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Washtenaw County Office of Community and Economic Development Releases Brownfield Redevelopment Authority 2018 Annual Report

Washtenaw County, MI – Last week, the Washtenaw County Brownfield Authority (WCBRA) released its 2018 Annual Report, which detailed the over 65 million dollars in private investment and substantial environmental remediation and public infrastructure investment that took place in 2018. Highlights include breaking ground at 1140 Broadway St in Ann Arbor (formerly known as “Lower Town”) – a mixed-use development including 15 affordable housing units, the completion of a mixed-use development at 615 S Main St in Ann Arbor known as the “The Yard,” and providing grant funding to support demolition and infrastructure activities at the “Swift Lane” project in partnership with the Ann Arbor Housing Commission, which will create a total of 64 affordable rental units. [A full copy of the report can be found here.](#)

“It was certainly a busy year for the Brownfield Redevelopment Authority with 6 ongoing redevelopment projects and 7 environment assessment grants,” commented WCBRA Coordinator, Nathan Voght. “What was particularly exciting about 2018 was our added focus on providing affordable housing through this funding mechanism, and that’s something we will look to continue moving forward.”

Since 1999, the **WCBRA** has partnered with local units of government to identify, assess, clean up, and redevelop properties by leveraging various funding mechanisms. As of 2018, WCBRA has completed or is currently working on 22 projects, representing \$523.9 million in private investment and \$21.9 million of public investment. This has resulted in the redevelopment of 1,068 acres of land and the creation of over 4,500 permanent jobs, not including temporary construction jobs.

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