



# Sites in Reuse

## Plainwell Paper Mill Property

211 North Main Street, Plainwell, Michigan 49080



View of the former Plainwell Paper Mill and the Kalamazoo River, looking south.

**Site Name:** Allied Paper, Inc./Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site (Operable Unit 7)

**Size:** 34 acres

**Existing Site Infrastructure:** All major utilities are available.

**Current Site Uses:** Renovated former mill facilities host Plainwell City Hall, commercial office space and a municipal public safety building. Future plans call for additional commercial, recreational and public service uses at the site.

**Use Restrictions:** Land use restrictions may be placed on parts of the site in the future, after completion of cleanup activities.

### SETTING:

- The Plainwell Paper Mill has been a vital part of Michigan's economy, history and heritage for more than a century.
- The site is part of Plainwell's Central Business District (CBD). The zoning district allows commercial, administrative, financial, civic, cultural, residential, entertainment and recreational uses.
- Site surroundings include the Kalamazoo River to the north, downtown Plainwell to the east, residential areas to the south and the city's wastewater treatment plant to the west.
- Surrounding population: 0.5 mile, 1,064 people  
2.5 miles, 46,654 people | 4 miles, 136,303 people.

### REMEDIAL STATUS:

- The Plainwell Paper Mill is part of a larger regional Superfund site that includes five disposal areas, four other paper mill properties, an 80-mile segment of the Kalamazoo River and a 3-mile stretch of Portage Creek.
- Papermaking waste from former paper mill operations contaminated land areas and river sediments with polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs).
- Through local government leadership and coordination with EPA, state agencies and the site's responsible party, cleanup and redevelopment have both been able to move forward.
- EPA selected the final remedy in 2015. Cleanup is ongoing.

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Site Summary: [www.epa.gov/superfund/allied-paper-kalamazoo](http://www.epa.gov/superfund/allied-paper-kalamazoo)

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