Background
The Kansas Brownfields Program conducted a Phase I Brownfields Targeted Assessment (BTA) for the City of Leavenworth on 2.7 acres southwest of the 4th Street and Metropolitan Ave intersection in Leavenworth. The Phase I BTA evaluated 16 different properties proposed for redevelopment as a Marriott Brand Hotel and Convention Center.

Investigation and Redevelopment
The initial Phase I BTA completed in 2011 identified one property as a former auto repair facility. A Phase II assessment was conducted in March 2011 to collect and analyze soil samples for volatile organic compounds and total petroleum hydrocarbons diesel range organics. The Phase II BTA did not identify any contaminants of concern in the soil and the property was cleared for redevelopment.

After the initial Phase I and II BTAs, the City removed several dilapidated homes from the redevelopment area and completed site grading. An updated Phase I BTA completed in May 2012 to support the property transaction between Leavenworth Hotel Partners and the City did not identify any further recognized environmental conditions.

A new Fairfield Inn and Suites began construction in May 2013 and is anticipated to be completed in spring 2014.

A total of approximately $6.3 million of redevelopment funding has been leveraged for site development and hotel construction. In addition, the 91-room hotel will create approximately 25 to 27 new permanent jobs and fulfill a need for the Leavenworth community.

Benefits
- 2.7 acres cleared for redevelopment as a hotel and convention center
- 25 to 27 new permanent jobs will be created.