



# Potential for Future Use

## Potential Commercial/Industrial/Residential Property

East Chicago, Indiana 46312



Images from left to right: Vacant field and basketball courts and the Carrie Gosch School on site.

**Site Name:** Zone 1 of the U.S. Smelter and Lead Refinery, Inc. Superfund Site

**Size:** 70 acres

**Existing Site Infrastructure:** A former public housing complex and a former elementary school are located within Zone 1 of the site.

**Readiness for Reuse:** The public housing complex is vacant. Due to uncertain future use plans for publicly-owned areas in Zone 1, EPA is re-evaluating cleanup options in coordination with city and school district priorities. The elementary school is available for reuse.

**Use Restrictions:** The area can be reused for commercial, residential or industrial purposes.

### SETTING:

- The site includes the former West Calumet Housing Complex, a city park and the Carrie Gosch School.
- The city of East Chicago has stated that the West Calumet Housing Complex parcel will be zoned for residential uses.
- EPA's reuse assessment for the Carrie Gosch School property is under review. The reuse assessment identifies educational, public service, light industrial and commercial uses as reasonably anticipated future land uses.
- Residential areas border the area to the north and east. Industrial land uses border the area to the south. The Indiana Harbor Canal borders the area to the west. The site is located within 4 miles of Lake Michigan.
- Surrounding population: 0.5 mile, 694 people  
2.5 miles, 59,019 people | 4 miles, 129,356 people.

*Disclaimer:* EPA does not warrant that the property is suitable for any particular use. Prospective purchasers must contact the property owner for sale potential.

### REMEDIAL STATUS:

- Historic industrial operations in the area contaminated soil with lead and arsenic.
- EPA placed the site on the Superfund program's National Priorities List in 2009.
- Due to uncertain future uses for public properties in Zone 1, EPA is re-evaluating cleanup options in coordination with city and school district future use priorities.

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