

Economic Profile

Microsemi Consortium Facility Broomfield, Colorado

BEFORE

Microchip manufacturing

AFTER



Manufacturing and
Distribution Center

CLEANUP OVERSEEN BY

Colorado Department of Public Health and
Environment

From 1975 to 2009, Microsemi Corporation Colorado (Microsemi) manufactured microchips at its 800 Hoyt Street facility in Broomfield, Colorado. Manufacturing activities at the facility contaminated groundwater. With oversight from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), Microsemi is cleaning up the groundwater contamination. Cleanup of the groundwater contamination is projected for 2032.

In late 2009, Microsemi ended its manufacturing operations and donated the facility to the city's Broomfield Urban Renewal Authority. The Authority worked with a developer to return the area to beneficial use as the Broomfield Commerce Center with the goal of bolstering the city's economic development. The former facility is now home to a distribution center for a family-owned nutritional supplement company. A producer of tea products and a manufacturer of solar products for space travel have recently signed leases at the Commerce Center to take advantage of its convenient location between Denver and Boulder.

For more information about RCRA and the economic benefits of site reuse, visit www.epa.gov/hw/learn-about-hazardous-waste-cleanups





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The use of the property for economic development purposes is consistent with the goals of the Broomfield Economic Development Strategic Plan to encourage the attraction and retention of entrepreneurial firms. The property is within the Colorado Enterprise Zone Program, where businesses may qualify for tax incentives on new investments and jobs, job training, and research and development. The city of Broomfield's Comprehensive Plan also emphasizes the city's interest in bringing a variety of employment opportunities to the area, including light industrial, technology, manufacturing and research. The Comprehensive Plan highlights the importance of developing employment and commercial centers that provide opportunity for local business development and encourage partnerships for education and training.

In 2019, developers completed demolition of the former Microsemi facility and construction of the first 139,876-square-foot building of the Broomfield Commerce Center. Since construction was completed, Standard Process has moved into the Commerce Center, using 21,000 square feet of the building as a distribution center for its nutritional supplements. With the goal of improving health and wellness, Standard Process manufactures nutritional supplements using whole foods, many of which are produced using raw materials grown on the company's organic farm in Wisconsin. The company partners with health care practitioners to take a holistic approach to addressing health-related issues.

A company that produces and distributes a variety of tea products and Sierra Space Corporation, a company that manufactures solar related products for space travel purposes, have recently signed leases at the Commerce Center. When these new tenants move in, the entire 139,876 square feet of the first building will be in productive use.

As the facility's groundwater cleanup progresses, work continues to transform the former microchip manufacturing facility into a local economic hub.



At full buildout, the Broomfield Commerce Center will consist of three buildings totaling over 274,000 square feet. The buildings will provide ample development and manufacturing space as well as green building features such as upgraded insulation, LED lighting and a cool roof.



The Standard Process distribution center at the Broomfield Commerce Center distributes the nutritional supplements that the company makes using whole foods like peas, radishes and beets.