Brownfield Assessment Program

The Lafourche Parish Brownfields Program will administer $500,000 from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received through a Brownfield Assessment Grant for brownfield site inventory creation, planning, environmental assessments, and community outreach. Those interested in learning more about EPA Brownfield Program and funding can visit the website at https://www.epa.gov/brownfields.

What is a Brownfield?

A brownfield is an abandoned or underutilized property where there is possible environmental contamination, real or perceived. The US EPA defines a brownfield site as "a property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or Contaminant." Examples of brownfield sites may include but are not limited to:

- Former gas stations
- Closed dry cleaners
- Vacant industrial or manufacturing facilities
- Abandoned warehouses
- Former auto repair shops
- Idle rail yards or maintenance facilities
- Former commercial properties and vacant commercial structures with known or suspected environmental concerns (including asbestos and lead-based paint)

Examples of Properties That Are Typically Not Brownfields:

- Undeveloped farmland or natural areas with no history of commercial or industrial use
- Active businesses with no known environmental concerns
- Residential properties without contamination issues

Brownfields are opportunities for renewal. With proper assessment and cleanup, these properties can be transformed into businesses, housing, parks, community centers, and other assets that strengthen neighborhoods and support economic growth.

Help Identify Sites for Assessment

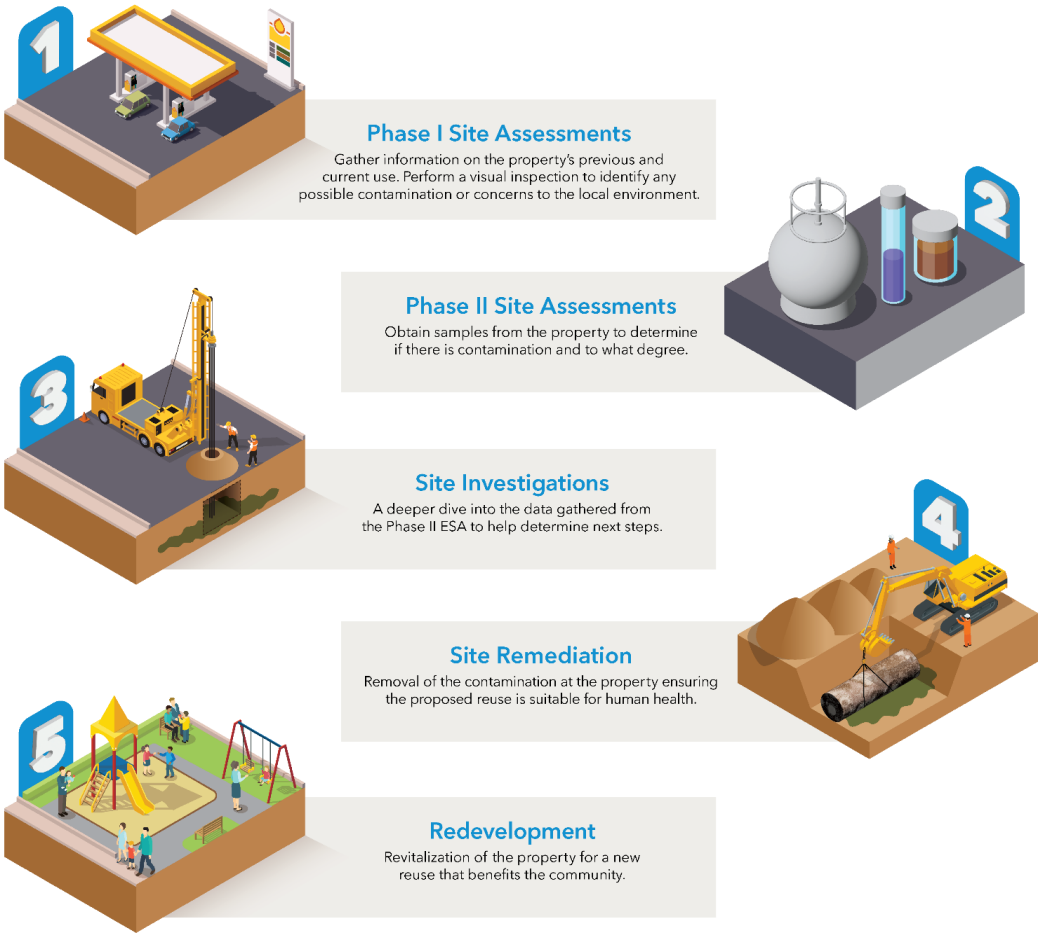
The Lafourche Parish Brownfields Program is a ***voluntary program*** open to any landowner with property within the parish limits, with a target area of Lockport and Raceland. The funds can be used for environmental site assessments (Phase I ESA & Phase II ESA) and cleanup planning, when necessary.

- Do you know of a property you believe to be contaminated?
- Do you own property that remains vacant because of real or perceived contamination?
- Are you having trouble selling your property because of real or perceived environmental contamination?

Then request a property assessment through Lafourche's Brownfield Program by completing the Site Application/Consideration Form.

Next Steps for Brownfield Assessment and Reuse

Through the Lafourche Parish Brownfields Program, funding is available for steps 1, 2 & 3 for identified sites:



Completing site assessments provides the developer/property owner with information to determine if:

(1) The site is impacted by historical use.

(2) If impacted, what support and options exist for clean-up and redevelopment, and how much will it cost.

After completing the initial 3 steps, the Parish will explore future opportunities and funding sources to complete steps 4 and 5 for remediation and redevelopment.

Community-Wide Benefits of the EPA Brownfield Program

- Provide funding to support local redevelopment planning efforts.
- Improve tax base, job numbers, property values, and reduce additional environmental concerns.
- Leverage federal programs with state brownfield programs that help with cleanups when necessary.
- Allow developers interested in a property to acquire vital information to determine if they want to pursue redevelopment of a property.
- Reduce crime rates in brownfield revitalization areas when dilapidated structures where illicit activities have historically taken place are redeveloped.
- Bring communities together.