

## Ohio Success: Urbana Site Revitalization



# A Community Unites to Revitalize Abandoned Site in Urbana

Vacant since 2008, the once thriving manufacturing site in Urbana became a community eyesore and was prone to persistent vandalism. But its prime location and existing utilities had too much potential for Urbana. The community sought out partners to revitalize the site, including much-needed financial support from JobsOhio.

### Site Profile

The former home of Q3 and Johnson Manufacturing had everything a company would want: space; nearby highways; proximity to major cities; current and future rail service; and existing utilities, including water, sewer, gas and electric, thus making it an ideal site for revitalization.

### Need

Companies were interested in the site, but costs to clean it up were a deterrent. The property needed an overhaul to eliminate the ongoing threats to public health, safety and the environment for it to be a viable site.

### Solution

Urbana needed assistance. A collaborative including JobsOhio, Honeywell International Inc., the Dayton Development Coalition, True Inspection Services, the Champaign Economic Partnership and the Champaign County Board of Revision was able to take the project to the next step.

Compelled by the potential for economic impact, JobsOhio offered support from its Redevelopment Pilot Program toward demolition, environmental remediation, asbestos abatement, removal and disposal of waste, and site preparation. Because of Urbana's dedication to the site and the community, it successfully led a movement to turn an abandoned area into an economic opportunity.

### Combined Project Stats

- **Location:** Urbana
- **Total capital investment:** \$890,000
- **Collaborators:** JobsOhio, the city of Urbana, Honeywell International Inc., Dayton Development Coalition, True Inspection Services, Champaign Economic Partnership and Champaign County Board of Revision



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