



# A Successful Transformation: The Adamston Commons

Clarksburg, West Virginia

## Site Description

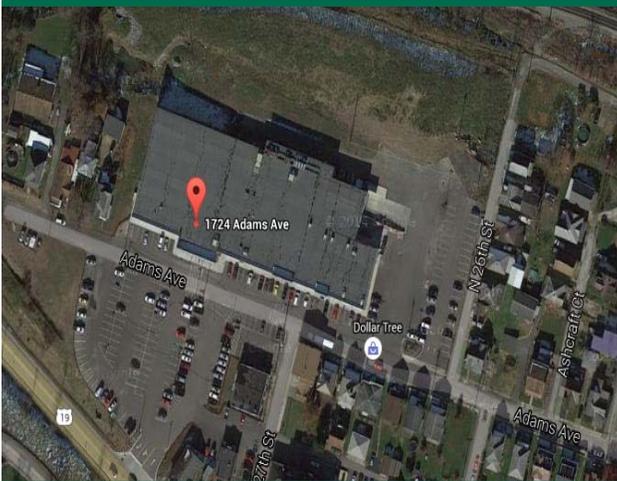
Where the flat glass production facility once operated in the 1920's now sits the Adamston Commons. Until 1986 the facility manufactured windowpanes and sheet glass. The site hosted numerous glass manufacturing companies, including Fourco Glass and AFG Industries, until Princeton Enterprises Inc. tore down all but one storage building and two processing stacks on the property. The site remained vacant for nearly 20 years until redevelopment began in 2009.



## Environmental Issues Addressed

The Adamston Flat Glass Revitalization project facilitated the assessment and cleanup of the site contaminated with heavy metals around smoke stacks, lead and arsenic in the soil, and asbestos-containing material from on-site buildings. To turn the site into the Adamston Commons, the City of Clarksburg contracted with environmental experts to collect and remove contaminated soil to a certified landfill. The city also capped and segregated all hexavalent chromium contamination with new building construction while ensuring asbestos abatement procedures were followed.

Adamston Commons, located at Adams Ave and North 26th



**EPA Grant Recipient:** City of Clarksburg  
**Year Awarded:** 2006  
**Grant Types:** Cleanup  
**Former Uses:** Glass production facility  
**Current Uses:** Commercial and Retail Outlet

## Leveraged Resources

The City of Clarksburg leveraged \$45,000 in cleanup funds in conjunction with \$200,000 in EPA cleanup grant, the WVDEP funded the environmental site assessment using EPA 128(a) brownfields state and tribal program. Long-term economic benefits from the Adamston Commons include providing over 50 temporary jobs and over 170 permanent jobs to the local community, boosting commercial investment

# Behind the Transformation

## Current Use Features

Adamston Commons, the shopping plaza, provides retail, commercial, and green space for the local community and spans 5.6 acres. The Commons hosts grocery hotspots, such as Save-A-Lot and Shop-N-Save, a Pizza Hut, and a Dollar Tree for the Adamston community and beyond. The retail outlet provides fresh and affordable groceries, both deli and baked goods, and retail products to the surrounding communities.



Above: Cleanup and Construction.

Below: Redevelopment grocery store and plaza.

## Community Benefit



A total of \$600,000 was spent on site remediation. Financial impacts include creating property tax for the county, school board and City of Clarksburg and the return of investment was immediate. The city invested \$40,000 in redevelopment costs. The amount was recouped with the sale of property, as well as construction, business, and occupation tax and permit fees.

Along with creating jobs and a retail outlet where there would otherwise be vacant land, the Adamston Commons is also utilized by the broader community. The Adamston Elementary School uses the parking lot for after-school activities.



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