

## Future Reed City Public Library Building Reed City, MI

In the spring 2010, at the request of the Reed City Public Library, the Osceola County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (OCBRA) became involved in the potential sale of the Reed City Area Public School Administrative Building. The Library Board was considering purchase of the property as the future site of the Reed City Public Library.

Sale of the building would assist both the Reed City Public Library and the Reed City Public Schools address separate issues. In order to reduce costs the Reed City Public Schools were in the process of consolidating their administrative offices into another facility. As a result, their current administrative building was going to be vacant. The Reed City Public Library leases its space from Osceola County; however, due to the County's growing need for space it is questionable if the Library will be able to renew its lease when it expires in 2012. Additionally, both public entities were dealing with the reality of limited finances. The Reed City Public Library didn't have the money to do the environmental due diligence as well as purchase the building and finance the move from their current location.

To determine the probability of contamination the OCBRA completed a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA). The Phase I showed underground storage tanks had been removed on adjoining properties as well as several that were still in use. Based on these results a Phase II ESA was performed. After the Phase II ESA was completed a Baseline Environmental Site Assessment was completed and filed with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality. As a result, the Library now has liability protection.



Future Home of the Reed City Public Library,  
829 Chestnut Street, Reed City, Michigan

**Current Use:** Vacant, awaiting relocation of the Reed City Public Library

**Past Uses:**

School Administration Building  
Classrooms  
Daycare

**Brownfield Tools Used:**

Phase I, Environmental Site Assessment  
Phase II, Environmental Site Assessment  
Baseline Environmental Assessment

**Approximate # Jobs within 2 Years: 0**

**Approximate Private Investment within 2**

**Years:** None; future use of the property will be by a governmental entity.

**Benefits to the Public**

- Savings of local taxpayer dollars
- Reuse of existing public facilities

**Learn More About Reed City Public Library:**  
[www.reedcitylibrary.org](http://www.reedcitylibrary.org)

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