

Jones and Lamson



Property Owner: Springfield Regional Planning Commission

BERA Team Partners: ANR, ACCD, VTrans, SWCRPC, Town of Springfield, EPA, Consultants, ACT 250

Property History: The property is roughly 12 acres located between Route 11 and the Black River. The first building was constructed in 1907 with the last expansion in 1979. The overall building complex is roughly 370,000 square feet. Jones and Lamson was one of many tooling facilities in Springfield, and was rumored to be on Hitler's list of places to bomb due to the quantity of ball bearings produced at the facility. In 2002 the owner of J&L, went bankrupt. In 2004 Springfield Regional Development Corporation purchased the property to try and redevelop it. The property has been vacant since and is in terrible disrepair.

Proposed Redevelopment:

Commercial/Industrial and Recreation

BERA Team Initiative: This project has been stalled for several years due to the complexity of layered state and federal regulations on the property, the magnitude of contamination present at the site and the excessive cost to conduct cleanup and redevelopment. The goal of the BERA team was to identify all environmental issues/hurdles/permits related to the development of each part of the site. The ultimate end goal is to have a road map identifying the process for site redevelopment and funding mechanisms identified to assist with the required work.

Additionally the Town of Springfield has received a bike path grant and the work to construct the bike path needs to be evaluated with the site work that needs to occur.

BERA Project Completion/Current Status: The entire BERA group has met twice with a smaller group of key stakeholders meeting regularly to address critical issues plaguing this property – such as building demolition and funding

Additional meetings with the key stakeholders will continue. EPA conducted a time critical removal of PCBs along the Black River in the fall of 2017. ACT 250 language was recently passed clarifying the role of ACT 250 and corrective action plans which allow this project, specifically the bike path, to continue moving forward.

Building demolition is planned for Spring 2019.