

Palouse Producers Site Cleanup Project City of Palouse, Washington



Current Condition



Potential Future Use

What's Happening?

On May 31, 2012, the City of Palouse is launching the Palouse Producers Site Cleanup Project. Using \$350,000 from the Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Program, the City will clean up contaminants and physical hazards, and prepare for redevelopment of the site. Brownfields funds are administered through a cooperative agreement between the Washington State Department of Commerce and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Why Is This Needed?

For over a century, this site served as a blacksmith shop, welding shop, gas station, and fuel storage facility. Soil and groundwater samples have shown elevated levels of arsenic, lead, and petroleum products that need to be cleaned up. This project will also remove a potential source of pollution to the Palouse River.

Then What?

Once the site is cleaned up, the City plans to accomplish two goals in their economic development strategy: the development of East Main Street and the encouragement of commercial enterprises. The site will become attractive for a range of potential commercial uses and/or for senior housing. Not only is the site on the banks of the Palouse River, but it is next to the newly renovated Palouse Health Clinic.

Who's Benefiting?

The cleanup project itself is anticipated to create 20 jobs. Then, once the site is put back into productive use, it could generate 20 long-term jobs and help to increase the City's tax base. But most importantly, improving downtown Palouse is a regional economic development strategy that will contribute to the county's overall prosperity.

The cleanup project is funded by...

Brownfields-ARRA Sub-Grant	\$150,000
Brownfields-II Sub-Grant	\$200,000
Total Brownfields Sub-Grants (Department of Commerce)	\$350,000
Remedial Action Grant (Department of Ecology)	\$436,800
TOTAL FUNDS	\$786,800

The project will...

- Cleanup contaminants and make the site in downtown Palouse ready for redevelopment and productive use.
- Create 20 cleanup jobs. Then, once the site is redeveloped, create or sustain approx. 20 long-term jobs.
- Benefit the entire local community.

Project Location

Address: 335 East Main St, Palouse, WA 99161
Whitman County Parcels: 10780001-020002,
-030000, and -040000
Census Tract: 53075 - 7

Questions?

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