# Indiana Brownfields Program Trails and Parks Initiative Project Highlight: Former Gill Clay Pot in Muncie

Community/Applicant City of Muncie and the Red-Tail Conservancy

# **TPI Assistance Provided**

Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments totaling \$30,480

# **Current Status**

Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments have been completed and are currently under review to determine next steps.

# Background

This 5.37-acre property was donated to the City of Muncie in 2002 with a permanent conservation easement in place held by the Red-Tail Conservancy. The City and the Conservancy share responsibilities for the site and have mutual interests in preserving the land for public enjoyment.

The site was used for various industrial uses since 1892, but was last used by the Gill Clay Pot Company. After industrial operations ceased many years ago, a family purchased the property and left the site to return to a natural state. Soil in some areas of the site has been found to contain lead contamination, and a number of building foundations are still present.

The property is adjacent to the Cardinal Greenway, and a portion of the site currently serves as a rest stop for trail users. After the environmental issues on the remainder of the site are addressed, the site will also be used for a walking trail and native plantings park. The Red-Tail Conservancy is currently seeking funding for eradication of invasive species at the site to make way for the native plants.

# For More Information

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The Former Gill Clay Pot site in Terre Haute is located between the White River and the Cardinal Greenway, making it an ideal location for walking trails.