

FREE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE BROWNFIELDS AND LAND REVITALIZATION



In addition to the assessment and cleanup grants of the Brownfields Program, there are various complimentary resources available from the EPA and our state partners to help inform assessment, cleanup, and reuse decisions. These technical assistance programs can help further the success of a brownfield investment. This sheet provides information on a few of these opportunities.

WHAT IS A BROWNFIELD

Eyesore properties that might be a “brownfield” due to potential contamination from past uses. Brownfields are often concentrated in historically underserved communities.

Brownfields can look like:

- Former gas stations
- Former industrial sites
- Former dry cleaners
- Old buildings
- Vacant lots
- Waste Piles

WHAT A BROWNFIELD CAN BECOME

Brownfields can be safely cleaned-up and reused. EPA supports equitable development and local wealth building through the identification, cleanup and reuse of these properties.

Assistance in further assessing a site or planning for site reuses, particularly considering things such as market analyses, equitable development, and climate resiliency can help bring both project success and broad, long-lasting benefits to a community.

TARGETED BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENTS:

What the free TBA program does:

Site Assessments – including research about past uses, environmental sampling for potential contamination, and cleanup planning.

TBAs are conducted by an EPA contractor on behalf of an eligible entity. Services include site assessments, cleanup options and cost estimates, and community outreach. Services are for an average of \$100,000. The sites for this program are selected on a rolling basis.

What the program is NOT:

- Not enforcement. This is a voluntary program to identify solutions, not to punish property owners or buyers.
- Not redevelopment funding. EPA does not have funding to build reuse projects.

Contact [Jim Byrne](#) – RI Brownfield Coordinator for further information.

State Programs and Resources

(Brownfield, EJ, Climate and Opportunity Zones)

State programs are also essential resources and partners in brownfields redevelopment. See the links below for further information on programs that may be helpful in supporting your brownfield goals.

Massachusetts: [MA Brownfields](#) – [MA EJ](#) – [MA Climate](#) – [MA Opportunity Zones](#)

Connecticut: [CT Brownfields](#) – [CT EJ](#) – [CT Climate](#) – [CT Opportunity Zones](#)

Rhode Island: [RI Brownfields](#) – [RI EJ](#) – [RI Climate](#) – [RI Opportunity Zones](#)

Maine: [ME Brownfields](#) – [ME EJ](#) – [ME Climate](#) – [ME Opportunity Zones](#)

New Hampshire: [NH Brownfields](#) – [NH EJ](#) – [NH Climate](#) – [NH Opportunity Zones](#)

Vermont: [VT Brownfields](#) – [VT EJ](#) – [VT Climate](#) – [VT Opportunity Zones](#)

See EPA’s [Understanding Brownfields](#) for more information.

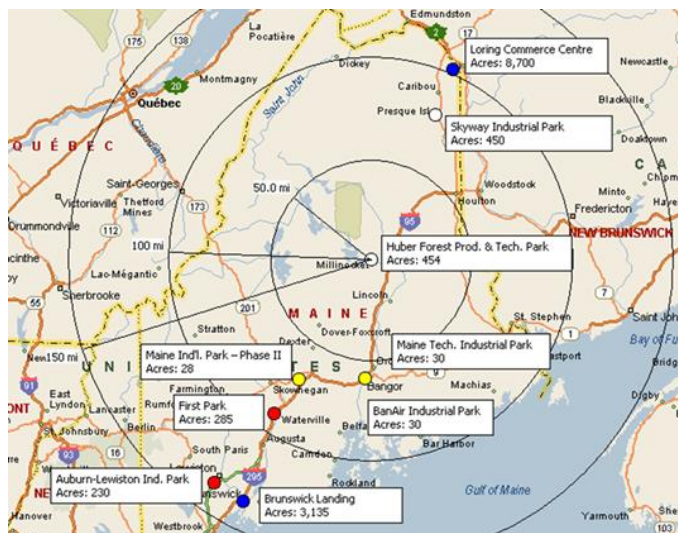
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REDEVELOPMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

EPA's [Land Revitalization Program](#) supports the safe and sustainable reuse of previously contaminated properties. Small investments of expert technical assistance are available annually. EPA helps communities identify practical reuse approaches that support local goals.

- **Technical Assistance:** Land Revitalization [Technical Assistance](#) in site design, market analysis, community engagement, sustainable development and other topics.
- Tools and guidance from past projects can be found in the [Land Revitalization Toolkit](#) and the [Revitalization Ready Guide](#)

Contact [Jessica Dominguez](#). – RI Land Revitalization Coordinator for further information.



EPA recognizes each community faces different challenges with brownfields. Our technical assistance meets these varying needs. Through working with local entities, we aim to improve public health and the environment over the long-term. These partnerships also support new economic opportunities for disadvantaged communities.

Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB)

TAB grant recipients (also known as TAB providers) serve as an independent resource and can provide expert technical assistance to help communities address brownfield sites. The primary TAB provider in Region I is the [University of Connecticut](#).

Other Community Development TA Providers

- **Brownfields Reuse:** [Center for Creative Land Recycling](#)
- **Equitable Development:** [Groundwork USA](#)
- **Office of Community Revitalization:** [Smart Growth Technical Assistance](#)



Assistance is available to support community efforts to become more resilient to climate change impacts by incorporating adaption and mitigation strategies throughout the brownfield cleanup and redevelopment process.

Climate Adaptation and Equitable Development Tools and Resources

- **Environmental Justice Mapping Tool:** [EJScreen](#)
- **Community Assets and Vulnerabilities:** [EnviroAtlas](#)
- **Climate & Brownfields:** [Climate Smart Brownfields Manual](#)
- **Resilience and Adaptation:** [RAINE Database](#)
- **Renewable Energy Initiative:** [RE-Powering America](#)
- **Urban Agriculture:** [Know Before You Grow](#) and [soilSHOPS](#)

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Redevelopment Technical Assistance: Contact [Jessica Dominguez](#) • 617-918-1627

For more information on EPA's Brownfield program, visit:

[EPA Brownfields](#) | [EPA Brownfields and Land Revitalization in New England](#)

