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CDFA Provides Financing Suggestions for Former AutoZone Site in Dellwood, MO

—*CDFA Brownfields Technical Assistance Program*—

Columbus, OH – The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is pleased to release the Roadmap to Redevelopment report for the West Florissant Avenue Corridor and Former AutoZone Site as an initiative of the CDFA Brownfields Technical Assistance Program.

West Florissant Avenue is a highly used connector road that runs through the cities of Jennings, Dellwood and Ferguson in St. Louis County. Several properties along the Corridor, including the former AutoZone property, were burned down during the civil unrest following the death of Michael Brown, Jr. in 2014.

The St. Louis Economic Development Partnership, with assistance from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization, has been leading redevelopment efforts along the West Florissant Avenue Corridor, and is working on implementing some recently developed design concepts for the former AutoZone site. The design concepts are based on community input, and include uses such as senior housing, open space, and some commercial space.

"The St. Louis Economic Development Partnership has shown great leadership in engaging the public and envisioning a new West Florissant Avenue Corridor that not only puts these vacant sites to use, but ultimately serves the needs of the community," said Emily Moser, Program Manager for CDFA's brownfields program. "We hope the financing strategies discussed in the report will be useful for the former AutoZone site and other targeted sites along the Corridor."

Cordaryl "Pat" Patrick, Economic Recovery Coordinator for the Partnership, remarked, "St. Louis Economic Development Partnership is grateful to our Region 7 partners at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Council of Development Finance Agencies for the wonderful work they have done. Without partners like EPA and CDFA, who are willing to invest in some of the most distressed communities in the St. Louis Region, change is only a conversation and not a reality."

Project Response Team site visits are available through [CDFA's Brownfields Technical Assistance Program](#), funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). CDFA provides resources and technical assistance related to revolving loan funds, tax incentives, tax increment finance and other tools available for redevelopment finance.

View the full [West Florissant Avenue and Former AutoZone Site Roadmap to Redevelopment](#) report online.

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