has moved into there ... It's become a harbor for addiction and God knows what else."

The hospital is one of more than 70 sites in Trumbull County classified as brownfields, which are defined by the Environmental

If you go

WHAT: "Urban Opportunity: an art show dedicated to revitalization"

WHEN: Saturday through Nov. 6 with opening reception from 6 to 9 p.m. Saturday. Gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

WHERE: Trumbull Art Gallery, 158 N. Park Ave., Warren

HOW MUCH: Admission is free. For more information, call 330-395-4876.

Protection Agency as properties where their reuse or redevelopment could be complicated by the presence of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants. That could mean asbestos or other materials used to construct those buildings decades ago or it could

be chemicals used by the industries that once occupied those sites.

The Trumbull County Brownfield Coalition is working to rehabilitate some of those locations, and it is turning to local artists like Henneman for help.

Opening Saturday at Trumbull Art Gallery is "Urban Opportunity: an art show dedicated to revitalization." Photographers Sarah Bokone, Melanie Rae Buonavolonta, Adam Gregory, Deshawn Scott, James Shuttic and Henneman were commissioned to photograph different brownfields in the county for the exhibition.

Julie Edwards of the Trumbull County Planning Commission, one of the coalition's members,

See **Photographers**, 3A





Brownfields and the Trumbull County Brownfield Coalition

Once a thriving steel and automotive manufacturing community, the City of Warren has been adversely impacted by deindustrialization, disinvestment in the core, and urban sprawl over the past 30 years. It has led to population loss, unemployment, and abandoned sites that are concentrated in and around Downtown Warren. The planning, assessment, remediation and reuse of vacant, abandoned and underutilized sites in the Downtown Warren urban core is imperative in order to create a vibrant and a sustainable community that attracts businesses and creates a high quality of life for the residents of the City of Warren and Trumbull County.



The Trumbull County Brownfield Coalition was formed in October 2012. Members of the Coalition include the Western Reserve Port Authority (WRPA), Trumbull County Planning Commission, City of Warren, Howland Township, and Mahoning River Corridor Initiative (MRCI).

The Trumbull County Brownfield Coalition is an outgrowth of successful brownfield redevelopment in Mahoning County, Trumbull's neighbor to the south. In 1996, the Mahoning River Corridor of Opportunity (MRCO) was created. It consisted of three cities in Mahoning County that were all adversely impacted by the lack of access to a mutually shared property. After the MRCO showed it could successfully collaborate to address brownfield redevelopment and related infrastructure issues, was there an interest in expanding the approach.

The Mahoning River Corridor Initiative (MRCI) is an outgrowth of the MRCO. The MRCI is a regional brownfield and urban development collaboration of nine municipalities, Youngstown State University, and four non-profits in the Mahoning Valley. Among its goals are promoting the opportunities for economic development that exist in the river corridor communities. Since its creation, the MRCI has mapped and characterized 1,200 acres, secured \$12.6 million for environmental planning, assessment, and remediation work involving 13 project sites totaling 538 acres. The MRCI has also secured over \$22 million for infrastructure projects for bridge, roadway, and utility improvements as well as nearly \$3 million in environmental enhancement projects.

The Trumbull County Planning Commission and the Western Reserve Port Authority worked together over several years to gather the momentum needed for brownfield redevelopment in Trumbull County. Finally in 2012, The Western Reserve Port Authority, an MRCI collaborating partner, entered into a joint agreement with the MRCI to expand the MRCI focus in Trumbull County. The MRCI utilized a \$15,000 grant from the

Youngtown Foundation to inventory, characterize, and map brownfield sites in Trumbull County. As part of the joint venture agreement, the MRCI supports and collaborates with the Trumbull County Brownfield Coalition, extending and linking the brownfield development effort from Mahoning County north into Trumbull County.

In May 2013, the Coalition received a \$600,000 U.S. EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant. The target area for this grant is the Golden Triangle, one of the County's priority economic development areas, located in the City of Warren and Howland Township. It consists of over 100 acres, approximately 60-percent of which is abandoned brownfield property. The neighborhoods surrounding the Golden Triangle are low-to-moderate income with a high poverty rate. These neighborhoods feature many long-term residents who could likely not afford to relocate and deserve to have the environmental threat posed by nearby brownfield sites eradicated. The Brownfield Coalition used the grant to create a County-wide inventory of over seventy brownfield sites, pursue an Urban Setting Designation within City of Warren, and conduct Environmental Site Assessments at brownfield sites in Trumbull County. These assessments are the first step in redeveloping these properties.



