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Excess Liability Trust Fund (ELTF) 50% UST Decommissioning / Replacement Program The Indiana Journey...

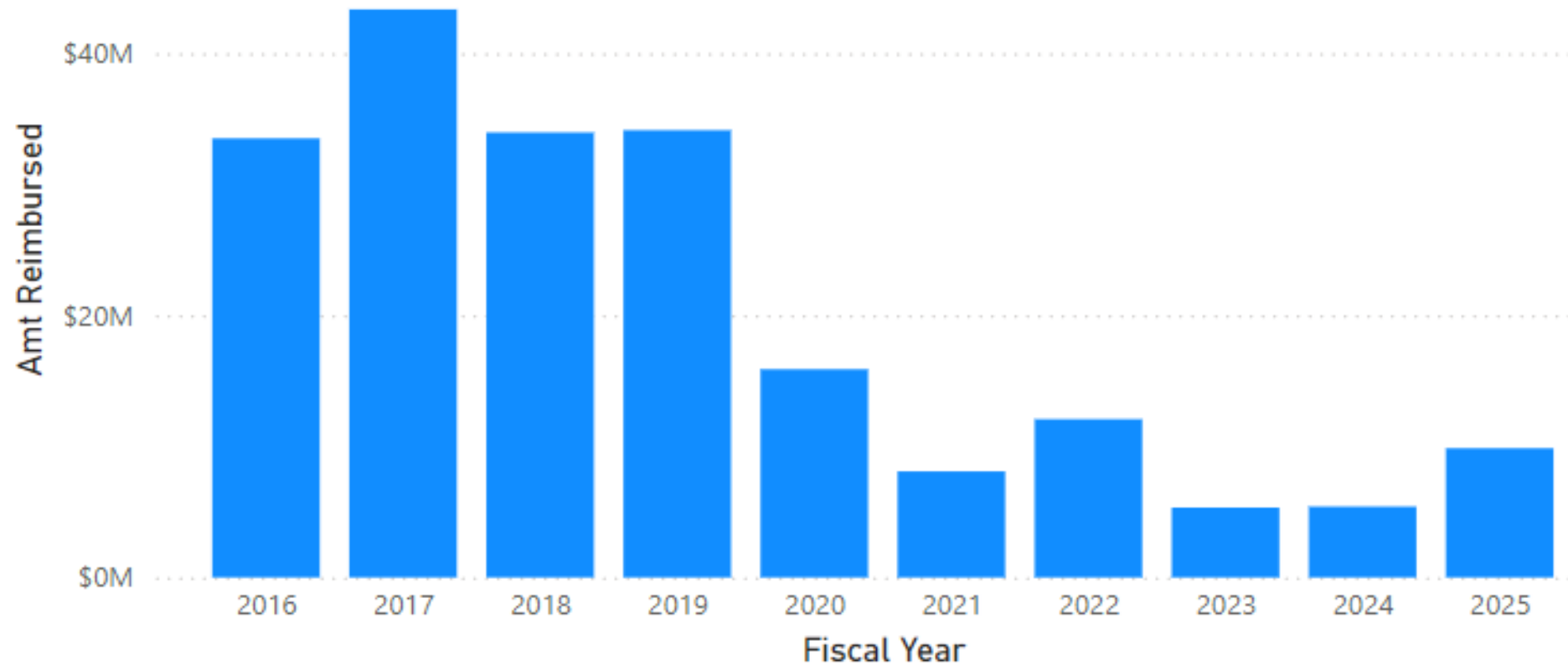
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IDEM Approval (IDEM Letter Sent Date)





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ArcGIS Aerial Map



Lined/First ... ● First Gen Fiber ● Lined Steel



ELTF Basics

- Reimbursement program.
- Originally, a financial responsibility mechanism for corrective action costs for eligible petroleum releases.
- Rules and nonrule policy documents guide IDEMs payment decisions.
- Statutory updates allowed monies to assist with tank closures; including assisting with replacement when there is a qualifying decommissioning project.
- Only one 10% markup is eligible.

