# Indiana Brownfields Program Trails and Parks Initiative Project Highlight: National Road Heritage Trail in Terre Haute

Community/Applicant City of Terre Haute

## **TPI Assistance Provided**

Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments totaling \$56,743

## **Current Status**

Phase II Environmental Assessment activities have been completed at the site, and the results are currently under review to determine next steps.

#### Background

This 12.8-acre site was a portion of a former rail yard from approximately 1907 to the mid to late 1970s. The property is currently vacant. It was acquired by the City of Terre Haute in 2001.

Once the contamination at the site is addressed, the City plans to develop the site as a trailhead for the National Road Heritage Trail. The National Road Heritage Trail is intended to eventually connect Terre Haute, Indianapolis, and Richmond for a total distance of over 150 miles. The City of Terre Haute currently has 22.62 miles of its trails and greenway system completed and open to alternative transportation/recreation users. Additional planned development will add over 40 miles to the trail and greenway system within the next ten years.

Another brownfield site in Terre Haute, referred to as the Brown Boulevard site, has also received a TPI award for assessment. It too is planned to become part of the National Road Heritage Trail.

#### For More Information

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Old railroad ties and household trash are scattered throughout the former rail yard. After contamination is addressed, the site is planned to become a trailhead for the National Road Heritage Trail.