

Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Bureau of Environmental Remediation, Assessment and Restoration Section

Brownfields Redevelopment Program



Lebanon Community Center (U.S. Center Foundation BTA Site)

Background

A 0.13 acre property at the northeast corner of Kansas and Main Street in Lebanon was targeted for redevelopment. The property has been developed since at least 1911, with three on-site buildings used for various commercial businesses including a clothing store, general store, and a grocery store. The buildings began to collapse and crumble, and the city applied to the Brownfields Program in hopes of razing the buildings and redeveloping the property.



Before the brownfields investigation, some of the structures had collapsed and were a danger to the community. Asbestos containing materials were present in the debris.

Investigation

A Phase I Brownfields Targeted assessment (BTA) and Asbestos Survey were completed at the property in 2007. This assessment did not reveal environmental concerns at the property, but did identify asbestos containing materials in the buildings. In 2008, through the U.S. Center Foundation, the asbestos was properly abated and the buildings were razed.

An updated Phase I assessment was needed for due diligence purposes and was completed in 2010. No environmental concerns were identified at the property, and the property was cleared for redevelopment in June.



Redevelopment

In 2010 the City of Lebanon received a Community Development Block Grant for \$397,014 to fund construction of the new 4,000 square foot Community Center. Construction was completed by a company out of Salina and 25 local volunteers helped with the finishing touches, like priming and painting the interior. In November 2011 the center became available for community dinners and events, and has provided a much needed benefit to the City of Lebanon.

Benefits

- **Dilapidated, unusable structures in dangerous condition were razed and asbestos containing materials were properly disposed of.**
- **The City of Lebanon now has a modern community center.**



The new community center under construction (top) and after completion (above).