Trumbull County communities need industry concentrated in the urban areas, preserving rural land for agriculture and conservation. Redevelopment of key urban brownfield sites will help slow the area's sprawl by reducing development pressure on undeveloped land elsewhere in Trumbull County. Providing residents with employment opportunities closer to home will reduce vehicle miles traveled, lowering the communities' carbon footprint and air pollutants resulting from exhaust.

"It has become apparent the abandoned industrial sites are not the only deterrent to economic revitalization. Core cities are plagued by vacant commercial buildings and abandoned gas stations. The market for residential and mixed-use neighborhoods is growing, as attested by the spike in residential investment in Warren's downtown. The downtown is attractive and continues to be one of the major employment centers in the County. However, its stability and growth are threatened by abandonment and lack of planning for adaptive re-use."

— Sarah V. Low, Senior Manager for Economic Development, Western Reserve Port Authority.



Left: Image by DeShawn Scott



Former RG Steel Site







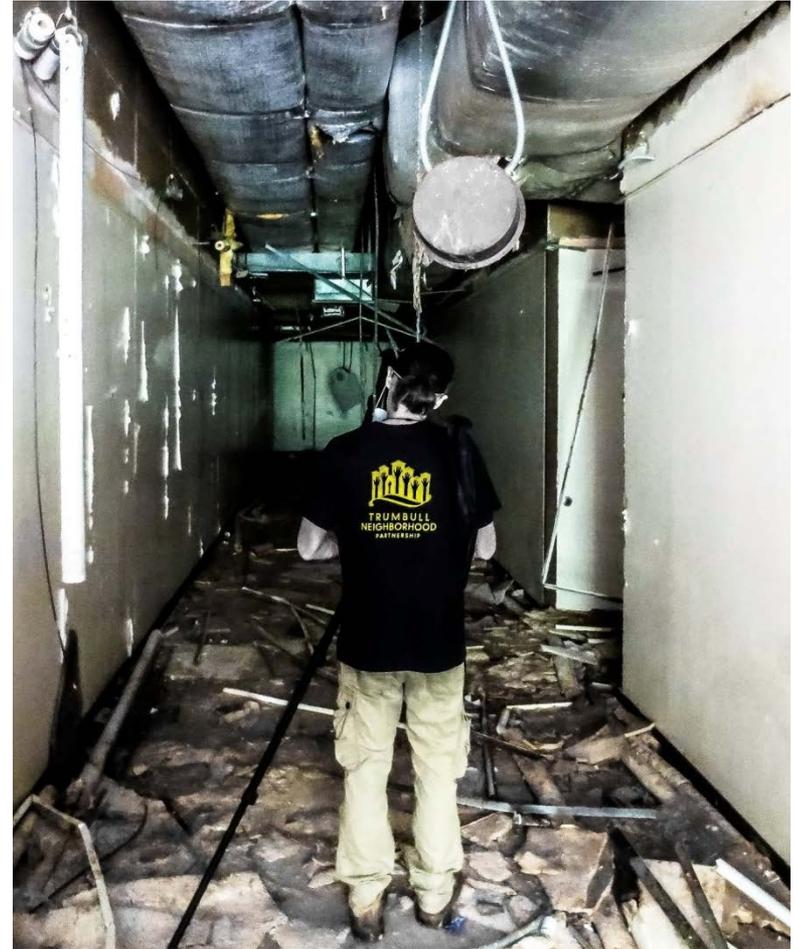








Former St. Joseph's Hospital Site





Hi
Stay in school
no to drugs



Abandoned Gas Stations



Golden Triangle







Long Exposures





DeShawn Scott



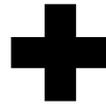


Abandoned Government Building



Poetry Night

Rust Belt Poets &
Writers





Shuttic Arts

Not by purpose did I come to this moon-face place.
Here the river bends westerly and the broken finger
of a lost wall wind-bitten, crumbles
to dust under the song of a lonely bird.

Veiled by long grasses,
and guarded by the old bones of steelmaking,
this death place asks, but I stumble
where my father worked his life away,
and I my young hot summers:
Republic Steel, rolling Plant # 16

Thirty years before the birth of my daughter in water,
on a day neither wet nor dry, I wore shiny boots,
then felt the slapping heat of men working hard;
a sparrow swallowed by the sounds of fire, shit and goddamn!

