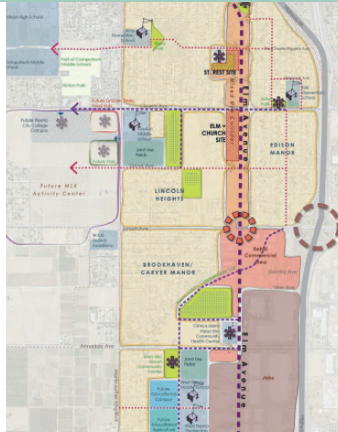


FREE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BROWNFIELDS AND LAND REVITALIZATION



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

WHAT IS A BROWNFIELD

Almost every community has an eyesore property that might be a "brownfield." These properties may have contamination from ways people used them in the past and are often concentrated in historically underserved communities.

Brownfields can look like:

- Former gas stations
- Old buildings
- Former industrial sites
- Vacant lots
- Former dry cleaners
- 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 identification, cleanup, and reuse of these properties.

Redevelopment can look like new:

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

IDENTIFYING A BROWNFIELD

How EPA's Targeted Brownfields Assessment Program Works

What the free program does:

- Conducts research about past property uses and environmental sampling for potential contamination.
- Identifies cleanup alternatives if contamination is found.
- Surveys buildings for asbestos, lead-based paint, and hazardous materials.

What the program is NOT:

- Not enforcement. This is a voluntary program to identify solutions, not to punish property owners or buyers.
- Not redevelopment or demolition 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.

See EPA's [Understanding Brownfields](#) for more information.

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