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CASE STUDY

HELPING ELKHART COUNTY CREATE AWARD WINNING BROWNFIELD WEBSITE

Located in north central Indiana, Elkhart County is often referred to as the RV Capitol of the world, due to the prevalence of RV manufacturers located there. Because of that and other types of manufacturing, Elkhart County has a history of ground water issues. Working with the EPA, the county has made great strides in control, remediation, and prevention of ground water pollution. Part of that has been the creation of an on-line tool called What's In My Backyard.

Situation: Elkhart County had been awarded a grant to create a public website to locate and identify the many brownfield areas within the county. The website would display GIS maps of the county with an overlay showing brownfield areas and specific related data, including health department records relating to the sites.

Solution: To associate the sites with existing county GIS mapping, the county worked with Symbiont Engineering (Milwaukee, WI) to create a brownfield overlay. To make existing health department records for each site viewable Symbiont turned to Bolt Document Management.

Bolt began by scanning and indexing the Elkhart County Health Department brownfield records, normalizing the indexes to the data tables created by Symbiont. Once the scanning and indexing were complete Bolt published the repository and installed it on a Laserfiche content management server at the county. Using the Web Access module in Laserfiche Bolt worked with Symbiont to create an integration that allowed users to click on a geographic location and display both metadata and scanned records for the site, including reports, photos, and anything else that was part of the health department record.

In recognition of the project the EPA recognized Elkhart County at their 2008 conference with 'Best New Technology' – see www.TinyURL.com/WIMBY-story. The website is accessible at <http://geodata.elkhartcountydata.com/eAtlas/>.

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