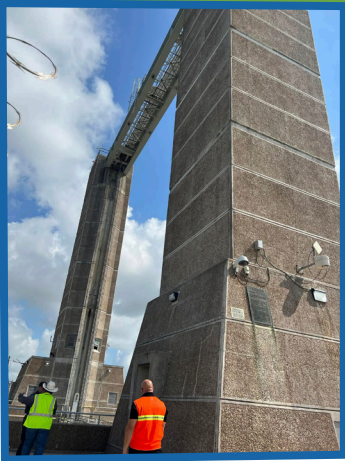


Program Details

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

Grant funding activities will focus on properties throughout the city limits target area.



For more information, visit the Brownfields Assessment Program webpage:



<https://www.freeportedc.com/business-assistance/freeport-brownfield-funding>

Why cleanup and reinvest in brownfield sites?

- Increases the local tax base
- Helps spur redevelopment
- Uses existing infrastructure
- Facilitates job growth
- Improves and protects the environment



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**Brownfields
Assessment
Program**

What is a Brownfield?

A brownfield site is a property where actual or perceived environmental contamination complicates its expansion or redevelopment.

Sites may be contaminated with hazardous substances, petroleum, pesticides, metals and asbestos.

Brownfields Program

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established the Brownfields Program to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders to promote economic redevelopment for sustainable reuse.

What does the funding cover?

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING

A Phase I is a non-intrusive evaluation of environmental conditions at a site to determine if there is a recognized environmental condition (REC) which warrants further investigation in the form of a Phase II ESA. When assessment is complete, grant funds can be used on site redevelopment planning.

Why is this important for businesses and developers?

- Environmental assessments can remove the environmental stigma surrounding a property.
- Grant funded assessments are completed at no cost to the developer or property owner.
- If contamination is found, rehabilitation costs can be realized and managed.
- Liability protections via federal (CERCLA & RCRA) and state laws can protect non-responsible parties.
- Redevelopment of contaminated sites can unlock private investment and leverage funds for greater redevelopment.



Identifying Sites

- ▶ Are you interested in purchasing and/or redeveloping a property that may be contaminated?
- ▶ Is your property vacant because of real or perceived contamination?
- ▶ Are you having trouble selling your property because of real or perceived environmental contamination?

If you answered

YES

then the property may be eligible for the **City of Freeport's** Brownfield Program.