

Redevelopment of Blighted Property Solves Safety Issue for Existing Employer

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Project: Acquire 12 acre blighted property adjoining existing employer's facility from absentee owner.

Problem: The existing employer was in need of distancing employee parking from the main production facilities and in turn improve the aesthetics surrounding their facility. Doing so, would allow the employer to have additional acreage for future expansions, create a safer work zone, and most importantly, allow the company to isolate employee parking to a defined area to prevent any issues with their food safety audits.

Solution: Acquire adjoining property, remove blight issues and transfer to existing employer.

Course of Action: The FBHC Development Authority agreed to acquire the blighted and functionally obsolete mobile home park, remove all trash, wells, septic tanks, debris, and assist in relocation of the few remaining tenants.

Outcome: Over a six month period, the Development Authority in collaboration with local partners was able to acquire the property, remove all the blight issues, and transfer to the industry a 12 acre tract free of any environmental issues. To date, plans have been made for the new parking lot, the property is fenced and well maintained, and the company's executives are well pleased with the outcome of the project.