

KDHE's Brownfields Program Promotes Property Redevelopment and Job Creation

The City of Hoisington requested assistance from the Kansas Brownfields Program in March 2012 for a property along Main Street being considered for redevelopment by Subway®. The former Daylight Donuts building was used as a bakery from the early 1900s until 2005. The city and Subway® were concerned about potential environmental uncertainties including asbestos and/or lead-based paint.



The Kansas Brownfields Program conducted Phase I and II assessments of the property to discover any environmental concerns. These assessments identified no contaminants of concern in the underlying soil or groundwater. An asbestos and lead-based paint survey identified asbestos containing material (ACM) and lead-based paint. The city paid \$1,250 to properly abate the ACM and lead-based paint according to state and federal regulations, after which the Kansas Brownfields Program cleared the property for future redevelopment.

Subway® took ownership of the former Daylight Donuts building in October 2012 and began their renovations. They invested \$275,000 in the local economy during redevelopment and employed approximately 10 local tradesmen. Subway® opened its doors on December 13, and in addition to offering a much needed eatery will provide the community with one fulltime and 14 part-time jobs.

This project is a prime example of how the Kansas Brownfields Program works to address potential human health and environmental concerns, promote underutilized property redevelopment, and creates jobs.

