

**Former Grajek's Market & Former Speeds
112 and 120 W. 7th Street
Ewart, MI**

In 2012 a local business owner approached the Osceola County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (OCBRA) with environmental questions concerning a property in the City of Ewart. The OCBRA agree to conduct a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) under its Petroleum Assessment grant. Furthermore, the OCBRA agreed to conduct a Phase II ESA if warranted by the results of the Phase I. The OCBRA agreed to conduct the Environmental Site Assessments because the business owner would be relocating and *expanding* his existing business.

Throughout the years the property had a number of uses. The first building was built on both properties in 1893. This was a hotel with several associated structures. The hotel was razed in 1920.

The hotel was razed in 1920 and replaced by an automobile repair garage on 112 W. 7th Street. From 1950 until the 1970s the property was an auto sales and service business. In the 1970s the repair operations were abandoned, but the parts sales portion remained open until the mid-2000s. The building is now vacant.

After the hotel was razed the property at 120 W. 7th Street was not utilized until 1970 when buildings were built for a farmers' market. The farmers' market remained open until 2010. Now this building is also vacant.

Unfortunately the anticipated sale did not take place. While the sale did not take place the property is being marketed by economic development professionals working with the City of Ewart. Completion of the Environmental Site Assessments should be beneficial when marketing the property.

Former Grajek's Market
Ewart, Michigan

Former Speeds Automotive
Ewart, Michigan

Current Use: Vacant

Past Uses:

Hotel, livery, wagon shed, and ice house
Warehouse and beer storage building
Automobile Sales & Service
Automobile Repair & Parts Sales
Farmers' Market

Brownfield Tools Used:

Phase I Environmental Site Assessment
Phase II Environmental Site Assessment

Approximate # Jobs within 2 Years: Unknown; property is currently for sale.

Approximate Private Investment within 2 Years: Unknown; property is currently for sale.

Benefits to the Public:

- Vacant property readied for sale.

For more information contact the Osceola County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority at (231) 832-7397.