



## Perry cleanup project under way

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[Perry cleanup project under way](#) By Matt Surtel [msurtel@batavianews.com](mailto:msurtel@batavianews.com) The Daily News Online |

PERRY -- Work is already under way on a separate plan to clean up the A&A Metal Fabricating site. The old facility at 90 Washington Blvd. is already being studied as part of the state Brownfield Cleanup Program, which encourages developers to re-mediate the site for tax credits.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation is requesting further study of the location's contaminants, said Executive Director James Pierce of the Wyoming County Business Center, during Tuesday's informational session.

"The first week of May is when we're going to start," he said. "A consultant firm called TVGA is going to be doing some further characterization and checking on areas of concern."

That includes testing some materials found in buried drums, along with floor drains and oil inside electrical transformers. Pierce said the contaminants did not appear to be anything substantial.

They also included some oil-soaked wooden blocks and **sandblasting** material used in the plant's particular fabrication process.

"To the point we are now, there's been close to \$150,000 invested in the property," Pierce said. "Funding has come from the Wyoming County Industrial Development Agency as a conditional grant to the Business Center, in hopes we can recapture some of that when we decide to sell the property to a developer ... It's an ongoing process and it will be for some time."

An environmental study has determined nothing is leaching from the property or running into the nearby Silver Lake outlet, he said.

The site consists of 17.58 acres. It was originally built as the Kaustine Furnace and Tank Corporation, before A&A took over the operation.



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A&A Metal Fabricating itself shut down in 2001. The site was then leased to the BionSoil company before closing entirely a year later.

The WCBC has proposed a project called the Alternative & Renewable Energy Technology Center at the site. The new facility would take advantage of the county's proximity to "green energy" initiatives.

Office, research, manufacture and warehouse space could be located there, potentially serving the Northeastern U.S., Ontario and Quebec, according to the Brownfield Clean-up Program application.

The property's existing buildings date to 1934. Most are deteriorating or have already fallen in.