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DUBUQUE, Iowa – The Former Flexsteel Manufacturing Site at 3400 Jackson Street is the subject of a community planning effort funded by a United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Brownfields Assessment Grant that was awarded to the East Central Intergovernmental Association (ECIA) in May 2020.

A cooperative effort between the USEPA, Flexsteel Industries, Gronen Development, Dbq Property Group, ECIA, the City of Dubuque, and Blackstone Environmental; this work will seek to distill existing planning documents that apply to the opportunity presented by the redevelopment of the Former Flexsteel Manufacturing Site in addition to incorporating feedback specific to the Site itself and the larger North End.

Initial public engagement with the North-End Neighborhood Association (NENA) and surrounding business owners has been completed. The project team now invites the public at-large to share their views at Convivium Urban Farmstead at 6:30 P.M. on December 6, 2021. The project team will give a brief presentation to be followed by group conversation and exercises. Chuck Harris, President of the NENA, notes that “it is rare for a well-developed neighborhood to get a chance to reimagine a large tract of land, this could be anything from a pocket neighborhood with market rate senior housing to grocery store even a senior/community center.”

To learn more about the ECIA Brownfields Assessment Grant, visit https://www.ecia.org/brownfields/index.php. To participate in a survey about the Former Flexsteel Manufacturing Site's redevelopment, visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9R95M68 or scan the QR code!