

Pugsley property eyed for manufacturing facility

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TRAVERSE CITY — The fence topped with barbed wire still encircles the Pugsley Correctional Facility, ready to keep former prisoners from escaping.

North Bay Capital chief executive officer Paul Bandrowski, the founder and CEO of Inphastos, has a vision beyond the recreational field and outdoor basketball courts.

Bandrowski said he is ne-

gotiating with the Michigan Land Bank Authority to purchase the more-than-170-acre property on Walton Road between Kingsley and Fife Lake. He wants the property to be the home for his Inphastos manufacturing and assembly plant.

Inphastos makes housing components using automation and robotics in a factory setting. These components are delivered to a job site for assembly.

Bandrowski said he can cut time and, more impor-

tantly costs, while building a variety of homes and multi-family residences with his system.

Bandrowski said he needs between 150,000 and 200,000 square feet of interior space and thinks Pugsley, which closed in September of 2016, is the perfect location.

“We’re pretty far along,” he said. “We’re working with the Land Bank on that.”

Grand Traverse County is interested in maintaining the shooting range on the site, Bandrowski said.

He said Inphastos has plans first for the more than 20 acres inside the fence. He also has future plans for the surrounding property. Bandrowski said he’s considering an alternate plot of vacant land near Acme that’s zoned appropriately, but the Pugsley property is his primary choice because of its proximity to U.S. 131 and a rail line.

Bandrowski said he’s even spoken to the Michigan Department of Transportation about adding a rail spur to the Pugsley property.