

## About Brownfields



Brownfields are abandoned or underused properties where there may be environmental contamination. Redevelopment of brownfields is often hindered by the liability for the cleanup or the uncertainty of cleanup costs.

Washington State has a cooperative approach to brownfields assessment, cleanup, and revitalization. Technical and financial assistance are available through state agencies and our partners.

**We are here to help!**

### How do Brownfields impact my community? They can:

- Harm human health and the environment
- Limit job growth, economic development, and tax revenue
- Reduce surrounding property values
- Contribute to neighborhood crime



## Brownfields Resources

### Ecology's Brownfields Page

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contamination-cleanup/Brownfields>

### Ecology Web Portal

Find Contaminated Sites

<https://fortress.wa.gov/ecy/neighborhood/>

### Washington Cleanup Regulations

<https://ecology.wa.gov/Spills-Cleanup/Contamination-cleanup/Rules-directing-our-cleanup-work>

### EPA Brownfields

<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields>

### Department of Commerce

<https://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/current-opportunities-2/brownfields-revolving-loan-fund/>

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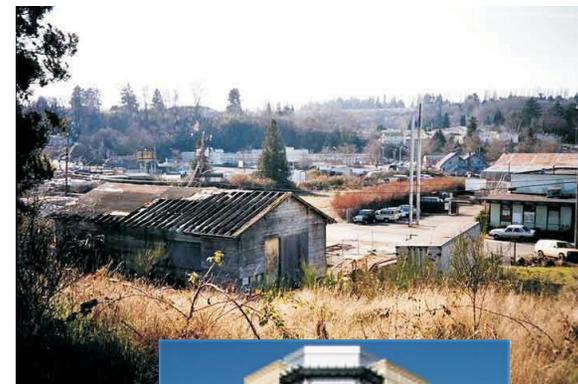
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# Brownfields Basics In Washington



## Why Redevelop Brownfields?

Cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields can turn a perceived problem into a community asset. A restored brownfield can stimulate a community's economy, save green space from development, or provide an opportunity for habitat restoration or park creation. It can set the stage for business development and addressing community needs.

## Funding Opportunities

### Washington grants

**Integrated Planning Grants** can support local government's efforts in conducting key first steps in the cleanup and redevelopment process by helping pay for an integrated project plan that addresses assessment, cleanup, and administrative processes and investments needed for redevelopment of a property.

**Remedial Action Grants** provide funding to local governments that investigate and cleanup hazardous waste sites under an order or decree.

### EPA grants

EPA offers grants for assessment and cleanup of eligible brownfields properties. Assessment Grants provide funding for brownfields inventories, planning, environmental assessments, and community outreach. Cleanup Grants provide funding to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites owned by the applicant. These grants are awarded annually through a competitive solicitation.



### Brownfields assessments

Ecology contractors can conduct Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessments for eligible local governments and non-profits. EPA Region 10 may also be able to provide these services on a limited basis.

### Loans

The Department of Commerce administers a Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). The RLF offers low-interest loans with favorable terms for cleanup activities at eligible brownfields. Contact **Tina Hochwender** at the Department of Commerce for more information.

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## Spotlight On Integrated Planning Grants

Integrated Planning Grants can provide up to \$200,000 for a single site and up to \$300,000 for multiple sites. There is no funding match requirement.

### What activities are covered?

- Development of overall project scope
- Budget and financial planning
- Conceptual designs
- Cultural review
- Habitat assessment and surveys
- Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments.

**How do I apply?** You can begin to prepare your Grant application at any time. To begin the process, contact one of the Brownfields Program staff listed.

