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Stark County Property Receives Covenant Not to Sue Under Ohio EPA's Voluntary Action Program

Through the voluntary efforts of Canton property owners, another city brownfield has been investigated and remediated under Ohio EPA's [Voluntary Action Program](#) (VAP) and is available for redevelopment.

Ohio EPA has issued a covenant not to sue to VanKay Inc. and Gary Walter (the volunteers) for the 6.4-acre VanKay property located at 4124 Southway Street SW. The property has been used for a variety of manufacturing operations including plating, metal stamping and plastic injection molding.

Following standards developed by Ohio EPA, the volunteers hired a certified environmental professional to assess the site, identify any areas of concern and remediate contamination to a level that would allow for commercial/industrial redevelopment. Remediation included removal of contaminated soils.

A covenant not to sue protects the property's owner or operator and future owners from being legally responsible to the State of Ohio for further investigation and remediation. This protection applies only when the property is used and maintained in accordance with the terms and conditions of the covenant.

In the 17 years since Ohio EPA issued the first covenant under VAP, nearly 7,000 acres of blighted land have been revitalized at more than 350 sites across the state.