

Yaquina Bay Community Brownfields Revitalization Initiative



A Coalition, led by the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments and including Newport, Toledo, the Confederated Tribes of the Siletz, and Lincoln County, has been awarded a **\$600,000 EPA Brownfields Planning Grant**.

The grant is intended to support Brownfields property redevelopment. With community participation, the Coalition will identify and prioritize opportunity sites, to promote economic development and improve community livability.

What is a Brownfield?

Brownfields are properties that are not being used to their full potential because of known or suspected environmental pollution.

Brownfields are often abandoned by property owners due to fears about the liability and expense of assessment and cleanup.

Cleaning up and reinvesting in Brownfields protects the environment, reduces blight, and takes development pressures off greenspaces and working lands.



Opportunities for **Property Owners**:

- Increase property value.
- Access free support to property assessment.
- Grants/loans may be available for cleanup and redevelopment.
- Each step toward cleanup leverages financing and development interest.

Opportunities for the **Community**:

- Have a voice in shaping the future of community development.
- Support economic development.
- Enhance livability and public health.
- Support development of affordable housing and businesses that bring new jobs.

EPA studies show that on average, **7.3 jobs are created** for every \$100,000 of EPA Brownfields dollars invested.

Frequently Asked Questions:



Why should I conduct an environmental assessment of my property?

- Banks typically require an environmental assessment before lending to a buyer.
- Assessments can be the first step on the path to increasing a property's market value.
- An assessment can help owners who are redeveloping their own property plan for unexpected contingencies like contaminated soil or underground storage tanks.
- Conducting assessments eliminates "unknowns", reducing environmental constraints to a manageable level.
- An environmental assessment can verify that a property is not contaminated.

What kinds of properties are potentially eligible to use the funds?

- Public and privately owned properties
- Active, underutilized, vacant, and abandoned properties
- Sites with known or perceived petroleum and/or hazardous substance issues

What activities can the grant pay for?

- Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessments
- Cleanup Planning
- Redevelopment Planning/Market Analysis/Pro Forma

What activities does the grant NOT pay for?

- Environmental assessment or cleanup work already completed
- Cleanup implementation (soil removal, groundwater treatment, etc.)
- Property purchase

How long will the funds be available?

- The funds will be available until at least the fall of 2020

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