5400 Centennial Boulevard, Nashville, Tennessee

From the early 1900s to around 2010, the property at 5400 Centennial Boulevard was formerly home to Bruce Hardwoods Manufacturing and Read Phosphate in Nashville, Tennessee. On this 30+ acre property, hardwood floors were manufactured, phosphate was processed, and fertilizer was produced in an area known as the Nations neighborhood, northwest of downtown Nashville on the banks of the Cumberland River.

After the closure of the hardwood manufacturing plant, the property sat vacant before being purchased by developers who entered into the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation’s Brownfields Voluntary Cleanup, Oversight and Assistance Program through the Division of Remediation. To address the arsenic, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), and localized lead contamination found on the property, several Brownfields Voluntary Agreement were implemented in 2019. Excavations of soils for re-use on-site and off-site disposal were done in addition to installing vapor barriers on the property to address contamination.

A warehouse structure left from the property’s historical uses is being adapted for re-use for office space and retail. Other portions of the property are being developed as apartments and single family homes that complement the vision of the neighborhood’s revitalization. Much of the site development has been completed, with some work on-going through at least 2021.

The grain silo remains from previous operations with murals by Australian Artist Guido van Helten depicting local community members.