

Krauter Forest Products, Inc. Ashton, MI

In the spring 2010 Krauter Forest Products, Inc. purchased the vacant Kamps, Inc. (formerly Michiana Box & Crate) wooden pallet manufacturing facility. The facility had been vacant since 2008.

Krauter Forest Products produces forest related products at several facilities. The former Michiana Box & Crate building, being a former sawmill/pallet manufacturing facility, was an ideal fit for this operation since Krauter Forest Products also planned to use the facility as a sawmill/pallet manufacturing operation.

The Osceola County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority's (OCBRAs) involvement was limited to conducting a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) in order to determine the probability of contamination. The Phase I ESA showed there were no environmental concerns.

Sometimes a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority can have a limited role in a project, but still have an impact. This is a classic example of where once the uncertainty of contamination is removed a project can move forward.



Krauter Forest Products Facility
Ashton (Lincoln Township), Michigan

Current Use: Sawmill/Pallet Manufacturing

Past Use(s): Sawmill/Pallet Manufacturing

Brownfield Tools Used:
Phase I Environmental Site Assessment

Approximate # Jobs within 2 Years: 19

Approximate Private Investment within 2 Years: \$453,000

Benefits to the Public

- Reuse of vacant building
- New jobs
- Private investment in community
- Addition to tax roll

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE OSCEOLA COUNTY BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AT (231) 832-7397.