

The Property's historical occupancy and operations, is as follows:

Date	Occupant / Operations
1919 – 1940	Schmidt and Stork Wagon Company <i>Assembled Wagons and caskets</i>
1940 – 1946	Pick Manufacturing <i>Made wooden sliding target frames and pup tent poles for the army</i>
1946 – 1947	Mr. Al Luff <i>Operated a junkyard storing auto, trailers, and paper wastes</i>
1942 – 1967	Pick Automotive <i>Reconditioned auto parts for aftermarket sale</i>
1946 – 1950	Pick Foundry <i>Grey iron foundry</i>
1950 – 1960	General Door Manufacturing <i>Made wooden overhead doors</i>
1967 – 1988	EIS Automotive <i>Reconditioned brakes and auto parts</i>
1986 – 1988	Advanced Coatings <i>Applied paint and coatings on parts</i>
1988 – 2003	Praefke Brake <i>After-market brake and parts manufacturer</i>
1990 – 2003	Gehl Manufacturing Inc. <i>Farm equipment assembly and painting</i>
2006 – 2010	Heartland Woodcraft <i>Furniture and home furnishings manufacturing</i>
2011 – 2016	5R Processors Ltd <i>Electronics recycler</i>

([EnviroAudit](#), August 1994; [Washington County Insider](#), June 2017; [BizTimes](#), September 2010; [E-Scrap News](#), December 2024)

The Property has been vacant since 5R Processor's operations ceased in 2016 because 5R Processors knowingly stored hazardous waste at unpermitted facilities across the state, including the Property, resulting in the former president's sentence to 18 months in federal prison ([Washington County Insider](#), 2022). The abandoned e-waste was estimated to be (at least) 841,000 pounds of hazardous waste and over 137 tons of asbestos that had no responsible party to pay for disposal. This material has since been removed from the Property by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as of February 6, 2025 ([EPA](#), 2025). Approximately \$2 million of WDNR and EPA funding was utilized for this removal action.

Now that these larger obstacles have been removed by regulatory agencies, the next steps will be to pursue Property assessment, cleanup, and reuse that will benefit the community. The Property currently has an open WDNR Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment Tracking System (BRRTS) listing under [BRRTS #02-67-152445](#) where additional environmental investigation is needed to delineate chlorinated volatile organic