

Lakes Region Planning Commission

BROWNFIELDS

COMMUNITY-WIDE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

What is a Brownfield?

Real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. Sited- EPA

HOW CAN OUR PROGRAM HELP LOCALLY?

Blight or Contaminated Properties

Old infrastructure and contaminated properties can be reused. Assessment work helps to identify any contamination on site and its potential reuse.

Building Local Economy

Properties that are assessed for contamination provide clarity for investors and banks interested in building businesses.

Protection from Contamination Liability

Assessing contaminated properties before a community takes ownership, protects the community from the contamination chain of liability.

Qualify for EPA Cleanup Funding

If a community owns a property that has been assessed through the brownfield program, they then qualify to apply for cleanup funding.



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More Information
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Quick Facts About the Program.



- LRPC's funding is a FY23 Community Wide Assessment Grant totaling \$475,000 for 3 years.
- LRPC's funding can only be used for assisting municipalities with assessing potential brownfield sites for the purpose of reuse.
- LRPC's objective is to spread our funding evenly throughout our service region, aiding as many communities as our funding allows.
- Just because a property looks contaminated does not mean that it is a brownfield site. A licensed engineer must assess the property and gain approval through EPA first.

More Facts...



- A private landowner can work with their municipality to assess their property for contamination, but the municipality will ultimately need to take ownership of the property while working with LRPC's Brownfield assessment program.
- Municipalities working with private landowners must sign a site access agreement under LRPC's brownfield program as required by EPA.
- Municipalities that acquire or own brownfield properties that have already been assessed (phase 1 & 2 environmental assessments) are eligible to apply for EPA's brownfield cleanup funding program to help clean up a contaminated site.

Phase 1 assessment:

- 1) Review of historical records
- 2) Review of government databases
- 3) Visual site inspection/walkthrough
- 4) Interviewing owners/neighbors/past workers.

Phase 2 assessment:

- 1) Identify chemicals of concern
- 2) Sample and test soil, groundwater, and other media
- 3) Further investigating areas of concern
- 4) Develop plans for cleanup, if needed

