Oklahoma’s Brownfields Program

“Brownfields redevelopment is a win-win for everyone involved, across the political spectrum. It creates jobs, it cleans up the environment and it’s pro-business and pro-community.”

- Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett

Technical Services and Assessments

- DEQ provides Targeted Brownfield Assessments to local governments and non-profit organizations that are designed to meet the needs of the participant. These are free of charge.
- DEQ can meet with property owners/buyers/developers to discuss a site. This technical 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 non-profit 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.

Bricktown, Oklahoma City, OK:

- Previous industrial use including railroad, petroleum bulk storage, gas stations; former oil field
- DEQ oversaw remediation that included soil removal, bio-remediation of soil, installation of groundwater remediation system
- Area boasts $40 million in property value and $50 million in annual wages

44 Brownfield Program Participants since 1998

$10+ Million

New State Sales and Income Taxes from Remediated Sites Annually after 2015

147%

Growth in Jobs on Brownfields and Bordering Sites 1998-2015
Protecting, Preserving and Restoring
Enhancing the quality of life in Oklahoma

“The Brownfields Program has been a terrific opportunity for Tulsa to improve many areas of our city that were on a spiral of neglect and eventual abandonment and destruction. The Guthrie Green showcases the great collaboration between public and private interest with Brownfields being the catalyst.”
- Tulsa Mayor Dewey Bartlett

Brownfields Assessment and Remediation Improves:

Health and the Environment: Remediation ensures residents have healthy places to live and work. Each prevented case of cancer saves over $10,000 in treatment costs.

Quality of Life: By removing blight associated with abandoned buildings & properties, retail sales have increased more than $85 million on remediated sites and more than $260 million when bordering properties are included.

Property Values: Remediation and assessment raises land values and property attractiveness to investors. Remediated properties in Oklahoma account for more than $178 million in property value and $5 million in property taxes.

Government Finances: Remediation and assessment improves the financial capacity of communities. Brownfields and bordering sites generated over $11.7 million in local sales taxes and $11.5 million in state sales taxes in 2015.

Infrastructure Utilization: Remediation and assessment improves efficiency associated with infrastructure utilization since an undeveloped site typically requires more infrastructure to be built than an existing brownfield.

Urban Sprawl: Every 1 acre of reused brownfield space preserves 4.5 acres of unused green space.

Guthrie Green, Tulsa, OK:
- Site was previously a truck terminal and home to multiple industrial and commercial businesses leaving it largely polluted with fuel tanks and soil contamination
- DEQ oversaw remediation that included removal of 12 fuel tanks, yielding 35,000 gallons of fluid total petroleum hydrocarbon contamination; soil and sand removal
- Area is now home to a popular public-use park that hosts concerts, movies, fitness classes, food truck rallies, festivals and more
- In 2015, Guthrie Green was named among the “14 coolest urban spaces in America” by Thrillist

4300% Growth in Retail Sales

1998 $2 Million 2015 $88 Million

on brownfield properties

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