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Demolition of several main street buildings and an old gas station at First and Walnut is now underway, with Brink Construction doing the work. Shown is the Rattray Building which once housed the news stand.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization offered the City of Ogden, Iowa technical support to identify reuse strategies for the Brownfields within the downtown community.

USEPA, in partnership with Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), is providing redevelopment planning support to city officials as they plan to revitalize the downtown community, including three parcels in the middle of downtown Ogden and the abandoned gas station at the intersection of First and Walnut, that serves as the gateway to our community and a recreational destination park. Support from USEPA is provided through staff and contractor support for Brownfields planning.

IDNR is providing staff support and funding, as eligible, for assessment and cleanup work on each of the Brownfields properties.

USEPA will be supporting Ogden city officials to assess redevelopment opportunities and conduct initial redevelopment visioning with community members. In order to understand the possibilities for redevelopment, initial steps will include:

- * Improving opportunities for communications between project partners and also with the broader community;
- Conducting a Community Asset Analysis to understand available markets and uses of the greater region around Ogden.
- * Providing training on the Brownfields process.
- * Conducting a market assessment of the greater region around Ogden to understand strengths and weaknesses of the community.
- * Distributing a community survey to understand how the community uses Ogden or would like to use Ogden in the future.
- * Developing reuse plan concepts for the Brownfield sites; and
- * Providing support for ultimate reuse and ownership options.

Through contractor support, USEPA will produce redevelopment plans, which will be grounded in market data, community needs, and site conditions. City officials will be provided with several tools that can be used to market new

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business opportunities and promote revitalization of the downtown corridor.

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You can keep informed on the progress being made in the demolition of the main street buildings and the old gas station at First and Walnut, by calling up localsynergy.net/ogden

The site also contains a video explaining how Ogden became a part of the Brownsfield Project and a list of coming events.

The Reporter will also be linked so you can keep up on what is being published.

Coming Events

October 12th, 2010:
Public Webinar Presentation -
Ogden Market Analysis

November 11th, 2010:
Planning Team Travels to Ogden

November 12th, 2010:
Planning Team Works With
Stakeholders

November 13th, 2010:
Public Workshop

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