

Public Information Meeting

May 25, 2023



Peter Cooper Vat House Demolition

Project Description

The City of Oak Creek is contracting for the removal of the large building at 8850 S. 5th Avenue (one of the only remaining industrial buildings at the lake front) known as the former Vat House. The demolition will consist of removal of minor asbestos, roofing, metal wall and the metal framing. Once those materials are removed, the concrete and cinder block walls, and concrete base slab will be crushed on site and recycled for beneficial re-use in future site remediation or other construction work, such as stone base under new parking areas, etc. This keeps material out of landfills and will also help reduce some of the future costs.

Project Purpose

This is part of a large-scale project that includes the revitalization of brownfield properties along Lake Michigan which includes removing existing industrial facilities that are no longer in use. The existing building located at 8850 S. 5th Avenue is dilapidated and is no longer usable for desired activities. Removing this building will improve the view of the property from surrounding areas, as well as open up that portion of the site to eventual economic benefit by encouraging a modern re-imagining of the west portion of the property for new use and possible re-development.

Project Goals

- To safely remove the last largest industrial building along the lakefront.
- Open the potential for eventual modern use in a larger vision of redevelopment of the west portion of the site.
- Realize potential cost savings by using crushed concrete in future development or with bluff stabilization.

Project Schedule

- June 2023 – Begin mobilization, site readiness (erosion control and fencing) and begin building demolition.
- August 2023 – Concrete slab demolition and crushing.
- September 2023 – Rough grade site and end construction.