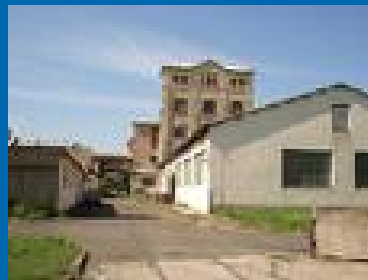


EPA Brownfields and Land Revitalization Program



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We believe that revitalization of contaminated properties goes hand-in-hand with our mission.



Atlanta Youth Soccer



Georgia Sea Turtle Center



Anchorage Park – RLF Cleanup North Palm Beach, FL



Atlantic Station – Atlanta, GA

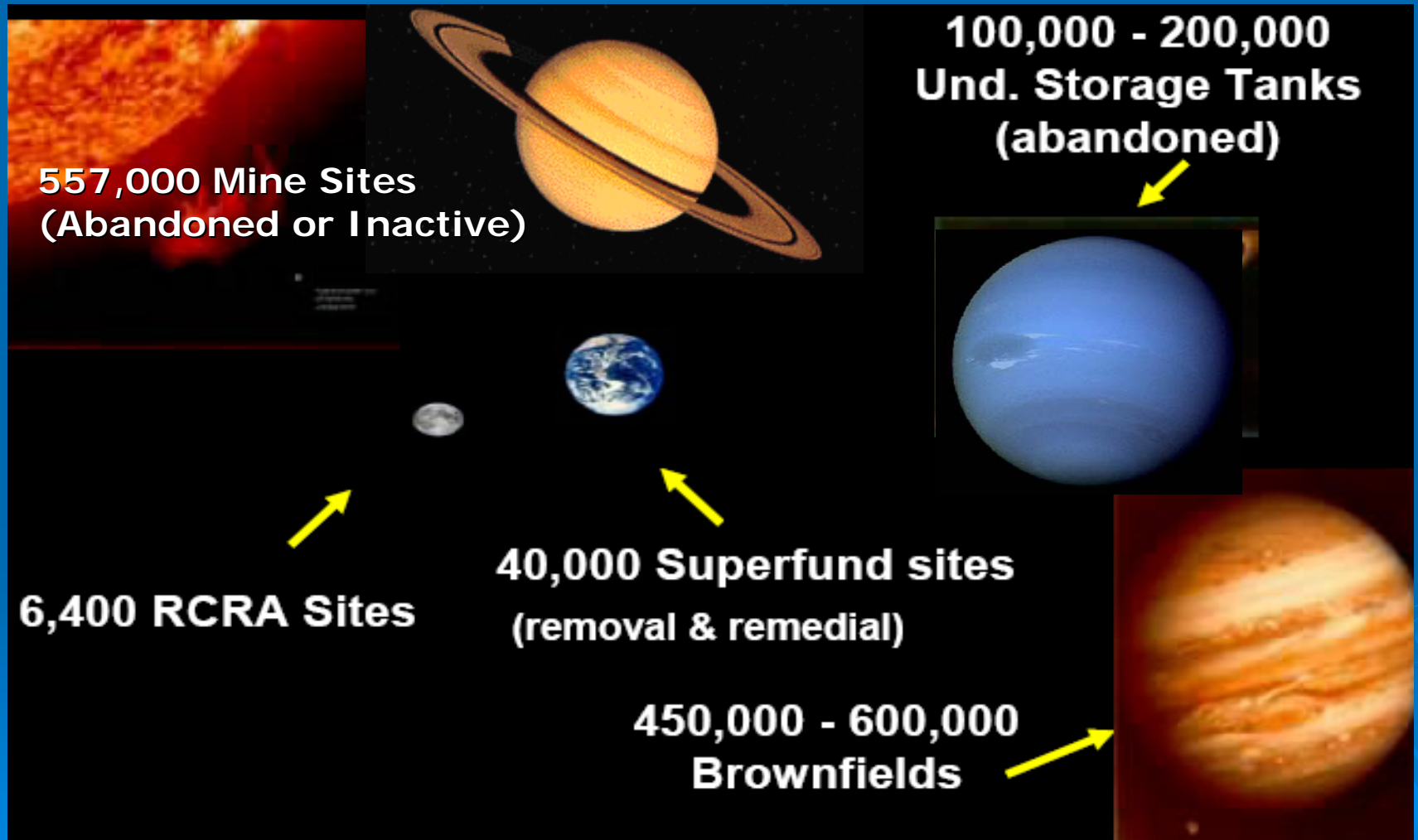


Benefits of Revitalization

- Increases local tax base
- Facilitates new job growth
- Utilizes existing infrastructure
- Takes development pressure off undeveloped land
- Prevents sprawl
- Cleaner air
- Reduces habitat destruction
- Increased public health



