

## Revitalization in a Small Town

### *Seiling, OK*

The largest town in Dewey County, the Town of Seiling - population of 860, wanted to acquire the former American Legion building. The Town of Seiling contacted the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Brownfields Program to request a free Phase I be performed. DEQ completed the Phase I in 2010 and the property was donated to the city shortly thereafter.

In 2012, the Town of Seiling applied to DEQ's Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund Program and was awarded a subgrant to abate asbestos in the building. The subgrant was made possible through funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). \$81,505 of the subgrant was utilized to abate asbestos in the building. Following abatement, the American Legion was demolished. This spurred building a parking lot on an adjacent property. The parking lot gave much needed parking for local businesses.

In early 2018, the Town of Seiling celebrated the grand opening of their new warehouse building on the site of the former American Legion building. The new warehouse was made possible by state and federal grants and local funding. The warehouse is being used to house the local ambulance service and to store equipment.

