

## **RCRA Corrective Action**

Cleanup + Productive Use

## **Economic Profile**

## Former Allison Transmission Plant 2

Speedway, Indiana

**BEFORE**Aircraft engine manufacturer

**AFTER** 



Headquarters





Brewery and Taproom



Automotive Manufacturing

## **CLEANUP OVERSEEN BY**

Indiana Department of Environmental Management

The former Allison Transmission Plant was established in 1936 in Speedway, Indiana. The plant was a division of General Motors (GM) and various operations were conducted at the facility including aircraft engine testing, machining of metal parts and warehousing. Manufacturing at the facility ended in the mid-1990s, and many of the structures were demolished in 2004.

Waste generated at the site led to soil and groundwater contamination. With oversight by EPA and the Indiana Department of Environmental Management under the RCRA Corrective Action program, GM removed contaminated soils, industrial waste and storage tanks. The Speedway Redevelopment Commission then purchased the property and spearheaded the site's successful redevelopment. The site is now home to three businesses that generate over \$1.2 million in revenue per year.



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**EMPLOYEES** 







THE REDEVELOPMENT OF
THE FORMER ALLISON
PLANT 2 AREA HAS HELPED
TRANSFORM MAIN STREET
SPEEDWAY INTO A
DESTINATION ALIVE WITH
NEW INDUSTRY,
RESTAURANTS, AND EVENTS.

Tim Gropp, Speedway Economic Development Director

To encourage redevelopment, EPA separated the 20-acre Plant 2 area from the rest of the former Allison Transmission Plant. After the demolition and cleanup of the site, the Speedway Redevelopment Commission identified the Plant 2 area as prime property, purchased the land, and placed the parcels for sale as part of a planned commercial revitalization project of Speedway's Main Street area. GM continues to oversee the completion of RCRA Corrective Action obligations at the site and land and groundwater use restrictions have been put in place to prevent human exposure to contaminated soil and prohibit use of groundwater.

Located minutes from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, home of the world-famous Indianapolis 500, the site was an ideal candidate for racing-related redevelopment as it attracts over 1 million visitors every year. The facility's successful cleanup and redevelopment provides a mix of commercial and industrial uses adjacent to Speedway's Main Street. Daredevil Brewing, a brewery and taproom, opened in 2015 on the site. Also in 2015, OMR North America opened its 43,000-square-foot automotive manufacturing facility on the site, specializing in production, assembly and testing of automotive components. The headquarters for the Juncos Racing Team moved to the site in 2016, in a new 40,000square-foot facility that houses their office space, technical support and body shop.

With Main Street only a short walk from the racetrack, the cleanup and redevelopment of this site is providing benefits to both the town and its many racing enthusiasts. The cleanup of the former Allison Transmission Plant 2 has allowed the Speedway Redevelopment Commission to breathe new life into the site, bringing economic benefits to the town and new opportunities for racing professionals and fans.



Speedway's revitalized Main Street offers a great mix of restaurants, shopping, and family activities, while being just walking distance from the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.



Redevelopment along Speedway's Main Street also includes public art installations such as the award winning "Seeds of Light" sculpture.