Solar System of Contaminated Properties



Source: Region 4 NARPM
Presentations, 2006



BROWNFIELDS DEFINITION


*“Real property, the expansion,
redevelopment,
or reuse of which may be complicated
by the presence or potential presence
of a hazardous substance, pollutant,
or contaminant.”*

- Brownfields Revitalization Act of 2002





Brownfields Revitalization Act (2002)

- **Legislative authority for grants**
 - **Expands previous Brownfields pilot grant program**
 - **Cleanup funds provided**
 - **Non-profits eligible applicants for cleanup or RLF subgrants**
 - **Petroleum sites eligible**
 - **Makes funds available for technical assistance, training and research**
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Brownfields Revitalization Act (cont.)

- Helps Liability Concerns re: Brownfields
 - Provides clarification of the innocent landowner defense
 - Gives liability protection to contiguous property owners
 - Provides liability protection for bona fide prospective purchasers (BFPPs)
 - Can purchase with knowledge of contamination and not acquire CERCLA liability
 - All of the above are subject to specific criteria

EPA Brownfields Program

- Competitive grants
- Grants/Cooperative Agreements with states and tribes
- Targeted assessments
- Technical Assistance





Available Brownfields Grants

- Assessment
- Cleanup
- Revolving Loan Funds
- Job Training

Eligible Sites include those possibly contaminated with:

- Hazardous Substances
- Petroleum Contamination
- Asbestos & Lead Paint are eligible
- Controlled Substances (e.g., Meth labs)
- Mine-Scarred Lands
- Other environmental contaminants

Note: It is not uncommon for some suspected brownfields sites to be investigated and found free of contamination.

Who Is Eligible to Apply?

- ✓ **Local Governments**
- ✓ **Land Clearance Authorities/Quasi-Governmental Entities Under Local Governmental Control**
- ✓ **State Legislated Government Entities**
- ✓ **Regional Councils of Government or Group of Local Governments**
- ✓ **Redevelopment Agency (State Chartered/Sanctioned)**
- ✓ **States**
- ✓ **Tribes**
- ✓ **Nonprofits (Cleanup & Job Training Only)**



Brownfields Investments To Date

Since 1995, EPA has awarded

- 1449 assessment grants totaling over \$337.3M,
- 242 revolving loan fund grants totaling over \$233.4M, and
- 534 cleanup grants totaling \$93.3M.

This has helped:

- Assess more than 15,971 properties.
- Leverage more than \$13.9 billion in brownfields cleanup and redevelopment funding from the private and public sectors.
- Generate more than 62,706 jobs.





