

EPA BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM

GENERAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- Established in 1995
- Focused on the redevelopment and revitalization of underutilized and vacant properties whose safety is questionable.
- Results-oriented program that has changed the way contaminated or perceived contaminated property is addressed and managed.
- Empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic development to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields.

Uses of Brownfields Funding:

- Inventory, Screen and Prioritize Redevelopment properties that may be impacted by HS or Petroleum products for environmental assessments.
- Conduct Phase I and Phase II ESA's.
- Develop Cleanup Plans for contaminated properties, if needed.
- Develop Site Reuse Plans (Including Certified Sites) for properties that are moving toward the construction phase; and,
- Seek EPA community outreach and involvement throughout the grant process.

NNDA Brownfield Grant:

The goal of the Brownfield grant managed by NNDA is to remove or manage environmental impairments that are inhibiting redevelopment activities in the target areas (TAs) in accordance with the adopted land-use and revitalization master plans of Carson City's, Douglas County, Lyon County, Mineral County and Storey County.

NNDA is doing an outreach to any property owners, prospective brokers, and/or purchasers to educate about this grant and locate those sites within the targeted areas of Carson City, Douglas County, Lyon County, Mineral County and Storey Counties that could benefit from this.

NNDA, with selected environmental consultants, will conduct environmental assessments within the targeted areas which will emphasize the feasibility of re-use of the property in support of planning objectives, reuse of existing infrastructure, willingness of the owner/ prospective buyer or investor to fully participate in re-use, and the ability of properties to spur catalytic development in the targeted areas.

As sites are cleared for reuse, NNDA will market these sites to the businesses within target industries of agriculture, e-commerce, manufacturing, renewable energy generation, tourism, and to commercial and residential development.

Based on NNDA's success of relocating and expanding companies to the region since 2010, it is anticipated that sites cleared of environmental impairments will be redeveloped within a relatively short period of time. By doing so, brownfields can be put back to productive use, generating jobs and local tax revenue.