Brownfield Resources

Resources are Available for Cleaning up Brownfields at Federal, State, and Local Levels

Only a few sites within Milwaukie require brownfield remediation. These sites, however, are located in distinct opportunity areas with attractive economic potential. Brownfield Resources are available for firms looking to develop these sites.

Brownfields are commonly defined as properties where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by actual or perceived environmental contamination.

Many programs assist with brownfields. Listed below are federal, state, and local programs and funding sources commonly used to assist in brownfield investigation, cleanup, and redevelopment, plus news and links to related web pages. See the reverse of this flyer for more information about these programs.

Federal Brownfield Resources
EPA brownfields and land revitalization
EPA brownfield grants

State of Oregon Brownfield Resources
Oregon Health Authority’s Brownfield Initiative
DEQ Prospective Purchaser Agreements
DEQ Site-Specific Assessments of Brownfields
Business Oregon Brownfield Redevelopment Fund
Oregon Coalition Brownfields Cleanup
Infrastructure Finance Authority
Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities
The Center for Creative Land Recycling

Local Brownfield Resources
Local Government Environmental Assistance Network

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**FEDERAL PROGRAMS**

**EPA Brownfields Program**

The EPA’s Brownfields Program is a federal program designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields.

In the first quarter of 2015 alone, the EPA Brownfields Program completed 71 cleanups and 811 assessments. These actions leveraged an additional $570 million from program recipients. The EPA estimates that these projects have already leveraged 2,937 jobs and has made 2,858 acres ready for anticipated reuse.

For more information visit [http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/index.html](http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/index.html)

**EPA Grants & Funding**

The EPA Brownfields Program offers funding for a variety of remediation activities. Various funds include Assessment Grants, Revolving Loan Fund Grants, Job Training Grants, Technical Assistance Grants, and Cleanup Grants. Cleanup Grants can be awarded up to $200,000 for specific sites.

For more information visit: [http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/grant_info/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/grant_info/index.htm)

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**OREGON BROWNFIELD PROGRAMS**

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality manages two brownfields financing funds: the **Oregon Brownfields Redevelopment Fund**, funded by proceeds from the sale of state revenue bonds, and the **Oregon Coalition Brownfields Cleanup Fund**, capitalized through a revolving loan grant from the U.S. EPA.

Both programs are primarily revolving loan programs. However, limited grants can be awarded on a case-by-case basis for publicly-owned projects, depending on a financial analysis of the applicant’s debt capacity and public benefits of the redevelopment project. Examples of public benefits include family-wage job creation, assistance for economically distressed communities, or addressing an urgent need of a local population.

For more information visit [http://www.orinfrastructure.org/Infrastructure-Programs/Brownfields/](http://www.orinfrastructure.org/Infrastructure-Programs/Brownfields/)

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**LOCAL BROWNFIELD RESOURCES**

**Local Government Environmental Assistance Network**

The LGEAN offers numerous online resources including funding sources, EPA news and updates, and extensive information about various brownfield and pollution topics including air, water, wastes, materials, and energy.

For more information visit the LGEAN on the web at: [http://www.lgean.org/wastes/wastes.cfm](http://www.lgean.org/wastes/wastes.cfm)

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**MORE INFORMATION**

For more information about brownfield resources as well as all the programs listed above visit the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality website at [http://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/cu/brownfields/index.htm](http://www.deq.state.or.us/lq/cu/brownfields/index.htm). For more information about specific brownfield sites in Milwaukie:

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