

# Brownfields 2023 Assessment Fact Sheet

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### Overview of the EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfield sites. A brownfield site is 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. The Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act of 2002, as amended by the Brownfields Utilization, Investment and Local Development Act of 2018, was passed to help states and communities around the country clean up and revitalize brownfield sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through five competitive grant programs: Multipurpose Grants, Assessment Grants, Revolving Loan Fund Grants, Cleanup Grants, and Job Training Grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

### Assessment Grant

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EPA has selected the Region 1 Planning Council to lead a Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant that will be funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Grant funds will be used to conduct 40 Phase I and 16 Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to develop eight cleanup plans and five reuse plans, and support community engagement activities. Assessment activities will focus on the Auburn Street Corridor in West Rockford; an area known as N 2nd Target Area in the Cities of Loves Park and Rockford and unincorporated areas within Winnebago County; Downtown Belvidere; and the Broadway Corridor in South Rockford. Priority sites include a 5-acre vacant site with a history of residential and filling station uses, a former apple orchard, and a vacant site with a history of manufacturing uses that is adjacent to rail lines. Non-lead coalition members include Boone County, Winnebago County, and Rockford Mass Transit District.

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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