

FORMER COLUMBUS WOOD TREATING PLANT

STATE PROGRAM: Indiana Finance Authority

ASSISTANCE RECIPIENT: City of Columbus

ASSISTANCE AMOUNT: \$600,000



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

A combination of CWSRF and Brownfields RLF funding has benefitted the City of Columbus, Indiana. In 2011, the Indiana Finance Authority issued a loan to the City for petroleum remediation activities at the 1.24-acre, vacant, former site of the Columbus Wood Treating Plant, which facilitated construction of a pedestrian/cycling trail. The trail serves as interim greenspace redevelopment for the Columbus community until commercial or other redevelopment occurs in the future. The funding mix included \$1.2 million in petroleum brownfields loan funds coupled with \$600,000 in CWSRF loan funds, totaling \$1.8 million in loan funding to mitigate groundwater and soil impacts associated with a long history of the plant's operations, including coal and coke processing and wood treating/preservation. The remediation activities helped to eliminate the discharge of contaminants and protect the Flat Rock River. The combined CWSRF and Brownfields RLF financial assistance for the site has leveraged additional funding to facilitate reuse including a federal Housing and Urban Development Economic Development Initiative Grant for over \$300,000.

To read more about this case study, please visit https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2018-09/documents/cwsrf_brownfields_superfund_case_studies.pdf.