



Clackamas County Brownfields Redevelopment Program Fact Sheet

What is a “Brownfield”?

Brownfields are defined as "real property where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by actual or perceived environmental contamination." This raises concerns about potential risk to human health and the environment either through contact with the soil or groundwater contamination.

Clackamas County Brownfields Program Background

- Helping property owners to redevelop strategic employment sites, create family wage jobs and increase assessed value to support public services is the primary goal of the program.
- Clackamas County faces a severe shortage of industrial land and a 50% jobs/housing imbalance.
- Job creation, economic diversification and utilizing existing lands effectively are very important to the County’s economic development.
- There are more than 100 brownfields sites in Clackamas Co. encompassing at least 1,000 acres. Most properties are located in industrial or commercial areas in Clackamas, Wilsonville, Lake Oswego and a few in Canby, Estacada, and Molalla.
- Clackamas County has proactively been researching and pursuing resources to address brownfields issues in accordance with the Clackamas County Brownfields Strategy adopted by the Board of Commissioners in December 2001.

Clackamas County Brownfields Pilot Assessment Grant Overview

- Clackamas County received a \$200,000 grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency to proactively reach out to property owners and conduct environmental site assessments on several strategic industrial sites and larger commercial sites. Major tasks of the project include:
 - Holding public forums to educate property owners and community leaders
 - Reaching out and assisting to industrial and large commercial property owners
 - Conducting environmental site assessments on strategic properties.
 - Developing a remediation plan that details cleanup strategies and next steps.

Program Metrics and Successes

- Three brownfields forums were held for property owners, community leaders and the public.
- In-depth technical assistance was provided to 40 property owners.
- Twenty seven Phase 1 environmental site assessments were completed.
- Seven Phase 2 environmental site assessments have been completed. Six of the seven received “no further action” letters from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

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