

CHANUTE MOVIE THEATER

City of Chanute, KS
Section 128(a) and Assessment Grants

Now Playing in Chanute, Kansas: The Roxy Movie Theater

ADDRESS: 302 E. Main Street, Chanute, Kansas 66720	
PROPERTY SIZE: 0.42 acres	
FORMER USES: Gas station, Lumber Yard, Radiator Shop, Taxi Stand, and Used car lot	
CURRENT USE: Four-plex movie theater	
EPA GRANT RECIPIENT:	PROJECT PARTNERS:
Kansas Department of Health and Environment utilized \$20,375.65 in EPA Brownfields Section 128(a) State & Tribal funding/Targeted Brownfields Assessment funding	City of Chanute, Kansas; Kansas Department of Health and Environment



Photo: Kansas Department of Health and Environment

The completed Four-plex movie theater.

PROJECT BACKGROUND:

The City of Chanute, Kansas owned the 0.42-acre property, but was unable to develop it because of concerns about potential contamination. Over the years, the site housed a gas station, a lumber yard, a radiator shop, a taxi stand, a used car lot, and most recently a parking lot. Private developers refused to accept the property, leaving the City with the blighted parking lot in their historic downtown area.

KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Sampling found relatively little soil and groundwater contamination, which was addressed through institutional controls
- Redeveloped the vacant site into a new, four-plex movie theater
- 20 jobs and more than \$2,175,000 in redevelopment funding leveraged

OUTCOME:

EPA provided two grants to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to assist with the assessment and cleanup activities at the site. During the Phase I assessment phase, KDHE identified both on-site and off-site sources of potential contamination. The Phase II testing involved soil and groundwater testing. Results were encouraging – while the soil and groundwater had petroleum contamination above state levels for residential reuse, the levels were below the threshold for non-residential uses. In October 2006, the City placed institutional controls on the property that prohibited future residential use and limited groundwater use, clearing the way for redevelopment. A few short months later, in March 2007, the new Roxy movie theater opened.