Reply to Common Council File No. 040281

From DOA-Budget and Management Division

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Common Council File 040281 contains a resolution authorizing the Department of City Development to proceed with a proactive program of environmental testing, remediation, and demolition on brownfield properties from the Development Fund.

There are a significant number of properties within the City of Milwaukee that do or may have environmental contamination. This contamination continues to be a major factor in affecting tax delinquency, blight, and the ability to redevelop these properties. Environmental testing will allow the City to demonstrate that either the properties are clean or determine the extent of contamination so that the property can either be sold, or remediated. This resolution directs the City Comptroller to transfer \$400,000 from the Development Fund Project Account to the Environmental Fund Account.

RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ENVIRONMENTAL TESTING, REMEDIATION, AND DEMOLITION ON BROWNFIELD PROPERTIES FROM THE DEVELOPMENT FUN.

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