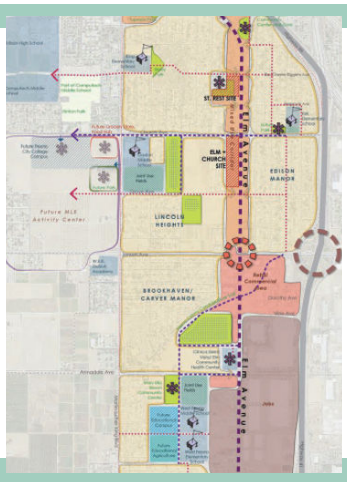
FREE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
BROWNFIELDS AND LAND REVITALIZATION



EPA's Brownfields Program Sparks Community-Serving Projects in Historically Underserved Neighborhoods

WHAT IS A BROWNFIELD

Almost every community has an underutilized property that may have contamination from past uses. These properties are often concentrated in historically underserved communities.

Brownfields can look like:

- Former gas stations
- Former industrial sites
- Former dry cleaners
- Old buildings
- Vacant lots
- Waste Piles

WHAT A BROWNFIELD CAN BECOME

Brownfields can be safely cleaned-up and reused. EPA supports equitable development and local wealth building through the cleanup and reuse of these properties.

Redevelopment can look like new:

- Housing
- Commercial development
- Parks and gathering spaces
- Community gardens
- Electric vehicle charging stations
- Industrial development

See EPA's Understanding Brownfields for more information.

IDENTIFYING A BROWNFIELD

How EPA's Targeted Brownfields Assessment Program Works

What the free Program does:

- Researches historical property uses.
- Conducts environmental sampling and identifies potential environmental concerns.
- Prepares fact sheets about the property to inform the community and new partners.

What the Program is NOT:

- Not enforcement. This is a voluntary program to identify solutions, not to punish property owners or buyers.
- Not redevelopment funding. EPA does not have funding to build reuse projects.

Program Benefits

- Environmental information reduces uncertainty and helps the community and investors make reuse decisions.
- EPA's early engagement helps attract new partners, such as grant programs and private investors.
- Working with EPA supports applications for additional technical assistance and grants.

Apply for Assistance

- Publicly- and privately-owned properties qualify for assessment.
- EPA must deem properties as eligible.
- EPA accepts online applications on a rolling basis.

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REDEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Property-Specific Assistance

EPA's Land Revitalization Program supports the safe and sustainable reuse of previously contaminated properties. Available resources include:

- **Technical Assistance:** Land Revitalization Technical Assistance in funding and financing, site design, market analysis, community engagement, sustainable development and other topics.
- **Online Resources:** The Land Revitalization Toolkit includes multiple guides on reuse planning, pre-development, development and urban agriculture.

EPA recognizes each community faces different challenges with brownfields. Our technical assistance meets these varying needs. Through working with local entities, we aim to improve public health and the environment over the long-term. These partnerships also support new economic opportunities for disadvantaged communities.

Community Assistance

EPA provides brownfields grants to national and regional organizations. These grants support communities impacted by brownfields. They provide online resources, "help desk" discussions and direct project assistance.

- **Brownfields Reuse:** Center for Creative Land Recycling
- **Equitable Development:** Groundwork USA
- **Tribal Brownfield Programs:** Kansas State University
- **Grant Writing Tips:** Center for Creative Land Recycling and Kansas State University
- **Brownfields Job Training:** Hazardous Materials Training and Research Institute

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