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**TINLEY PARK-PARK DISTRICT NAMES PHASE TWO CONTRACTOR IN VACANT
LAND CLEANUP FUNDED BY \$18 MILLION STATE GRANT**
*Board of Commissioners Awards Phase Two Contract to Complete Environmental Cleanup &
Demolition Work of Former Tinley Park Mental Health Center Site*

TINLEY PARK, Ill. – The Park District of Tinley Park today announced the Board of Commissioners voted to select a contractor for Phase Two of the state-funded cleanup of the former Tinley Park Mental Health Center site.

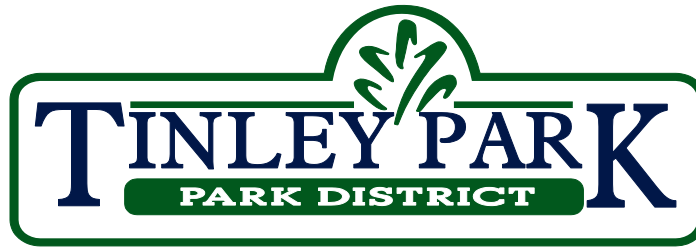
The Board voted Thursday evening to select Brandenburg Industrial Service Co. to lead Phase Two of cleanup that is being funded through an additional \$18 million in state grant funding awarded to the Park District. Under Phase Two, the remainder of the abatement work inside buildings and demolition will continue, with nearly every building remaining on site to be razed. The additional state funding will also fund the Phase Two work through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency’s Site Remediation Program that will prepare the property for redevelopment.

“After over a decade of sitting vacant and overgrown, we have made tremendous progress in the significant environmental cleanup of the former Tinley Park Mental Health Center property,” said Lisa O’Donovan, Park District Board President and Chair of the Remediate 280 Committee, which is overseeing cleanup of the site. “We are anxious to continue this work in Phase Two and finally restore the 280 acres of land for our community.”

The Park District officially took ownership of the blighted site from the state of Illinois for only \$1 in February 2024. Since then, a significant amount of work was completed during Phase One of cleanup, including: a majority of buildings abated and demolished, safe removal of old underground storage tanks, security perimeter fencing erected (and maintained through Phase Two), stormwater removal and dewatering on the property (continues under Phase Two), land clearing and brush cutting of the massive overgrowth on site (brush cutting will continue under Phase Two).

To select the Phase Two contractor, the Park District and its team of experts evaluated all bids received as indicated in the Invitation for Bids in order to select the most responsible and responsive lowest cost bidder. In addition to the contractor’s Phase Two work, asbestos air monitoring and demolition dust monitoring will continue to be performed on site by contractor True North Consultants.

The additional \$18 million in state funding granted to the Park District was necessary due to several factors, including that cost estimates were prepared during the 2013-2014 timeframe. In addition, once the cleanup project began, the Park District’s team of experts were finally able to



access all areas of the site, including many areas that have not been accessed for years due to overgrown vegetation and unsafe building conditions. The team was able to better assess the work needed and found the cleanup to be more extensive than the initial estimates to complete the abatement and demolition work consistent with environmental laws.

Other factors included inflation and rising construction costs, the continued degradation of the abandoned buildings on site, as well as the need for extensive abatement and additional work to address storm water build up in basements, tunnels and throughout the site.

The clean-up process is being led by the Park District's team of experts, including former Illinois EPA Director Renee Cipriano, leading environmental attorney Elizabeth S. Harvey, and Tetra Tech environmental specialists Tom Hahne and Caryn Castillo. More information and updates can be found on the Park District's [website](#).

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