

Circleville Brownfield Program

□ History

- Circleville and Pickaway County dominated by Ag and Manufacturing
- Canneries, bottlers, gas stations, paper mills, feed mills, glass and chemical manufacturing going back 100+ years
- Left behind a legacy of property and equipment
- Economy soured in the late 90s, early 2000s
- Community stuck in its own past; how do we get out of it?

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How do we fix it?

Very complex...former Mayor had a list of priorities and Brownfield properties were on the list!

Smurfit Paper Mill

Thomson Consumer Electronics site



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**How do
we fix
it?**

Talks with
City Council

Circleville
Brownfield
Team

Discussions
with
property
owners,
realtors,
bankers,



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- US EPA Assessment Grant
 - ▣ Received in 2008
 - ▣ 10 Phase I ESAs
 - ▣ 3 Phase II Assessments
- Clean Ohio Assistance Fund
 - ▣ Clean-up of former Smurfit Paper mill
 - ▣ Demolition of site will be complete in spring of this year

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Public Engagement

- Community outreach meetings
- Meetings with property owners
- Engaged property owners at the beginning
- Paper, radio and social media about significant events

Council and Administration Engagement

- Monthly reports to council
- Program crossed 2 administrations
- Weekly discussions with council members, Mayor and appointees
- Updates to county officials monthly

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- Pickaway Progress Partnership
 - City's economic development agency
 - Separate 501c3 non-profit
 - Relatively new; started in 2005
 - Manage Brownfield program and grants on behalf of city
 - Engage private and public sector members of P3 board in Brownfield process

Thanks!

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