**What kind of grant
funding is available?**



Assessment Grant Program

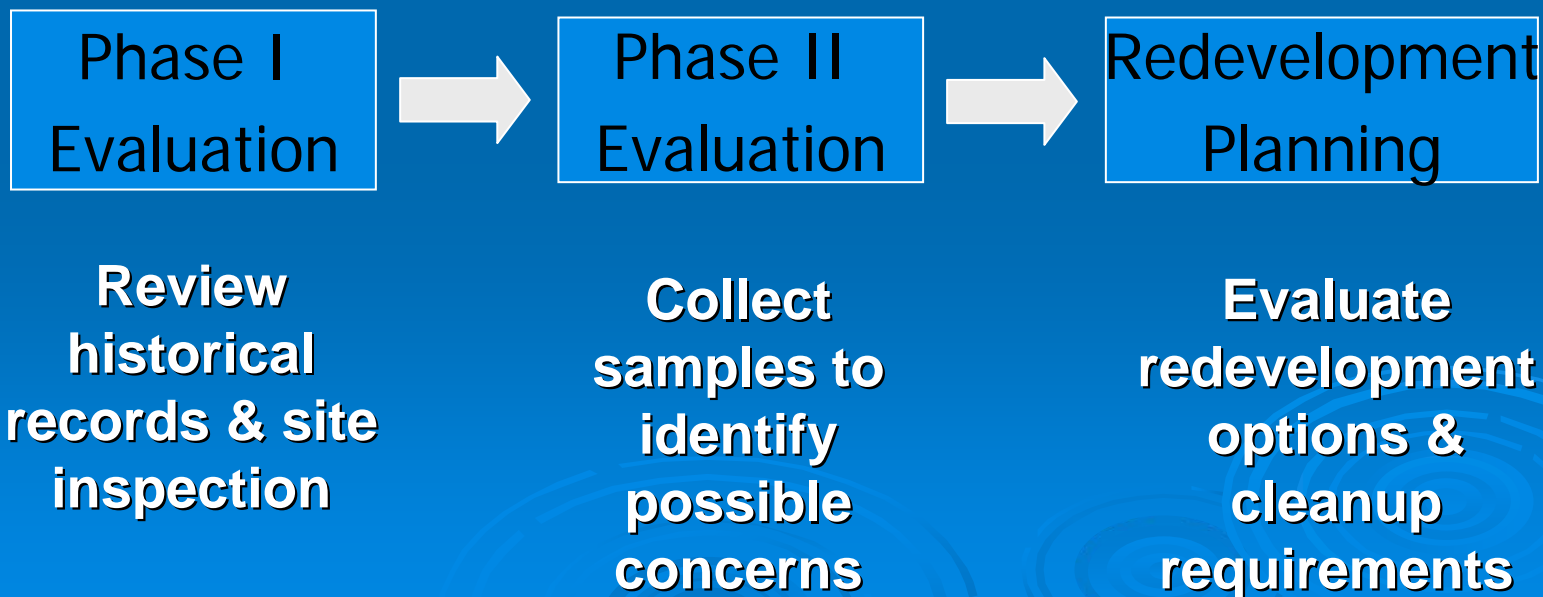
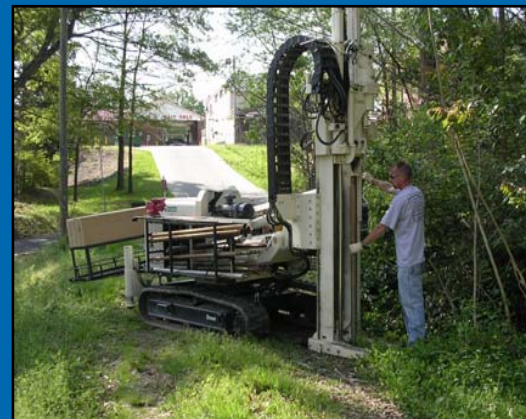
- To inventory, characterize, assess, and conduct planning and community involvement related to brownfield sites
- Community-wide or site-specific (single site)
- \$200K hazardous substance (including asbestos, lead paint, other environmental hazards)
- \$200K petroleum-only contamination
- Up to \$350K per property with approved waiver
- No more than 2 applications per eligible entity
- Must apply separately for hazardous substances and petroleum



Environmental Assessment Process

What does the grant pay for?

The Brownfield assessment grant will fund the following activities:



