

A quarter of a million dollar grant to help clean up part of an industrial property in La Crosse is a start. But that money isn't even close to the amount that could be needed to cover total cleanup costs for a site of future possible development. The city has landed 250 thousand in a DNR brownfields grant to help cleanup contaminated soil at the former Patros Steel Property. That's about half what would be needed for that 12-acre property between the Black River and Copeland avenue. But it's also a small portion of the millions that are estimated to be needed to deal with all of the contamination at what is commonly known as the Mobil Oil property. The city has been negotiating with Exxon Mobil for years to pay a portion of the clean-up at the site.