Announcements for the Petroleum Branch

idem.IN.gov/tanks/home/announcements

Petroleum Branch

2025

- [July 2, 2025: Updated ELTF Labor Rates and ELTF Forms \[PDF\]](#)
- [February 14, 2025: Updated ELTF Forms and Deadlines for Use \[PDF\]](#)

2024

- [July 10, 2024: Updated ELTF forms and Phase Application Deadline](#)
- [June 12, 2024: Updated ELTF Labor Rates \[PDF\]](#)
- [January 29, 2024: Commissioner Rockensuess Authorizes Immediate Use of ELTF Proposed Drilling Rates \[PDF\]](#)

2023

- [October 12, 2023: Repeal of Indiana Rules and Incorporation of Federal Regulations Regarding USTs \[PDF\]](#)
- [July 7, 2023: Aboveground Storage Tank Registration and Corrective Action Using Funds from ELTF](#)
- [June 28, 2023: Contractor Certification Program Moves from State Fire Marshal to IDEM](#)
- [June 22, 2023: ELTF Claim for 50% Reimbursement for Decommissioning or Reinstallation of USTS](#)
- [June 14, 2023: Updated ELTF Labor Rates](#)
- [April 27, 2023: UST Form Processing Deadlines & UST Registration Inbox Documents](#)

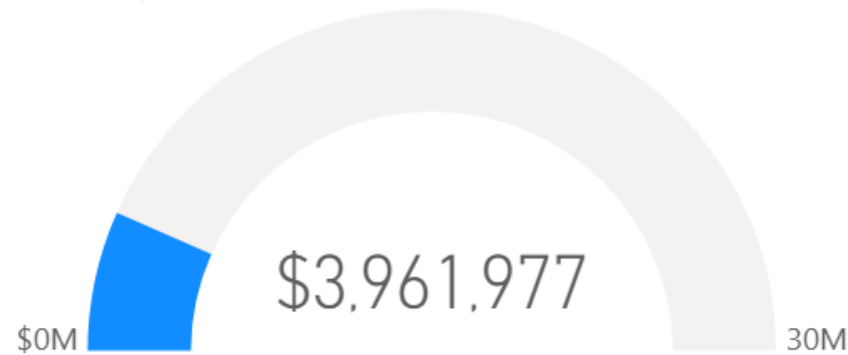
Funding Availability

Category Maximums per Fiscal Year (July 1 – June 30)

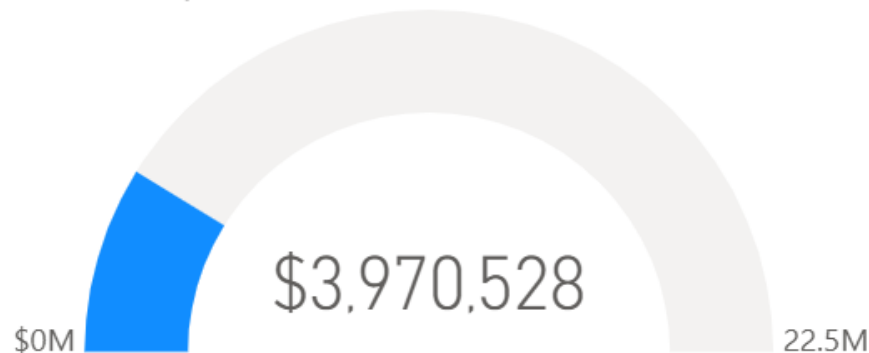
- UST Owners who own 12 or less tanks = \$10,000,000 maximum
- UST Owners with >12 but not more than 100 tanks = \$7,500,000 maximum
- UST owners with more than 100 tanks = \$2,500,000 maximum
- Once the maximum reimbursement has been reached in any category, additional reimbursement claims will be in queue for a later fiscal year.
- Unspent funds in FY 26 will roll over to FY 27.
- Reimbursement claims for eligible projects will be reimbursed on a First In First Out (FIFO) basis.

