

BROWN · FIELD

-noun. An abandoned, idled, or underused industrial or commercial property with real or perceived environmental contamination.



LEARN THE LANGUAGE

Let RPC help you navigate the process and decipher the language of a Brownfields project. Begin with this primer:

ESA · Environmental site assessment; usually combined with Phase I or Phase II (i.e., Phase I ESA)

RPC · Regional Planning Commission for Jefferson, Orleans, Plaquemines, St. Bernard and St. Tammany Parishes; home of the RPC Brownfield Redevelopment Program

LDEQ · Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality; State agency that oversees Brownfield environmental investigation and provides funding for Brownfield assessments and cleanup

VRP · Voluntary Remediation Program run by LDEQ for eligible sites

USEPA or EPA · United States Environmental Protection Agency; Federal agency that provides Brownfields grants

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

www.labrownfields.org
Louisiana Brownfields Association

www.norpc.org
Regional Planning Commission

www.epa.gov/brownfields
Environmental Protection Agency:
Brownfields and Land Revitalization Program

www.deq.state.la.us
Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality



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of your Brownfield site...



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TURN THE KEY

BETTER COMMUNITIES

Redevelopment of Brownfield sites helps the land owner, the local government, and the local community. Benefits include:

- Removal of blighted properties ·
- Enhanced community appearance ·
- Increased value of site & surroundings ·
- Removal of contamination & stigma ·
- Return of site to tax rolls or as a community resource ·
- Increased job opportunities ·



Falstaff Brewery
New Orleans, LA

- Contaminated by lead, asbestos, solid waste, and pigeon guano
- Phase I funded by RPC and EPA
- Phase II, cleanup, & redevelopment funded by new owner
- Redeveloped as retail space and mixed income residential units

Progressive Church
Marrero, LA

- Contaminants included asbestos, petroleum, and heavy metals
- Cleanup funded by RPC and EPA
- Site enrolled in LDEQ's Voluntary Remediation Program
- LDEQ Certificate of Completion issued November 2008



CONTACT US

- ...for prepurchase help with contaminated sites
- ...for redevelopment resources
- ...for technical assistance
- ...for funding assistance

THE PROCESS. The Regional Planning Commission's Brownfield Redevelopment Program helps convert Brownfields from community liabilities into community assets by providing funding and guidance to navigate the environmental process from environmental site assessment (ESA) to cleanup.

Phase I ESA

A research report that documents the history and current status of a property and identifies potential environmental concerns.

*Funding available:
Grants from RPC, LDEQ & EPA*

Phase II ESA

Based on the findings of the Phase I report, a Phase II investigation confirms if contamination is actually present at the site.

Typically soil, soil gas, and/or groundwater samples are collected at the site and analyzed for suspected contaminants.

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Remediation/Cleanup

If contamination is found in the samples collected during Phase II investigation, cleanup/remediation may be required to remove the contaminants prior to development.

*Funding available:
Cleanup loans from LDEQ
Competitive grants from EPA*

FINDING MONEY. Grants and loans for Brownfield projects are available from a variety of sources:

- **RPC's Brownfield Redevelopment Program** has access to local, state, and federal funding for environmental site assessments (ESAs).
- **Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality's (LDEQ's) Brownfield Initiative** provides grants for environmental assessments and loans for cleanups, as well as oversight for investigations and remediation.
- **USEPA's Brownfields Program** provides funding for environmental investigations and cleanups.

ENROLLING SITES. Sites are eligible for Brownfield funding if they are currently underutilized or abandoned but will be **redeveloped as income-producing** properties (e.g. commercial, industrial, or rental housing) **or for a community benefit** (e.g., parks, community gardens, or community center).

Contact us to determine if your site is eligible for Brownfield funding.

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