

Other Brownfields

Former Freemason's Lodge

81 Center Street,
Chicopee, MA 01013

Property Description

This property includes the former Freemason's Lodge, an iconic building. The vacant structure is deteriorating, and the property owners are unwilling to release control.

Owner: Starzyk Funeral Home, Inc.

Size: 0.20 acres (Building: 3,578 SF)

FY12 assessed value: \$107,900 (Building: \$31,000)

Zoning: Business B

Date acquired: Oct. 27, 1977

Previous owner: Chicopee Masonic Building Association, Inc.

Brownfield Issues

- Limited environmental issues

Reuse Scenarios

- Small retail or office

Key Next Steps

1. Act on short-term marketing strategy
2. Develop a long-term strategy

Potential Resources

- EPA Assessment grant (if available through City or other public entity)
- MassDevelopment Assessment/Cleanup loans
- Federal and Massachusetts brownfields tax incentives
- EPA RLF cleanup loan/subgrant
- BRAC insurance subsidy through BDC Capital
- Business Improvement District funds

