Former Dundee School 122 E St. – Dundee, Iowa

This two-story limestone building was built for use as a school in 1920 and developed with improvements (gymnasium, etc.) in 1936. The school was closed in 1981 and the Property has been vacant since that time. The property consisted of a rectangular-shaped parcel that comprised approximately 0.87 acres of land in a mixed-use area of Dundee, Iowa.

There were three segments of the building, including one on the north side, south side, and center. The south building/gymnasium roof and the northwest building roofs had collapsed or partially collapsed along with the floors in the northwest school building. The majority of piping and wiring components were previously removed from the building and some walls had been demolished.

In 2016, the City of Dundee contracted EnviroNET Inc. to provide an Asbestos Inspection Report to determine if they should demolish or rehabilitate the building. The report indicated that there were several asbestos contaminants within the building. EnviroNet’s recommendation was that prior to demolition, licensed professional asbestos abatement firms should be engaged to quote the removal of contaminants.

In 2018, ECIA was able to assist the city and use U.S. EPA Brownfield Assessment grant funding to obtain an updated second Asbestos Containing Material Inspection Report. The second asbestos inspection revealed that additional asbestos containing materials were discovered beyond what was found in the first inspection.

Following this, the City of Dundee received a derelict building grant from the Iowa DNR to help finance asbestos abatement and deconstruction of the building. The building was demolished in early 2019 followed by restoration of the site with backfilling, topsoil and seeding. Currently the city is awaiting funding for redevelopment of the site. The city plans to expand its ball park.