ELTF 50% UST Decommissioning & Replacement Program FY24, FY25, & FY26 Current Combined Totals

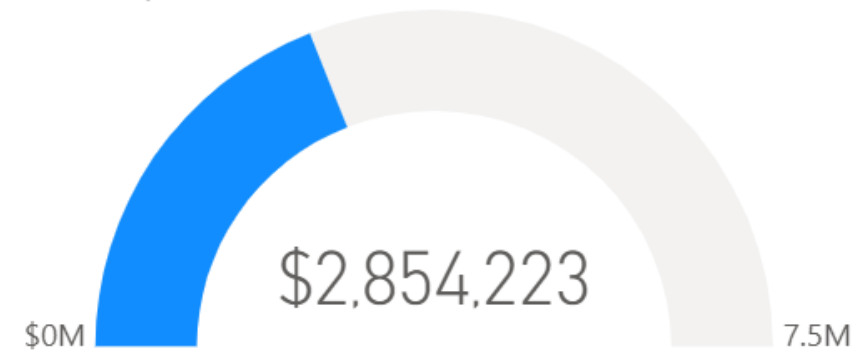
1-12 Compartments Amt Reimbursed



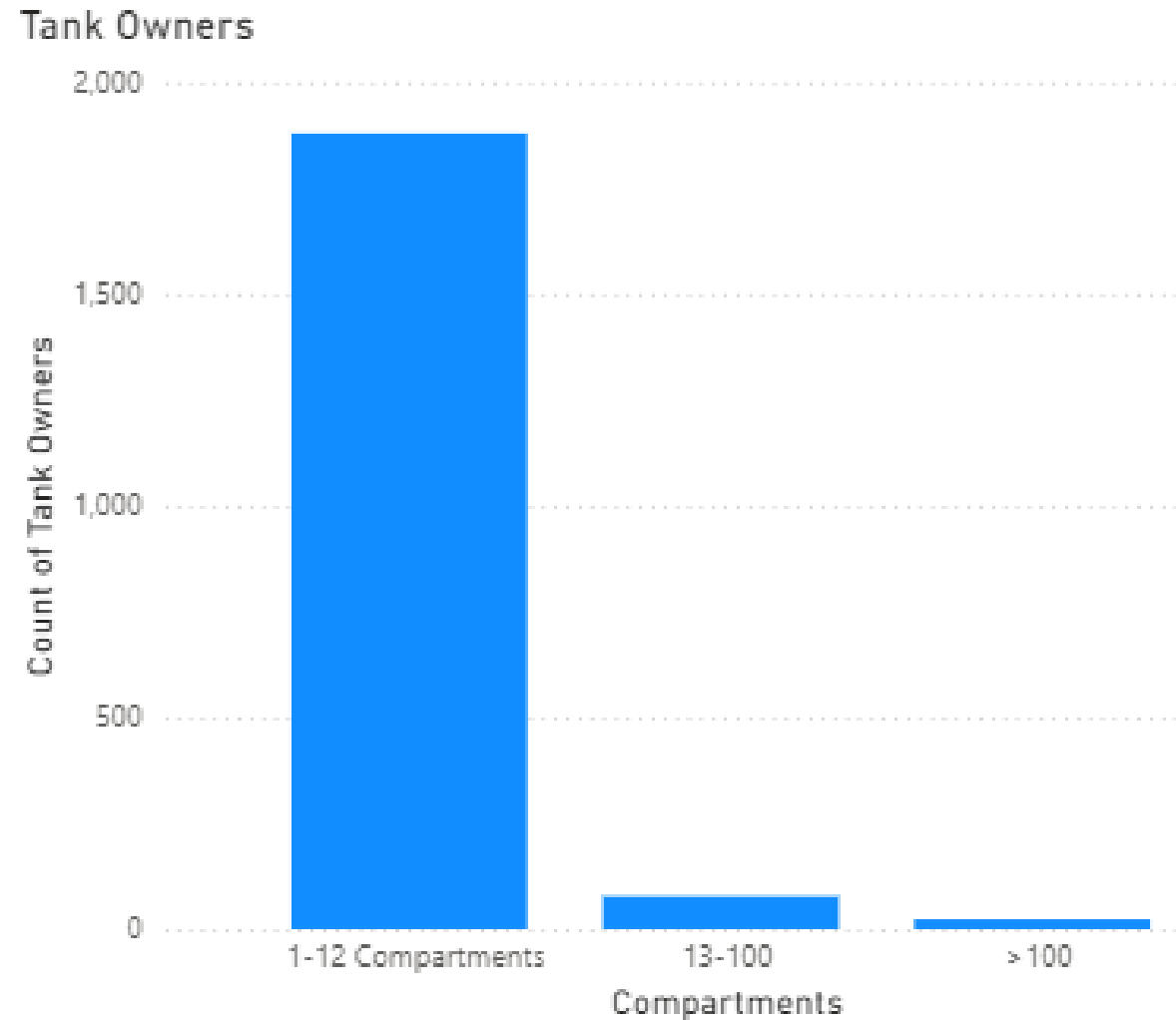
13-100 Compartments Amt Reimbursed



>100 Compartments Amt Reimbursed



Number of Tank Owners by Category



Seeking 50% Reimbursement

1. The UST owner obtains eligibility approval.
2. The UST decommissioning/replacement project is completed. Closure Report must be deemed complete prior to any reimbursement.
3. The registered owner of the tanks applies for reimbursement (State Form 57322).
4. IDEM may request additional breakdown of costs submitted as part of the review process.

For faster claim review & payment, the owner should request itemized invoicing for the work completed.

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Eligibilities

50% Eligibilities Received

Fiscal Year Received

2023	10
2024	204
2025	124
2026	15
Total	353

SECTION 3 -PROPOSED USTS FOR DECOMMISSIONING

UST#	Install Date	Capacity	Substance	Lined Steel	First Generation Fiberglass	> 30 years	Other
1	01/01/1976	10,000	gasoline	☐	☐	☒	☐
2	01/01/1976	10,000	gasoline	☐	☐	☒	☐
3	01/01/1976	10,000	gasoline	☐	☐	☒	☐
4	09/01/1995	4,000	diesel	☐	☒	☐	☐
5	09/01/1995	4,000	kerosene	☐	☒	☐	☐

SECTION 4 - PROPOSED REINSTALLATION OF USTS

UST #	Compartment 1 Capacity	Compartment 2 Capacity	Compartment 3 Capacity	Compartment 4 Capacity
1	20,000			
2	12,000	8,000		
3				

Regulated Aboveground Storage Tank Definition

IC 13-11-2-0.4 "Aboveground storage tank"

Sec. 0.4. (a) "Aboveground storage tank" (or AST), for purposes of this chapter and [IC 13-23](#), means one (1) tank or combination of tanks:

- (1) that is used to contain an accumulation of regulated substances;
