

WVDEP Brownfields Assessment Grant

Office of Environmental Remediation

Brownfields Assistance Program

Community-Wide Assessment Grant

2022 ~ 2027

US EPA Brownfields Program

Provides grants and technical assistance to communities, states, tribes and others to assess, safely clean up and sustainably reuse contaminated properties.



Assessment Grants

- Provide funding to:
 - Inventory, prioritize, and assess sites
 - Conduct site redevelopment planning
 - Conduct community involvement and facilitate area wide planning
 - Advance local cleanup and redevelopment planning centered around a brownfields-impacted area (site-specific cleanup, reuse plans)
 - Develop area-wide plans or other planning activities and identify next steps and resources needed to implement the plan

What is an Environmental Assessment?

A report that identifies potential or existing environmental contamination liabilities

Completed by a Qualified Environmental Professional



What is an Environmental Assessment?

Phase I ESA

- Examines current and historical uses of the site
- Uses existing information to identify potential threats to health/environment

Phase II ESA

- Recommend if Phase I indicates known or potential contamination
- Includes:
 - Identifying potential contaminants
 - Sampling of soil, ground water, and other media
 - Targeted sampling

Why would I need an assessment?

- BEFORE a property transfer for:
 - For certain liability protections
 - Potential funding eligibility
- Better understand the state of the property and costs for remediation or redevelopment



Eligible Planning Activities

Land Use
Assessment

Site Reuse
Assessment

Market Study

Infrastructure
Evaluation

Community
Health
Assessment

Site
Disposition
Strategy

Site Reuse
Vision

Revitalization
Plans

Resource
Roadmap

Market
Viability

Assessment Grants for States

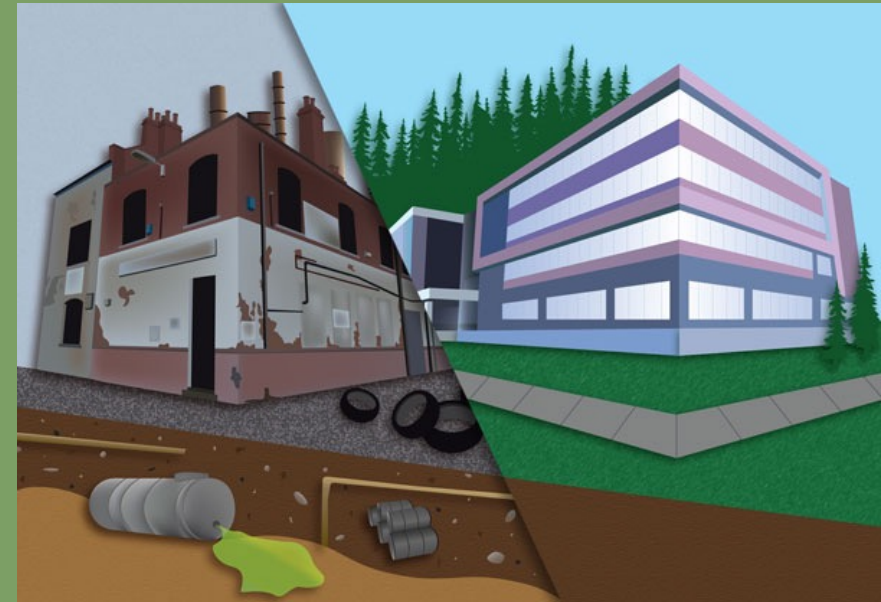
- Allow state entities with high capacity to assist communities or organizations without capacity or need for a full grant
- Helps to build additional brownfield capacity in communities
- Faster than applying for your own – especially if you only have one target site

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Our Mission:

Assessing and remediating contaminated properties for beneficial use to provide for clean, safe, and productive West Virginia communities.



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- Purpose - Help WV communities to redevelop underutilized properties in their communities (brownfields)
- USEPA grant funds environmental property assessment at brownfields sites, such as Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessments, Asbestos Inspections, Lead-Based Paint Surveys, and Reuse Planning



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Target Areas*

- **Ohio River Valley Region** (Jackson, Pleasants, Tyler, Wood, and Wetzel Counties)
- **Potomac Highlands Region** (Grant, Hampshire, Hardy, Mineral, and Pendleton Counties)
- **Southern Coalfields Region** (Logan, McDowell, Mercer, Mingo, and Wyoming Counties)

*Assessments may be performed statewide



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Community Partners

- WV Brownfields Assistance Centers
- WV Community Development Hub
- WV Rivers
- WV Planning and Development Councils
- You!



Brownfield Community Advisory Team - Representatives from community partners and others

Funding environmental assessments can free up other county and municipal funding sources for redevelopment of priority sites



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- STEP 1 - Public outreach
- STEP 2 - Develop a brownfield site inventory
- STEP 3 - Prioritize sites for assessment
- STEP 4 - Conduct Environmental Site Assessments and reuse planning
- STEP 5 - Follow-up meetings and project updates throughout the grant period (5 years from 2022 through 2027)



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What can I do? How can I help?

- Pass along information to others
- Identify community leaders
- Suggest contacting additional community groups/individuals
- Add a link to our grant website to your webpage
- Suggest potential brownfield sites for assessment



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What kind of sites can be assessed?

- Industrial buildings
- Manufacturing factories
- Vacant lots
- Schools
- Service stations
- Just about anything humans have touched!



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