



BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM

The Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Brownfields Program provides grants and technical assistance to assess, safely clean up and sustainably reuse contaminated properties. Revitalizing contaminated properties transforms not just the land but also the surrounding communities.

Brownfield sites may be small parcels in your local neighborhood or large abandoned industrial properties. The presence of contamination, or the fear of potential contamination, and the desire to redevelop / reuse a property is all it takes to be considered a candidate for Brownfield incentives.

Depending on the location and characteristics of the property and market factors, a Brownfield site can often be redeveloped for uses ranging from housing, retail, industrial, or mixed-use to public and non-profit uses such as parks, recreational areas and municipal facilities.

ELOS' experienced team can help you identify potential Brownfield sites and provide the agency coordination to both get the property into the program and help you navigate through the complete process.

BENEFITS OF ADDRESSING BROWNFIELD SITES

- Helps address legacy contamination at abandoned sites more expediently
- Liability protection for non-responsible parties provides an incentive to developers to repurpose Brownfield sites
- Communities benefit by returning properties to tax rolls and increasing the tax base
- Adds jobs both during the cleanup and construction phase and after the redevelopment is complete
- Reduces blight in communities and residents' risk of exposure to environmental contamination
- For developers, Brownfield properties may be eligible for additional tax credits / financial incentives and are often in key locations

Grants / Remediation

Brownfield grants continue to serve as the foundation of EPA's Brownfields Program. These grants support revitalization efforts by funding environmental assessment, cleanup, and job training activities.

- **Brownfields Assessment Grants** provide funding for Brownfield inventories, planning, environmental assessments, and community outreach.
- **Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grants** provide funding to capitalize loans that are used to clean up Brownfield sites.
- **Brownfields Cleanup Grants** provide funding to carry out cleanup activities at Brownfield sites.
- **Multipurpose (MP) Grants** provide funding to conduct a range of eligible assessment and cleanup activities at one or more Brownfield sites in a target area.
- **Job Training (JT) Grants** provide environmental training for residents impacted by Brownfield sites.
- **Technical Assistance, Training, and Research Grants** provide funding to organizations to conduct research and to provide training and technical assistance to communities to help address their Brownfields challenges.
- **State and Tribal Response Program Grants** provide non-competitive funding to establish or enhance State and Tribal Brownfields response programs.

LDEQ VOLUNTARY REMEDIATION PROGRAM

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality's (LDEQ) Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP) aids in the redevelopment of properties with environmental issues by providing applicants the ability to receive a Certificate of Completion (COC) after successful remediation of the site.

The COC releases the applicant and future site owners of liability for all past contamination. Through the VPR, LDEQ provides administrative, technical, and legal incentives to encourage the redevelopment and reuse of vacant properties that would otherwise remain abandoned.

ELOS' team has extensive experience with helping move properties through the VPR and securing COCs for property owners, and we can do the same for you.