

REVITALIZING OUR COMMUNITY

Humboldt County Brownfields Initiative FACT SHEET

*An opportunity for
economic growth!*



Community Meeting
July 24, 2024
6 pm to 7:30 pm

Winnemucca Convention Center
East Hall
50 West Winnemucca Blvd.
Winnemucca, NV 89445

Brownfields Goals:

- Protecting the Environment
- Economic Redevelopment
- Making the Community Better,
Welcoming and Pleasant

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grant is being administered by Humboldt County in cooperation with the Nevada 95-80 Regional Development Authority and Pershing County.



The Humboldt County EPA Brownfields Community Assessment Grant

is part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Brownfields Program that provides grants and technical assistance to communities, states, and tribes to assess, safely clean up and sustainably reuse contaminated or blighted properties.

The redevelopment of vacant or underutilized land is an opportunity for revitalization. This grant funding can be a pathway to economic opportunities, private investment, and improved

quality of life of Humboldt and Pershing county residents.

The \$500,000 in grant funds will be used for the assessment, reuse planning for assessed and/or clean-up sites, develop downtown/gateways, community revitalization strategies and conduct community involvement activities for a coordinated approach and solutions.

The Assessment grant is administered by Humboldt County and includes a partnership with Pershing County through the Nevada 95-80 Regional Development Authority.



What are Brownfields?

Many areas across the country once used for industrial or commercial purposes sit abandoned or underutilized. Some of these properties may contain hazardous substances, pollutants, petroleum, or other contaminants while others are assumed to have environmental problems. Either way, exploration is required to determine their true status. These properties are considered Brownfields.

Brownfields often are in struggling neighborhoods and areas with blight, bare land, deteriorated infrastructure, or other challenges. Brownfields assessments can unlock stalled progress with parcel development because of a perceived or potential environmental concerns.

Cleaning up and redeveloping a brownfield property enables infill development, increases the tax base, spurs job creation and often kick-starts revitalization activities within a neighborhood.

Depending on the location and characteristics of the property and market factors, a Brownfield site often can be redeveloped for uses ranging from housing, retail, industrial, or mixed-use to public and non-profit uses such as parks, recreation areas and municipal facilities.

Brownfields redevelopment offers other benefits such as improving the local environment by cleaning up bare land and moving abandoned or underused sites into beneficial reuses. Brownfields assessments are afforded to private developers, local governments or public-private partnerships at no charge.



Brownfield Activities

When a community has questions about whether a property is environmentally contaminated, a site assessment is needed. An assessment helps a community understand environmental conditions on the property and whether those conditions could be harmful to residents and workers. With the EPA funding, Humboldt County will identify whether a property planned for redevelopment has been environmentally impacted.

This process includes:

- Inventory and prioritize candidate properties for assessment
- Select the highest-priority redevelopment sites for assessment
- Completion of owner permission form for property access
- Use existing information to understand property conditions by examining current and historical records and interviewing owners, nearby residents and site workers
- Assess properties for reuse or redevelopment which may include collecting and analyzing soil, groundwater, or surface water samples to determine if a property requires cleanup

The focus of these assessments will be the railroad corridor, the downtown corridor, targeted industrial sites, underutilized county/city property and rural gateways of Orovada and McDermitt.

Grant funds also will be used to conduct reuse planning, cleanup planning if a site requires cleanup, develop downtown/gateway revitalization strategies and conduct community involvement activities.



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