

# Oklahoma's Brownfields Program



Enhancing the quality of life in Oklahoma

## Protecting, Preserving and Restoring

*"From the urban core to rural towns, the Brownfields Program has proven to be a driver for change and prosperity, spurring economic and societal hubs in communities."*

- Scott Thompson, Executive Director  
Oklahoma DEQ

*"The partnership between The City of Oklahoma City, EPA, ODEQ and OCC provides the support needed to revitalize underused Brownfields sites,"*

- Mayor David Holt

## MAPS 3 Upper Park - Oklahoma City, Okla.

What was once used for numerous industrial purposes and required contaminant removal is now Scissortail Park, a 70-acre urban downtown park that sees over 560,000 unique visitors on a yearly basis.

**For 78 sites remediated, the  
Brownfields Program has led to:**  
(since 1998)

**705**

**NEW ESTABLISHMENTS  
112% INCREASE**

**5,181**

**NEW JOBS**

**\$247M**

**NEW ANNUAL PAYROLL  
(INFLATION ADJUSTED)**

**\$1.2B**

**PROPERTY VALUES  
\$13M PROPERTY TAXES/YR**

Full Brownfields Program Report:



**OKLAHOMA  
Environmental  
Quality**

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# What can the Brownfields Program do for your community?

The Brownfields Program helps communities reinvest in themselves. Cleaning up and redeveloping properties increases local tax bases, facilitates job growth, preserves historic structures and improves public health, while turning environmental liabilities into economic drivers for the community.

## Services & Assessments

- DEQ provides free Targeted Brownfields Assessments to local governments and nonprofit organizations.
- DEQ can meet with property owners/buyers/developers to discuss a site. This service includes providing feedback about the site, requirements needed to satisfy DEQ, and options for cleanups. These meetings are results-oriented and non-regulatory.

## Cleanup Loans, Grants and Subgrant Funding

- Brownfield cleanup grants are meant to finance shovel-ready projects, encourage redevelopment and create local jobs across the state. Grant applicants must be eligible local government, tribal or nonprofit organizations.
- Loan applicants may be any of the above or private entities.
- Loans or subgrant funding can be used for cleanup of asbestos, lead paint, contaminated soil or other hazardous or industrial substances.

Grants and loans are subject to availability. Please contact DEQ today for more information.



*"Sand Springs began our history as a heavy industrial community. While that brought many blessings, we were also left with many issues. Our future has already started to take shape with retail, food and other sectors on these troubled sites. Without the help of the ODEQ Brownfield program and staff, it would have taken us much longer to see the positive changes that we have already benefitted from".*

*- Mayor James O. Spoon – City of Sand Springs*

## Sand Springs, Oklahoma

- Former zinc smelter plant was found to have hazardous waste composed of other metals, including lead.
- DEQ removed and contained on-site approximately 61,300 cubic yards of contaminated soil, issuing the developer a Certificate for No Action Necessary.
- The site is now the \$20 million Cimarron Center retail development, plus the "River West" development with chain restaurants.
- Together, they have contributed over \$40 million in annual sales tax revenue to the City of Sand Springs.

**\$41.5M**  
**INCREASES IN STATE SALES TAXES**

**583%**  
**RETURN ON INVESTMENT**  
*IN FEDERAL FUNDS 2001-2022*



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