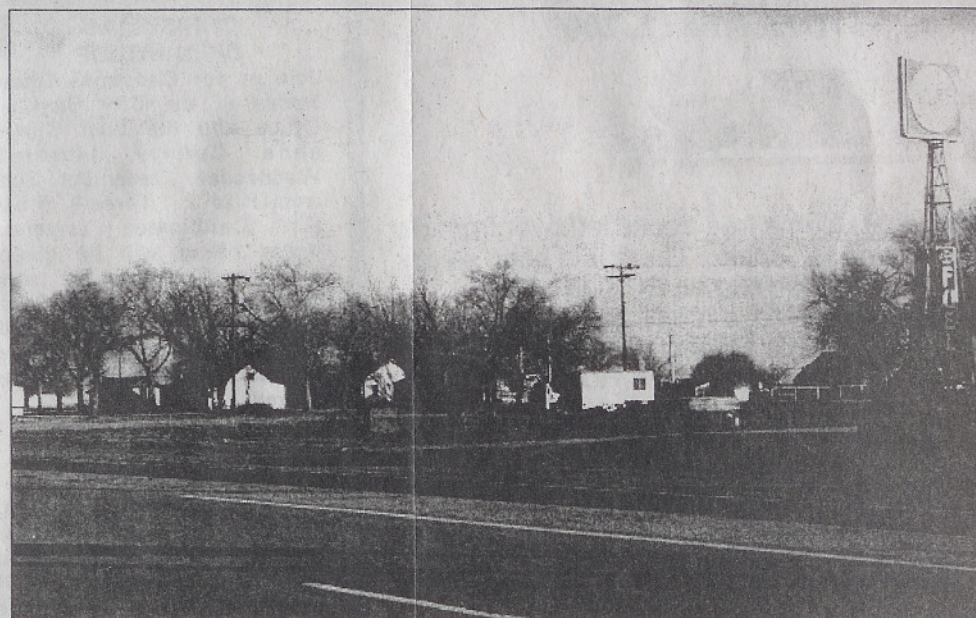


# Kit Carson Rural Development Wraps Up Brownfields Project



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Kit Carson Rural Development has successfully completed a Brownfields Project at the Paxson Building Site in Kit Carson. This project began over a year and a half ago with tremendous assistance from Jesse Silverstein and the Colorado Brownfields Foundation. The project first began with assessments at the site to determine potential contamination issues. Funding for these assessments was provided by the Colorado Historic Byways Revitalization Initiative (HBRI). This Initiative is a partnership of the Colorado Brownfields Foundation (CBF), the Division of Oil and Public Safety (OPS), and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE).

Phase I and Phase II Assessments found buried petroleum tanks, some petroleum contamination, and friable asbestos at the site. In addition to the assessments that were performed, the HBRI also paid for the removal of three buried petroleum tanks from the site in early October. Kevin Domsch of KC Pumping was subcontracted out to complete the tank removal. After the tanks were removed the fill dirt was provided through the support of the Cheyenne County Commissioners and the Road and Bridge District 1 foreman and employees.

In May of this year KCRD received notification from the EPA that they were the recipient of an EPA Cleanup Grant funded by the Stimulus Act. This grant was secured with technical assistance and guidance from Jesse Silverstein of the Colorado Brownfields Foundation. This cleanup grant would enable KCRD to abate the friable asbestos found at the site. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) provided granted services via a cash grant that enabled KCRD to secure a qualified environmental consultant, Gobbell Hays Partners, to oversee this asbestos abatement project.

Environmental Demolition, Inc. (EDI) was contracted for the asbestos abatement project. This part of the project kicked off Monday, October 12th. Gobbell Hays Partners secured a variance from the State Health Department that allowed EDI to demolish the building with the asbestos. The State also allowed a one time variance for the asbestos to be disposed of at Firstview Landfill. Cheyenne County Commissioners and County Administrator were extremely helpful in getting all Health Department regulations associated with this variance in place in a relatively short period of time. District 2 Road and Bridge employees prepared the site at the landfill in a very timely fashion in preparation to accept the material from the Paxson Project. Though bad weather persisted, the project was still completed very quickly with the help and cooperation of Mark Galli, Firstview Landfill Manager, and District 2 Road and Bridge foreman, who worked with the company that disposed the material at Firstview Landfill. The asbestos removal was finished on November 10th. Once again Road and Bridge District 1 employees helped out by providing some more dirt to fill in some large holes at the site.

KCRD now owns this business ready site, cleared of all contamination, right on Hwy 287/40 just off Main Street in Kit Carson. This project is a great success for our community. There were many partners on this project, from public to private, from the local level to the national level, that all worked together to see this project through. KCRD is very appreciative of the help and cooperation of all involved in this undertaking. A sincere and big thank you to everyone.