- (2) the volume of which, including the volume of the aboveground connected pipes described in subsection (b), is not more than ten percent (10%) below the surface of the ground;
- (3) with a capacity of over one thousand five hundred (1,500) gallons but not more than twenty thousand (20,000) gallons; and
- (4) that is used at:
 - (A) a bulk plant or facility regulated under the Pipeline Safety Act (49 U.S.C. 60101 et seq.) for the bulk storage and distribution of motor fuel to retailers; or
 - (B) an airport, including both primary and nonprimary airports as defined in 49 U.S.C. 47102.

UST Decommissioning Cost Categories

- Planning / prep time costs. (Guidance rates available.)
 - Site activities to complete closure requirements.
 - Closure report preparation. (Guidance rates available.)
 - Sample costs.
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- Labor costs to close the tanks.
 - Equipment costs to close the tanks.
 - Labor/equipment costs to close the tanks.
 - Resurfacing costs.
 - Disposal costs.

Tank Installation Cost Categories:

- Installation planning / prep time costs. (Guidance rates.)
- Labor costs to install the tanks.
- Equipment costs necessary to install the tanks.
- Labor/equipment costs necessary to install the tanks.
- Tank system and ancillary equipment costs.
- Disposal costs (if applicable).

Examples of Ineligible Costs Include (but are not limited to):

- Fuel Dispenser and Nozzle
- Island / Canopy
- Buildings
- Concrete/Asphalt not Directly Related to the Decommissioning / Replacement Project (*i.e. to expand parking areas, repair or replace sidewalks, to place canopies, or place dispensers*)
- Relining Regulated Tanks
- Loan interest or late payment fees

