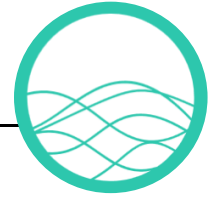


## **NOTICE: Brownfield Assessment Grant Funds Available**



Are you a property owner of land with perceived or known contamination?

The **Yaquina Bay Watershed Area Brownfields Coalition**, led by the Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments and including Newport, Toledo, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, and Lincoln County, has been awarded a **\$600,000 EPA Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant**.

**What is a Brownfield?** A brownfield is a property that is not being used to the full potential because of known or suspected environmental contamination. Brownfields are often left unused or receive little attention due to fears about the liability and expense of environmental assessment and cleanup. Cleaning up and reinvesting in brownfields protects the environment, reduces blight, and takes development pressures off greenspaces and working lands.

**What are the benefits of Participating?** Participation is fully funded by the EPA. Grant funds may be applied to environmental assessments and cleanup / re-use planning for your property. This can eliminate or greatly reduce unknown or unanticipated factors and save thousands of dollars in redevelopment or property transaction costs. Owners, purchasers, lenders, and developers need to know the environmental condition of a property in order to pursue redevelopment. Assessment, identification of any contaminants, and clean-up planning are the first steps to remediating and redeveloping a potentially contaminated and underutilized property.

**Let's Work Together:** Together we can work towards realizing your property's potential and profitable use. More information on the Brownfields revitalization initiative and the site nomination process are available at the website located at the bottom of this letter. Environmental assessment and understanding are the first step toward brownfield revitalization.

If you are interested in participating, please contact me at your earliest convenience. Due to project timelines, the sooner the better in order to take advantage of the excellent opportunity. Please contact me or visit our website for more information.

Sincerely,

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