

Acme Pallet, Inc. LeRoy, MI

In the fall of 2010 Acme Pallet approached Osceola County about constructing a manufacturing facility in the LeRoy Township Renaissance Zone. Acme Pallet, Inc. is one of the largest pallet manufacturers in Michigan. Acme Pallet custom builds pallets to client specifications in 600 different sizes with optional stenciling and color coding. They offer Just-In-Time daily delivery and pallets with endless capabilities. Their new facility in LeRoy cuts wooden slats that are then shipped to their main facility in Holland, Michigan. Using state of the art equipment this facility is able to use smaller diameter logs that were previously not used, often left on the forest floor.

In order for the project to take place several lots were needed; however, before the project could proceed the environmental status of the lots needed to be confirmed. As a result the County approached the Osceola County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

Acme Pallet chose property that was once the site of an old Christmas tree farm that in the 1980s became economically unfeasible to continue operations. The site had remained empty since and local government had been working with the State of Michigan to spur development. A Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) was conducted and it indicated no contamination was present.

The Phase I ESA was leveraged with other economic development tools. Osceola County offered Acme Pallet, and the State approved, a six year extension of its tax-free Renaissance Zone. As a result both the State of Michigan and Osceola County offered to forego a significant amount of tax revenue.



Acme Pallet Delivery Vehicle
Acme Pallet's Main Facility, Holland, Michigan

Current Use: Wooden Pallet Slat Manufacturing
Past Use: Christmas Tree Farm

Brownfield Tools Used:
Phase I Environmental Site Assessment

Other Economic Development Tools Used:
Michigan Renaissance Zone Program

Approximate # Jobs within 2 Years: 10
(Additionally, 2.31 jobs are created as a result of each new job in forest products industry; Michigan Forest Products Council).

Approximate Private Investment within 2 Years: \$3,150,000

Leveraged State Funding: \$64,800
Leveraged Local Funding: \$132,000

Benefits to the Public

- New jobs
- Private investment in community
- Initially, limited addition to tax roll
- Future, full addition to tax roll
- Loggers in Central Michigan now have a market for small diameter logs
- Loggers receive a higher price for smaller diameter logs

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