

# UTAH PETROLEUM BROWNFIELD'S FACT SHEET

## BACKGROUND: AURORA (1999 PILOT PROJECT)

The property is located on Main Street in Aurora, Utah. The site was the location of an abandoned gasoline service station with known environmental contamination based on underground storage tank closure samples taken in 1991. In 1999, Sevier County acquired the property because of delinquent property taxes. The county and Aurora City were concerned about environmental liability issues and cleanup costs, but lacked the environmental resources to properly address their concerns. The primary goal of the subsurface investigation was to test the property at several locations to determine the extent and degree of any soil or groundwater contamination that may still be present at the site.



## PARTNERS

Utah Dept. of Environmental Quality (UDEQ)  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Sevier County Commissioners  
Utah Department of Health  
Aurora City



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- In July 1999, UDEQ conducted a site assessment with the assistance of Aurora City, which donated the equipment and personnel for digging several “test pits”.
- By having the city and state governments leverage resources together, the site investigation was completed in a cost-effective manner, resulting in significant cost savings for the pilot project.
- Based upon the site assessment results, Aurora City demolished the building and constructed a desired access roadway for the local community.
- Because some contamination remained in-place, Sevier County and Aurora City entered into a long-term lease agreement for fixing the land use as a roadway, creating a long-term risk management solution.
- The underutilized property, which had become an eyesore for the community and an environmental liability for Sevier County, was successfully redeveloped as a result of a unique partnership among local, state and federal agencies.

