

# PUBLIC MEETING

## EPA CLEANUP GRANT IMPLEMENTATION



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has awarded \$350,000 in brownfield cleanup grant funds that will be used to remediate contamination on two important City of Knoxville redevelopment sites:

- the former **McClung Warehouses** site on Jackson Avenue and
- the former **Sanitary Laundry** site, 625 N. Broadway.

Both sites have unique redevelopment histories and are unusual in that they are City-owned. The City, motivated by blight-abatement and public safety concerns, purchased the McClung Warehouses portion of the Jackson Avenue site in 2013 from a bankruptcy trustee. The warehouses, dating back to the 1890s, were destroyed by fires in 2007 and 2014.

The City acquired the abandoned dry-cleaning site on Broadway

in 2014 in a tax foreclosure. The laundry had been a leading employer in the 1920s and 1930s.

The EPA is funding \$200,000 for the 15,000-square-foot former dry-cleaning site in the heart of the Downtown North Redevelopment District and \$150,000 for the five-acre former industrial site on Jackson Avenue. The City will be contributing a 20 percent match – a combined \$70,000.

The Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation is partnering with the City and EPA on the cleanups. The City selected S&ME, Inc. through a competitively-bid contract to implement the cleanup grant. Once rehabilitated, the City intends to eventually seek requests for proposals (RFPs) for both the Sanitary Laundry and McClung Warehouses properties from private redevelopers. A mix of uses are envisioned for both properties.

A kickoff meeting to discuss both projects has been scheduled for:

**6:00 P.M.**

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