

## RTA8 Bus Storage Facility - 123 Maple St, Earlville, Iowa

This site was previously an auto repair/dealership from 1935-1970, and sat vacant being used as a storage facility from 1970-2018. It consisted of a 6,741 square foot commercial building situated on approximately 0.40 acres of land.

The site had deteriorated and had structural problems. So, in 2018 ECIA was able to assist the city and use U.S. EPA Brownfield Assessment grant funding to have a Phase I environmental site assessment completed on the property. The assessment concluded that there might be asbestos and lead based paint contamination in the structure and further testing/sampling needed to be done.

After a Phase II site assessment and an asbestos and lead testing had been performed, it was deemed that the site would have to go through an intensive abatement of hazardous materials on the property and it was deemed too cost prohibitive to rehabilitate the building.

The City of Earlville in partnership with the Regional Transit Authority purchased the site and funded through an Iowa DNR derelict building grant, the old building was deconstructed. After deconstruction, the new bus/driver facility was constructed through an Iowa DOT Public Transit Infrastructure Grant (PTIG), funding from the RTA, and funding through the City of Earlville.

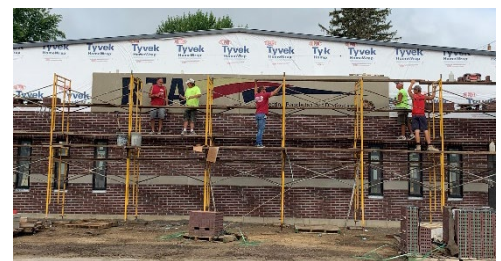
The Region 8 Bus Storage facility held a ribbon cutting ceremony in September of 2019 and all Delaware County operations were moved to this facility. The project is currently being nominated for an “All Star Community” award from the Iowa League of cities. A time-lapse video can be viewed online at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-5D4CVCGBrq>.



*Property Before Deconstruction*



*Empty Property After Deconstruction*



*Construction on front of building*



*Newly Built Property after deconstruction*



*Ribbon cutting ceremony*

**Site Address:** 123 Maple St, Earlville, IA  
**Parcel #:** 550000101900

**Assessment Output:** Phase I Environmental Site Assessment  
ACM Inspection

**EPA Assessment Funding:** \$19,125