



**CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY,  
INDIANA'S  
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION AGENCY  
BROWNFIELDS  
CLEANUP PROJECT**

**PROJECT RENEW SITE**

*Former Bensch Facility,  
"E" Street and Trail Creek*

*Project ReNEW Hot Link on the  
City of Michigan City's web site  
at [www.emichigancity.com](http://www.emichigancity.com) under  
Planning & Redevelopment.*

## **INTRODUCTION**

In September 2005, the City of Michigan City, Indiana was awarded a United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Brownfields Cleanup Grant (\$200,000) and an Indiana Finance Authority (IFA) Federal Grant Matching Incentive (\$40,000) for the remediation of contaminated soils at the Former Bensch Facility, located at the southwest corner of "E" Street and Trail Creek in Michigan City, Indiana. The project is being coordinated through the Michigan City Redevelopment Commission.

## **WHAT ARE BROWNFIELDS?**

Brownfields are abandoned, idled or under used industrial/commercial facilities where redevelopment/reuse is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination.

## **WHAT ARE THE CLEANUP GRANT FUNDS USED FOR?**

Grant funding will be used for the following tasks:

1. Development of a Community Relations Plan (CRP) to keep the Michigan City community informed of site cleanup activities and involved throughout the planning process for this project.
2. Development of work plans for the cleanup of contaminated soils at the site.
3. Conduct soil cleanup activities at the site.
4. Prepare and complete an Interim Measure Soil Remediation Completion Report by end of September 2007.

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT DURING CLEANUP PROJECT**

The Administrative Record for this cleanup project is located at the Michigan City Planning & Redevelopment

Department located at 100 East Michigan Boulevard (City Hall). The Administrative Record currently includes:

1. Cooperative Agreement between Michigan City and the U.S. EPA
2. Federal Matching Funds Grant Agreement between Michigan City and the IFA
3. Environmental assessment reports
4. Indiana Department of Environmental Management's Voluntary Remediation Program Application and Acceptance letter
5. Quarterly progress reports
6. Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives
7. Community Relations Plan
8. Interim Measure Soil Remediation Work Plan
9. Interim Measure Soil Remediation Completion Report (completed by end of September 2007)

The final public meeting to keep the community of Michigan City informed of project activities will be held during the Michigan City Redevelopment Commission's regular meeting scheduled for Monday, September 10, 2007 at 5:00 PM in the Planning Department Conference Room at City Hall.