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About

The City of Freeport was awarded a \$500,000 US EPA Brownfield Grant in September 2024.

Funds can be used for Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs), clean-up planning, creating a brownfield site inventory and community outreach activities.

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Brownfield Assessment Program

Supporting the safe reuse and redevelopment of eligible properties in Freeport.

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PLEASE NOTE

Services are subject to property eligibility, owner access authorization, available grant funding, and applicable federal and state requirements.

IDENTIFY. ASSESS. REVITALIZE.

COULD YOUR PROPERTY QUALIFY?

Site eligibility

A property may be considered when the following conditions apply:

- ✓ It is real property.
- ✓ It is vacant, abandoned, underused, or planned for redevelopment.
- ✓ Contamination is known, suspected, or perceived.
- ✓ Environmental concerns are complicating a sale, loan, investment, or reuse.
- ✓ The property has potential for a beneficial future use.

Not sure whether a site is eligible?

Contact the City. An initial discussion can help identify next steps.



What is a Brownfield?

A Brownfield is a property where expansion, redevelopment, or reuse may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

EXAMPLES OF PROPERTIES

- Former gas stations and auto repair shops
- Dry cleaners
- Industrial plants
- Railroad properties and illegal dump sites
- Gas stations
- Older buildings with possible asbestos or lead-based paint

COMMON CONCERNS

Petroleum • solvents • metals • PCBs • asbestos • lead-based paint • other hazardous substances

How the program helps

The City of Freeport Brownfield Assessment Program can help eligible property owners and community partners evaluate environmental conditions that may be limiting redevelopment.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- Reduce environmental uncertainty
- Support purchaser and lender decisions
- Inform cleanup and reuse planning
- Help position projects for future funding

A SIMPLE PROCESS

- 1 Property screening
- 2 Eligibility and access review
- 3 Environmental assessment
- 4 Results and redevelopment planning

Assessment services

PHASE I ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT

- Review of current and historical property uses
- Environmental database and records review
- Site visit and interviews
- Evaluation and final report

PHASE II ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT

- Soil, groundwater, or vapor sampling, as appropriate
- Evaluation of the nature and extent of contamination
- Asbestos, lead-based paint, or hazardous-material surveys, when applicable
- Reporting, cleanup recommendations, and potential cost estimates

Assessment comes before cleanup.

Results help define practical next steps for the property.