



City of Springfield **BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM**

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What is a Brownfield?

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

Public Law 107-118 (H.R. 2869) - "Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act", January 11, 2002.

Do we have Brownfields in Springfield?

Springfield, like all communities, has properties that are abandoned, under-used or blighted. These properties, or Brownfields, are everywhere, in both urban and rural areas. They come in all sizes: the former lumberyard; an abandoned gas station; foundries; dry cleaners and a variety of other forms.

Many properties suffer from the perception of environmental problems. In reality, most have excellent business locations, existing infrastructure and access to transportation. Due to fear of the unknown, buyers, lenders and developers pass over these properties for those appearing less "risky." Merely the fear of environmental contamination and regulatory intervention has been enough to hinder or stop redevelopment of these once vital community areas.

"EPA's Brownfields Program has revolutionized the way people perceive and manage potentially contaminated properties."

Reusing Land Restoring Hope, A Report to Stakeholders from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency

Program Overview:

The City of Springfield Brownfields Program is made possible through EPA funded grants to perform assessments and cleanup planning, and cleanup on properties that may have been contaminated with either hazardous substances or petroleum. The program works to assess, clean up, and facilitate the redevelopment/reuse of potentially contaminated properties known as "brownfields" within the city of Springfield. The Economic Development Office in the Department of Planning and Development works in cooperation with Region 7 of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to achieve these objectives.

The program provides financial and technical assistance for brownfields revitalization, including:

- Phase I Assessment Grants
- Phase II Assessment Grants
- Cleanup Planning Grants
- Environmental Cleanup Loans Below Market Rate
- Environmental Cleanup Grants to non-profit organizations



The Brownfields Program was the first step in a new life for the former MFA building that is now the Jordan Valley Innovation Center (JVIC). Phase I and Phase II assessments were performed prior to City acquisition and contamination was remediated in partnership with the Missouri DNR Voluntary Cleanup Program. Missouri State University now owns and operates the facility and have transformed it into a high-tech defense research center.

trim out and mail to: Brownfields Coordinator, Department of Planning and Development 840 Boonville Ave. Springfield, MO 65801

Application for Brownfields Assessment Funding

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone Number _____

Cell _____

E-mail Address _____

Property Address _____

How long have you owned this property?

What is the historical ownership and use of the property?

What are your proposed plans for the property?

Estimated Redevelopment Cost? _____

Date _____

Signature _____