Assessment Grant Program Success Story Jackson, Mississippi



Sim's Drycleaners

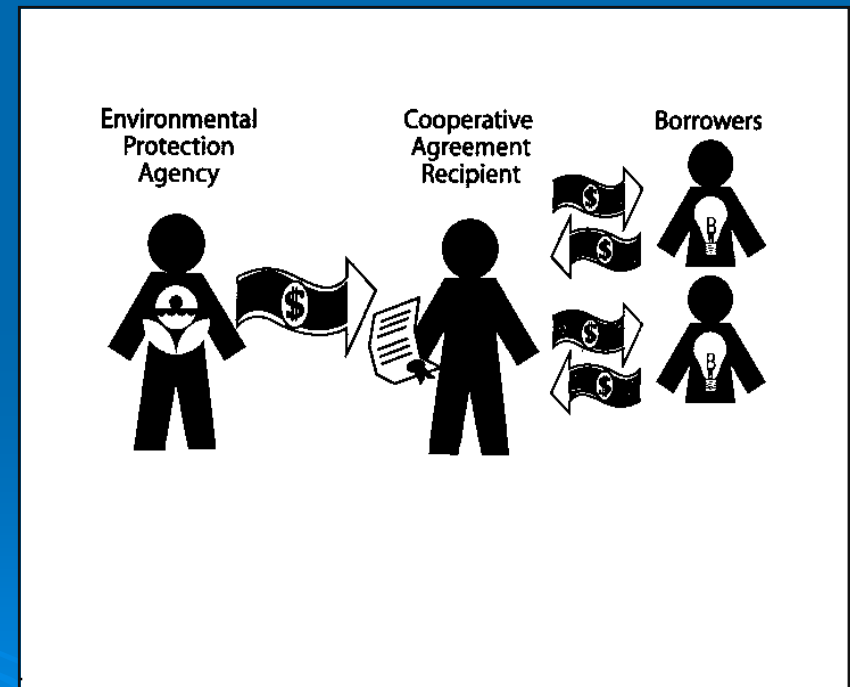
Police Substation



Revolving Loan Fund Grants Program

- To make low interest loans to carryout cleanup activities at brownfields properties.
- Up to \$1M per eligible entity
- 40%-cleanup subgrants
- 60%loans
- Coalitions may apply
- Cost share of 20%

EPA-Grant Recipient-Loan Recipient



Revolving Loan Fund Program Success Story

Palm Beach, Florida



Cleanup Grant Program

- To carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites
- Up to \$200K per property
- Hazardous substances or petroleum-only contamination
- May apply for up to 3 properties: Separate proposals for each property
- Non-profits may apply
- Cost share 20%
- **Must have a FEE SIMPLE TITLE**

Cleanup Grant Program Success Story Atlanta Youth Soccer Association





Job Training Grants

- Training for residents in communities impacted by Brownfields
- Empowers local community residents
- Increased opportunities for future employment in the environmental field
- Up to \$200,000
- 2 Year Project Period
- Kathleen Curry (404) 562-8660



If You Have a Need for a Brownfields Grant, Then Start Now !

- Deadline for FY-11 Brownfields Grant Cycle is October 15, 2010. Guidelines can be found at :
<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm>
- Frequently Asked Questions:
http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/proposal_guides/FY11_FAQs.pdf
- Get help with grant-writing and examples of proposals from successful grantees (epa.gov/brownfields/plocat.htm)
- Attend EPA Region 4 Grant Writing Webinar tentatively set for September 28, 2010.

What are the Proposal Basics ?



Threshold Criteria

- **ASSESSMENT GRANTS:**
- A. Applicant Eligibility
- B. Letter from the State/Tribal Environmental Authority
- C. Site Eligibility/Property Ownership Eligibility-Site Specific

- **REVOLVING LOAN FUND GRANTS:**
- A. Applicant Eligibility
- B. Description of Jurisdiction
- C. Letter from the State/Tribal Environmental Authority
- D. Cleanup Authority/Oversight Structure
- E. Cost Share
- F. Legal Authority to Manage a Revolving Loan Fund

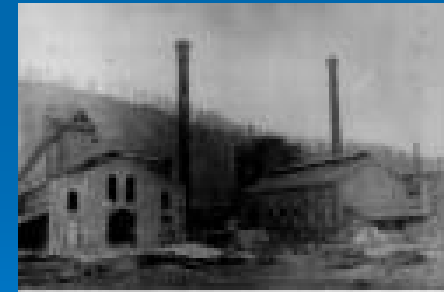
- **CLEANUP GRANTS:**
- A. Applicant Eligibility
- B. Letter from the State/Tribal Environmental Authority
- C. Site Eligibility/Property Ownership Eligibility
- D. Cleanup Authority/Oversight Structure
- E. Cost Share

Example: Assessment Ranking Criteria

- **Budget (10)**
- **Community Need (15)**
- **Site Selection Process (6)**
- **Sustainable Reuse of Brownfields (12)**
- **Creation and/or Preservation of Greenspace/Open Space (5)**
- **Pre-Award Community Notification (12)**
- **Ongoing Community Involvement (16)**
- **Reduction of Threats to Human Health and the Environment (26)**
- **Leveraging of Additional Resources (10)**
- **Programmatic Capability (20)**

Grant Alternative: Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) Program

- **Contact your State Brownfields Coordinator, Kim Walker 850-245-8934 and Margaret Olson, U.S. EPA Region 4; 404-562-8601**
- **Eligible entities: states, tribes, and municipalities. Targets especially those without EPA BF Assessment grants. TBAs help minimize uncertainties of contamination.**
- **Region 4 awards 3-4/ TBAs per year on an application basis; they are generally less than \$100,000 each; at no-cost to eligible party.**





Brownfields National Homepage

<http://epa.gov/brownfields/>

EPA Region 4 Brownfields

<http://www.epa.gov/region4/bflr/brownfields.html>

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