



From **Waste Site** to **Thriving Neighborhood**

The Brass Site, Kenosha, Wisconsin

The Brass Site is a 29-acre urban brownfield that operated as a brass and copper foundry for over 100 years.

As a result of long-term industry use, the land became soiled with environmental contaminants and was known as the “worst part of town.”

The planners wanted to create affordable housing and hoped that the all-new single-family homes would

help the neighborhood thrive. By actively involving the community in the early stages of redevelopment and revitalization, planners and project leaders ensured that the project would address and improve the community's health and quality-of-life needs.



The Brass Site redevelopment project:

- ✓ **Increased** affordable housing, property values, and owner-occupancy rates
- ✓ **Lowered** the crime rate
- ✓ **Increased** access to grocery stores and fresh food
- ✓ **Lowered** exposure to industrial contaminants
- ✓ **Provided** potential employment opportunities



Funding:

- Private donation from site owners
- City funds
- State grants
- Federal revolving loan funds



Photo: City of Kenosha

For the full story, visit:

http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/brownfields/docs/ATSDR_LandReuse.pdf



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