

Protecting the Neighborhood

Safety officials at the Bannister clean-up project are always “plugged in” to conditions at the demolition site, *literally*. To protect the surrounding community, numerous high-tech monitors are located around the property to measure and track “in real time” air quality, sound levels, wind direction, changing weather conditions and other valuable data. Each monitor records site information 24/7 in 5 minute increments, and the information is reported instantaneously to several members of the demolition management team directly to their cell phones. If any monitor detects changes in conditions that require action, the demolition team can take immediate steps to make certain that the work being performed does not negatively affect the surrounding neighborhood.

The project team has established very tight controls for wind speed and direction, dust control, air quality and sound....And this helps keep everyone safe, both on the project site and in the surrounding neighborhood. According to the project site safety leader, Eduardo Torres: “Our entire team takes safety and the concerns of the local community very seriously, and we use our monitoring equipment as a key part of our total strategy to be a good neighbor.”



Eddie Torres, Brandenburg's site Safety Director, manages all of the advanced monitoring stations at the Bannister project.

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Making Great Strides . . . *Bannister Property Clean-up Has Begun!*

In November 2017, Bannister Transformation & Development (BTD) accepted ownership of 227 acres of the former Bannister Federal Complex in Kansas City, Missouri. Before the transfer, BTD worked closely with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and the local office of U.S. EPA to develop a comprehensive plan to safely demolish the 75 year old former manufacturing buildings and then perform an environmental clean-up so that the property may soon be returned to productive use. Safeguarding site workers and the public is uppermost in the objectives of the clean-up plans.

This Missouri Department of Natural Resources is the lead authority to oversee the demolition and environmental work at the former Federal complex. The transformation of the property is expected to take approximately four years, though early progress may be evident as the work proceeds.



Earlier this year, Missouri Senator Roy Blunt and Missouri DNR Director Carol Comer visited the project and were briefed on early progress of the clean-up efforts.

Local Workforce Participation Helps Grow the South KC Economy

Many of the men and women now working at the Bannister demolition project are members of Kansas City based Local 264 of the Laborers' International Union.



The Union's local President and Business Manager, **Reginald Thomas**, says that the former Bannister Federal Complex is one of the largest cleanup jobs he's seen in his 20+ career. "The project partners have been solid since day one." With between 70 and 80 Local 264 members on the jobsite, Reggie knows the project creates opportunities to train younger Union members and employ them in work that provides a good quality of life. It is also transforming south Kansas City. "The Bannister project helps us recruit from the neighborhood and area, and increase the number of skilled workers who will have better lives and grow the economy for everyone."

OSHA Signs Strategic Partnership for Bannister Demolition Project

The Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) administers a Strategic Partnership Program to work with a limited number of top performing companies each of which must have a proven track record for the highest levels of worker safety and health protection. BTD as owner of the former Bannister Federal property selected nationally-recognized Brandenburg Industrial Services Company to perform the demolition of the 75-year old manufacturing buildings at the former Honeywell Plant, based on Brandenburg's long history of superior performance and safety.

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"Our partners share a common goal to provide a safe environment for workers during this project," said Karena Lorek, OSHA Kansas City area office director. The partnership will educate employees and employers on best practices to improve on-the-job safety and health, and encourage worker participation in ongoing training and health programs offered by their employers. Ms. Lorek also said, "The participants recognize that a comprehensive safety and health program can have a positive impact on employee safety in a high hazard work environment."

Dan Charles, Brandenburg's Health & Safety Director remarked, "The OSHA Strategic Partnership is an opportunity for our companies,

workers, labor organizations and OSHA to eliminate serious hazards and enhance workplace safety and health at the Bannister site. The goal of this partnership is to work cooperatively and proactively to prevent injuries and illnesses."

Kevin Breslin of BTD added, "As we assembled the team to move forward with the environmental clean-up now underway at the Bannister site, we chose firms having a deep and sustained commitment to worker and community safety. Brandenburg, Kissick Construction and Superior Bowen exemplify those goals and we are proud to have them as our project partners."



OSHA Kansas City Director Karena Lorek and Brandenburg's Dan Charles exchange the signed Project Partnership Agreement.