

Redevelopment is Key to Economic Vitality of Oklahoma's Cities and Towns

What are Brownfields?

Brownfields are former industrial and commercial properties that have been abandoned over time. Some of these properties are contaminated from past activities, while others have lost value because they are perceived to be polluted. The potential contamination associated with these properties often deters lenders, investors, and developers from pursuing these sites. Vacant, boarded-up properties add to the blight of a community, which further discourages development. Most places need only minor cleanup and many need no cleanup.

DEQ's Brownfields Program can help you get these properties back into productive use.



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DEQ's Brownfield Program

Oklahoma has been active in cleaning up and redeveloping brownfields for many years, and the State established a Brownfield Cleanup Program in 1996 under the Oklahoma Brownfields Voluntary Redevelopment Act. The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) works with public and private entities to help identify, assess and cleanup brownfields.



Flintco Building, in Tulsa, before, during & after redevelopment



Throughout Oklahoma, there are abandoned buildings and land. DEQ can assist local communities in returning these properties to productive use.

Targeted Brownfields Assessment

A Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) is an environmental study, much like a Phase I or Phase II Environmental Site Assessment. The assessment is used to determine if contamination is likely to be found at a site where redevelopment is planned. The assessment work is conducted by the DEQ Land Protection Division staff at no cost to the participant.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

Public and non-profit entities such as municipalities and community development organizations interested in redeveloping abandoned or underused properties are eligible. TBAs will be performed at sites that have concrete reuse plans but where the environmental conditions are unknown. Reuse can involve the creation of commercial, industrial, recreational, conservation and other uses.



Investigation work in progress



For information concerning Targeted Brownfield Assessments please contact:

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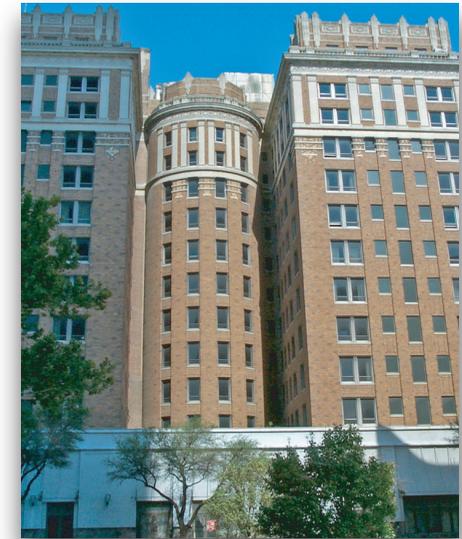
Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund

The Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund (BCRLF) provides qualified applicants with the money to clean up contaminated properties. The money is dispersed in the form of low interest loans.

The historic Skirvin Hotel in Oklahoma City is benefiting from this Fund. Loan funds are being used to remove contaminants from the hotel to allow a multi-million dollar restoration project to proceed. The Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund is just one of numerous state and federal resources available to Oklahoma communities to assist them in their redevelopment efforts. The DEQ can assist you in finding the resources you need to revitalize your community.

For more information concerning the Brownfields Cleanup Revolving Loan Fund or general Brownfields questions please contact:

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