129 1st Street SW Former LeClere Building – Hopkinton, Iowa

This two-story limestone brick building containing 4,480 sf was built in 1866 and was situated on approximately 0.10 acres of land.

In 2017, the building was owned privately. Ownership of the property went to the city in 2018 as it was in need of repair and the property owners had no use for it. The structure had been used as a Masonic Temple, opera house, dance hall, barbershop, diner and apartments in the past.

In 2017, ECIA was able to assist the city and use U.S. EPA Brownfield Assessment grant funding to have a Phase I environmental site assessment completed on the property. The Phase I recommended additional testing/sampling be conducted for asbestos containing materials, lead-based paint and mold.

In 2019, ECIA was able to assist the city and use U.S. EPA Brownfield Assessment grant funding to have a Phase II environmental site assessment completed on the property, this included a soil and groundwater assessment. Based on the findings from the assessment, no further action was recommended. This also indicated that asbestos contamination was under state levels and abatement was not necessary.

Later in 2019, the City of Hopkinton received an IA DNR derelict building grant of $38,300 to support efforts to tear down the building and install a park in its place. The building was demolished July 2020 and the City is working on its plans to turn the space into a mini park and welcome area.