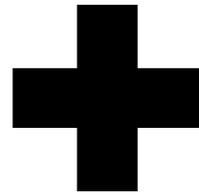
The gas lighted inheritance of hard men,
a killing ground spread along stained concrete.
Trailing ladles of spitting fire, hissing boils,
Concrete, and stained by blood soaked cotton ear
plugs.

Scarred men cooked Alleghany lime,
Lake Superior Iron-stone and Virginia
Manganese. 2900 degrees.
Eyes burned to tears.

Tin buildings, rusting garden of fallen earth,
broken and bent concrete cathedral, cracked
and unyielding, rebar coiled holding the sky
and everywhere, brick: red brick...glazed kiln brick,
burnished heat waves, scathed ashen earth,
silent now, but for the sound of air.



Urban Opportunity 2.0 - Visions of Potential



Kent State CUDC Design Charrette



Education Sessions that were not successful for TCBC

- Local Builder's Association
- Local Philanthropic Organization
- Neighborhood Groups

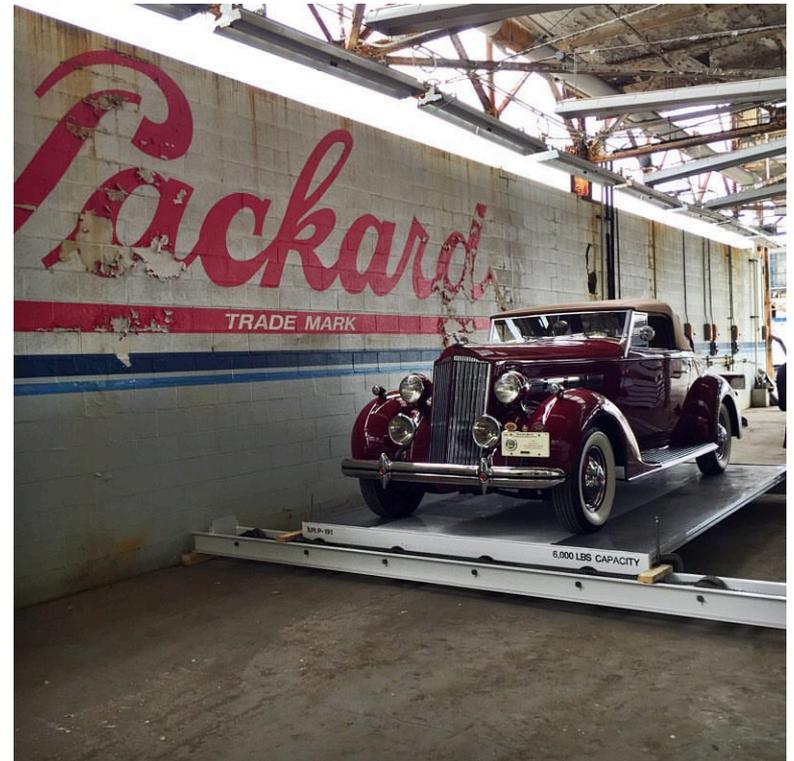
Results of FY13 US EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant

- County-wide brownfield inventory of over 70 sites
- Urban Setting Designation within the City of Warren
- 6 Phase I Environmental Site Assessments
- 4 Phase II Environmental Site Assessments
- 4 Asbestos Surveys
- \$75,000 EDA Planning Grant in target area
- New advocates for brownfield redevelopment



HAPPENING TODAY

**ANNOUNCEMENT FOR WARREN'S PACKARD PLANT
EXPECTED TO BRING 200 TO 300 JOBS**



Who else can we engage? Youth



Historical Society

LEGACY OF LEFT TURNS

The Indianapolis Motor Speedway, celebrating the 100th running of the Indianapolis 500 in May, claims top billing in Indiana's oval racing heritage.

TELL SOMEONE YOU'RE FROM INDIANA and you can expect to answer questions about basketball or the Indianapolis 500. The "Greatest Spectacle in Racing" puts the world spotlight on the Hoosier state every May. In honor of this year's 100th running of the famous race, we

examine the origin of the National Historic Landmark track and less well-known places related to early racing history. In the early twentieth century, the burgeoning automotive industry was still finding its way, often selling cars to consumers with technology considered

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Neighborhood Groups



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