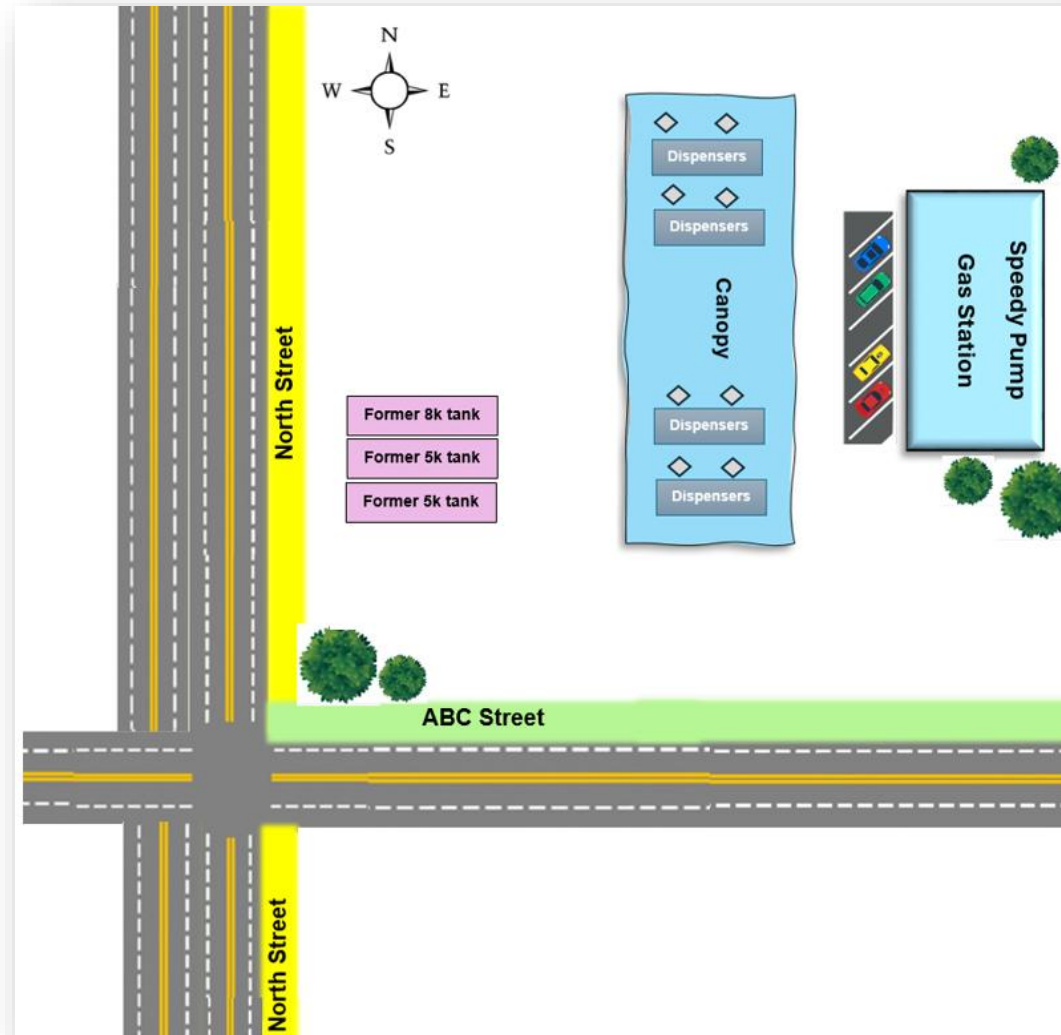
Claim Review Challenges

- Lump sum costs on invoice
- Ineligible items appear to be included
- Limited backup within the claim to substantiate costs
- Tank pit size not clearly indicated
- Incomplete site maps or conflicting site maps

