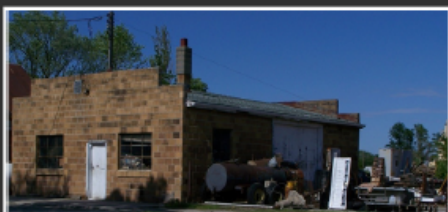


Since its inception in 1995, EPA's Brownfields Program has grown into a proven, results-oriented program that has changed the way contaminated property is perceived, addressed, and managed. EPA's Brownfields Program is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. It is estimated that there are more than 450,000 brownfields in the U.S. Cleaning up and reinvesting in these properties increases local tax bases, facilitates job growth, utilizes existing infrastructure, takes development pressures off of undeveloped, open land, and both improves and protects the environment.

EPA's investment in the Brownfields Program has resulted in many accomplishments, including leveraging more than \$14.0 billion in brownfields cleanup and redevelopment funding from the private and public sectors and leveraging approximately 60,917 jobs.



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## BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT: FORT DODGE, IOWA





### WHAT ARE BROWNFIELDS?

Brownfields are "real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant."

Restoring and reclaiming brownfields helps create livable communities that meet people's everyday needs without placing the safety and health of future generations at risk. Successful brownfields projects make it possible for communities to have good schools, meaningful jobs, safe streets, healthy environments, and plenty of natural green spaces.

### FORT DODGE BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT GRANTS

The EPA selected the City of Fort Dodge for two brownfields assessment grants totaling \$400,000. Community-wide hazardous substances and petroleum grant funds will be used to conduct 30 to 40 Phase I and 12 to 16 Phase II environmental site assessments. The project targets the downtown Fort Dodge area, which contains a high concentration of vacant properties. Grant funds also will be used to conduct cleanup and area-wide planning, and support community involvement activities.

Some of the funds will be used to conduct environmental site assessments to facilitate the realignment of 2nd Avenue South into 1st Avenue South, now known as the Cross-Town Connector Project.



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### BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM BENEFITS

Completing a Phase I Site Assessment before the purchase of a property generally fulfills the All Appropriate Inquiry (AAI) requirement. Fulfilling AAI is a critical step in protecting a future landowner's liability with respect to contamination. In the event the Phase I identifies the possible presence of contamination, the Brownfields Program may be able to provide a Phase II environmental investigation that will provide a more accurate assessment.

If a property has environmental concerns, developers can run into difficulty obtaining standard bank financing due to liability.

