
MEMORANDUM

Community and Economic Development Department

TO: John Phillips, City Manager

SUBJECT: Environmental Cleanup of Illinois Oil/Jackson Square **DATE:** 6/14/11

A request for proposals for soil cleanup on the former Illinois Oil property yielded five responses from environmental contractors. A team from Rock Island Economic Growth and the City of Rock Island chose EnviroNET, Inc. to complete the remedial activity.

GROWTH will hold a public meeting at 7 p.m., June 28 at the Rock Island Township Hall to discuss the remediation project.

The cleanup plan approved by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency includes the removal of contaminated soil at four locations and the installation of an engineered barrier, a parking lot, on the south portion of the property. The largest area of contamination is in City right-of-way along the west side of 25th Street.

EnviroNET's bid of \$419,410 includes

- excavation and hauling contaminated soil to an approved landfill
- testing the soil
- lab fees
- replacing the excavations with clean fill
- constructing an engineered barrier (parking lot)
- completing all environmental reports

The City will provide a stipulated grant in the amount of \$300,000 to GROWTH through the City's USEPA-funded Revolving Loan Fund. The FY 12 Downtown TIF budget includes \$100,000 to be used for environmental cleanup on the Illinois Oil site. This is approximately the cost to remediate contamination in the City right-of-way.

Recommendation: The City Council approve a TIF contribution of \$100,000 to Rock Island Economic Growth to be used for environmental remediation on the former Illinois Oil site.

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