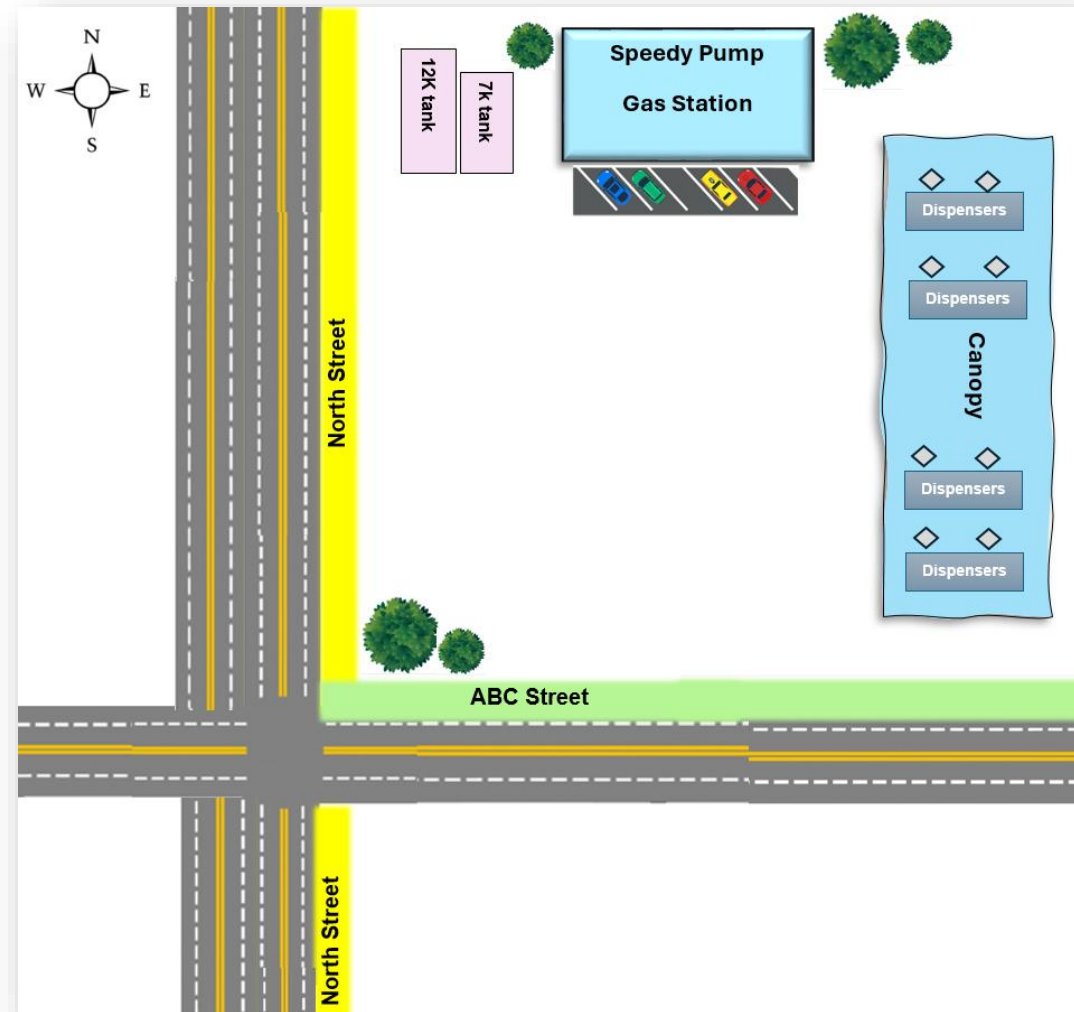
Bill for work completed

316,842.00

Site Map (Before UST Removal)

