

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The City of Newberry is the recipient of the USEPA Brownfield Assessment Cooperative Grant.

The project will run from October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2026

Under the Assessment Grant Phase I Environmental Assessments and Phase II Environmental Assessments will be conducted at selected properties throughout the City.

As key component of the Brownfield Cooperative Grant is Community Engagement!

The overall goal to redevelop an underused property into a property that can be used by all of Newberry.

The City has created a repository on the City website where you can learn more and review completed Environmental Assessments reports.

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PROGRAM



The Former Oakland Mill is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and was redeveloped into residential and student housing in 2011. Although the Mill was not under the brownfield program, it is a great example of a brownfield site and what redevelopment looks like.

Though this project has been funded wholly or in part by the EPA, the contents of this document do not necessarily reflect the views or policies of EPA

What is a Brownfield?

A Brownfield site is an abandoned, or underused industrial and/or commercial property where redevelopment or expansion of the property has not occurred due to the real or perceived environmental contamination.

Sometimes we think Brownfields are ugly, dirty and abandoned tracks of land. Although this may be the case at some sites.

Sometimes a Brownfield can be an old industrial site, or a closed commercial building with little or no environmental contamination.

What Could Be A Brownfield Property?

A Brownfield Property could be any of the following, but not limited to industrial or commercial properties such as:

- former service station
- former dry cleaner
- bus facilities
- factories
- warehouses
- parking lots
- abandoned railroads
- former railroad switching yards
- landfills
- lots where heavy machinery was stored or repaired
- air strips
- hangers

Brownfield Taskforce

The Brownfield Task Force is a group of community members who represent all areas of Newberry and who have created a community engagement strategy to educate the community and support in the selecting brownfield properties for redevelopment.

The goals of the taskforce are to:

- provide timely information and education to the community to improve participation and decision-making
- build a partnership with the community, businesses, property owners and developers.

The members of the Brownfield Taskforce are:

Jeff Wicker, City of Newberry
Robert Matheson, Newberry Made
Margaret Chaplin, Wise Street
Empowerment Group
Liz Rivera, St. Mark's Catholic Church
Harry Werts, West End Neighborhood
Group
David Sayers, Newberry College
Rick Farmer, Newberry County Economic
Development

What Are Phase I and Phase II Environmental Assessments?

A Phase I Environmental Assessment is a look into the history and use of a former industrial or commercial property. This is the first step to identify if environmental contamination may exist at the property. Contamination can include hazardous substances or petroleum products on or in the vicinity of the property.

This is solely based on the information gathered on the historical use and what is observed during the site visit. The environmental team will identify potential environmental impacts as a Recognized Environmental Condition or REC.

A Phase II Environmental Assessment is the second step confirm if environmental contamination is present. Here soil and/or groundwater samples are collected and analyzed at a laboratory. The locations and the number of samples is based on the conclusions of the Phase I Environmental Assessment.