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CHICAGO STREET RIVERFRONT REDEVELOPMENT OPEN HOUSE

The City of Jonesville and the Jonesville Downtown Development Authority are hosting an open house on Wednesday, October 6th between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the former Klein Tool building located at the corner of Chicago Street and Water Street.

The City and DDA are entertaining proposals for reuse or redevelopment of this Downtown Riverfront property. Details about the Request for Proposals and information about the building can be found on the City's website here: http://jonesville.org/Redevelopment.aspx

"The DDA board has made it a priority to work with someone with a vision to make the building an asset to Downtown," said DDA Chair Don Toffolo.

The property presents a unique development opportunity. It has frontage on the St. Joseph River. It also fronts Chicago Street (US-12), which had an average of 11,866 vehicles travelling past the site every day in 2020.

"Our goal with the open house is to connect all of the dots," said Toffolo. "We hope to bring together a visionary developer, commercial lenders, State agencies, and City staff and boards to accomplish a redevelopment the community can be proud of."

The building is a 68,500 square foot former factory. The original building was built in 1945, with several additions over the years. It was occupied by Vaco products from 1945 until 1986 and by Klein Tools from 1986 until 2008. Both companies manufactured hand tools. The City and the DDA purchased the building in 2010 to encourage its redevelopment.

There is extensive data on the website regarding the property, including environmental data. The City has previously worked closely with Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) environmental evaluations; EGLE has advised that they will consider grant and loan proposals for qualifying developments.

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