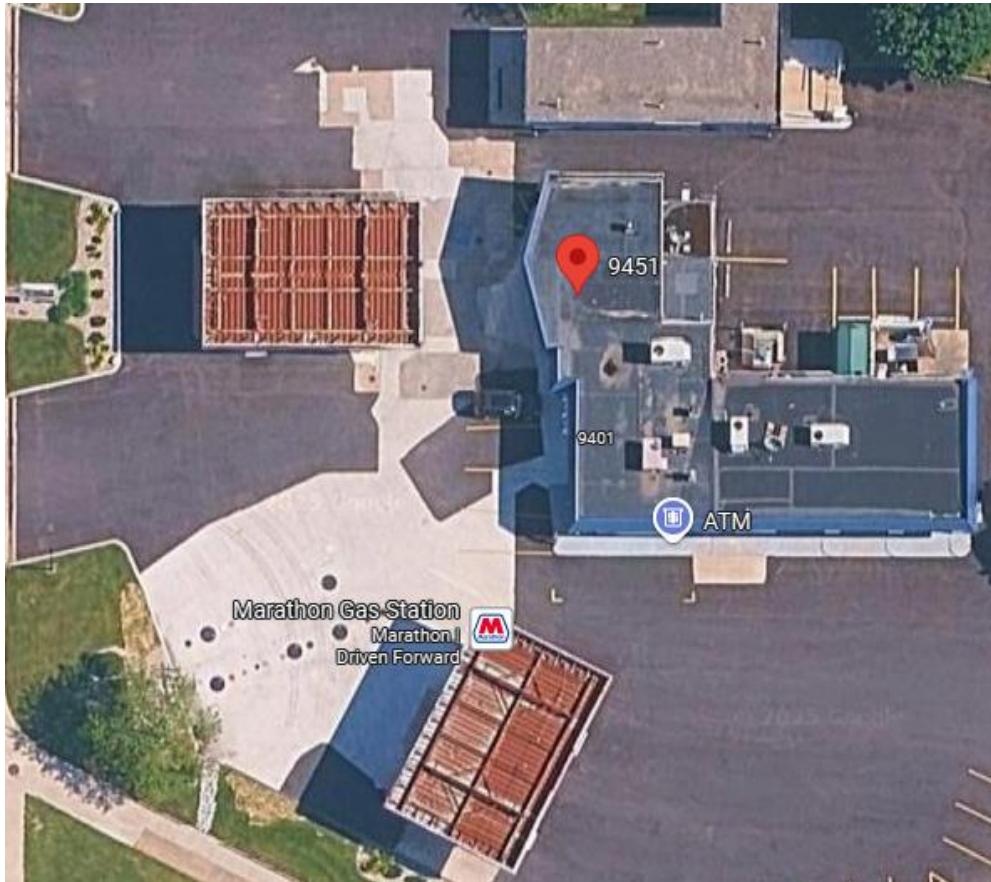


Site Map (After UST Removal)

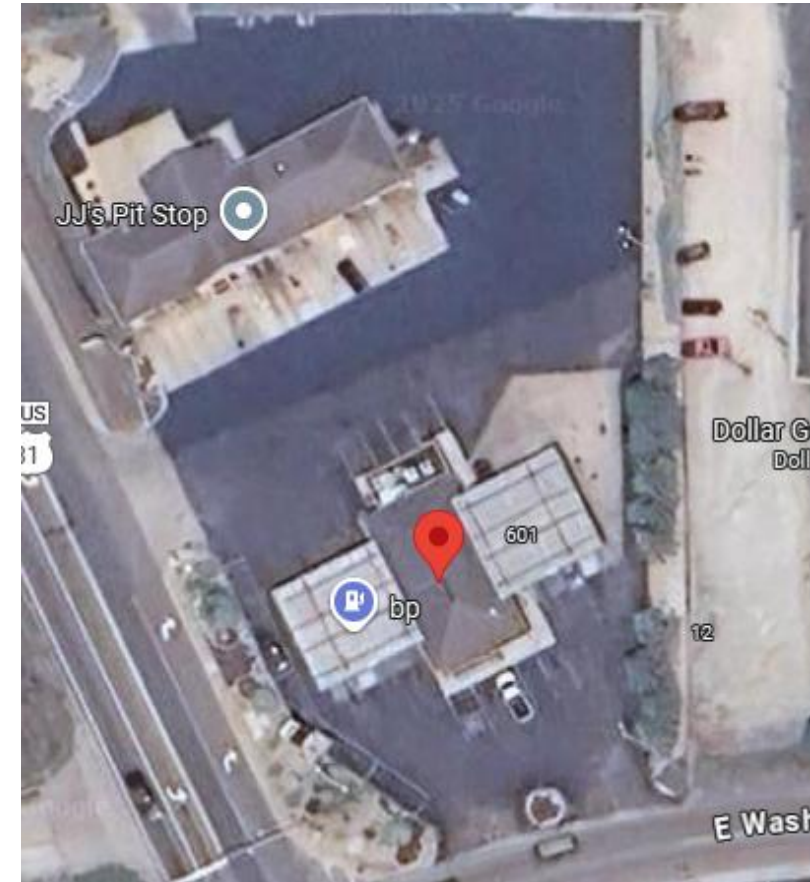




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Only necessary asphalt replaced.



Complete resurfacing.

Implementation Challenges

- Confusion about ELTF, believe it is a grant
- Details matter
- Environmental consultants requesting “corrections” to contractor invoicing/bids after project completion
- Soil disposal
- Incomplete site maps or conflicting site maps
- Confusion about other processes
- Disconnected owners

A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words



Metrics on Progress

- 120 facilities with approved 50% reimbursement eligibility have closed tanks
- 72 facilities are no longer regulated.
- 329 USTs have been closed.
 - 1 from the 1950s
 - 19 from the 1960s
 - 71 from the 1970s
 - 142 from the 1980s
 - 99 from the 1990s
- 67 facilities have submitted cost claims for 50% reimbursement.



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