



# BROWNFIELDS



*a success story:*

## Lincoln Co. Scrap Metal

Crab Orchard, Kentucky

Brownfields Cleanup Grant

### *A new city park*

### *Transformation of a hazardous scrap metal junkyard to public greenspace*

#### **Project Background:**

The City of Crab Orchard, KY (population less than 1,000) received a \$200,000 EPA Brownfields cleanup grant in 2010 to clean up the Lincoln County Scrap Metal property. The site, a former scrap metal recycler and general junkyard, was located in the middle of downtown. The city has experienced a dramatic decline in growth over the past few years. The abandoned two-acre site is located in the city's center, directly across the street from City Hall. It is the largest property on Main Street. The property was an eyesore, and posed potential health risks to area residents, and deterred investment. Its blighted status did little to help the commercial and private properties that surround it. The site was also home to a dilapidated building that once served as the Odd Fellows meeting hall.

After a complete assessment of the property, it was determined that the site was impacted by several contaminants, including lead, arsenic and PCBs. The Odd Fellows building also had asbestos issues. The city applied for and received a cleanup grant to address the contamination at the site. The remediated site now serves as an attractive city park thanks to funding and services from the state and federal governments, as well as some nonprofit organizations. The park includes a walking trail, a basketball court, a playground, and plans are underway to add an Amish farmers market area, picnic area and a shelter.

#### **Key Accomplishments:**

- Assessment of property revealed impacts from lead, arsenic, asbestos and PSBs.
- Remediation of former scrap yard and demolition of Odd Fellows building.
- Creation of city center greenspace and recreation area.
- Future development potential for a farmers market, picnic area and shelter.

**Project Partners:** Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection; US EPA



**BEFORE:** Demolition of the old scrap yard and Odd Fellows building



**AFTER:** The hazardous scrap metal yard and asbestos-ridden building were replaced with a city park located downtown near City Hall.

Year	Grant Type	Amount
2010	Cleanup Grant	\$200,000

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