

PROJECT SUMMARY

Community

The property, located in Southwest Fresno, California, is owned by Saint Rest Baptist Church. The church, in partnership with the city, and under an EPA Brownfields Area-Wide Planning grant, is working to determine the best redevelopment approach for this key corner property. The City of Fresno encompasses some of California's most environmentally overburdened and socially underserved communities. EPA places a high priority on providing Brownfields technical assistance and other support to such communities.

Property Information

The property is composed of two parcels. The northern parcel operated as an automotive fuel and service station from the early 1930s to the early 1970s and is currently vacant and partially paved. The southern parcel was redeveloped as a bakery in the early 1950s and then converted to a 4,600-square-foot meat packing facility and warehouse. The warehouse and paved lot remain on the property.

Technical Assistance

EPA provides technical assistance to research historic property uses, conduct environmental sampling and identify cleanup options and costs. An EPA-funded environmental assessment was conducted to evaluate the soil for contaminants of concern, including lead, petroleum hydrocarbons and volatile organic compounds. The assessment also evaluated asbestos and lead in the warehouse, and whether underground storage tanks remained on the property. **Recommendation:** Cleanup alternatives identified for this property include removing or capping the surface soil with elevated lead levels in the northern parcel, and abating building materials prior to any building renovation/demolition activities.

Future Use

St. Rest Baptist Church plans to use this property as a food and clothing distribution center, as well as a community center and may consider other, long-term redevelopment plans.



Property Information

Address 2316 S. Elm Ave.
Fresno, CA 93706

County Fresno

Size 0.82 acres

Technical Assistance Recipients

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