

# Brownfields 101

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# What do we all have in common?



# Examples of Brownfield Sites



## Terms and Definitions

- ▶ Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA)
- ▶ All Appropriate Inquiries
- ▶ Phase II ESA
- ▶ Cleanup
- ▶ UST

## EPA Brownfield Program

- ▶ Address Liability Concerns created by CERCLA/  
Superfund Act
  - ▶ Bona Fide Perspective Purchaser
  - ▶ Adjacent Property Owner
- ▶ Provide resources to support the assessment and  
cleanup of Brownfield sites
  - ▶ Goal: Facilitate the Reuse of Vacant/  
Underutilize Properties for a Community Benefit

# One Piece of the Puzzle





## Why is Brownfield Redevelopment Important?

- ▶ Addresses perceived or real contamination
- ▶ Land has economic value
  - Access to existing infrastructure (roads, sewer)
  - Additional tax revenue
- ▶ Availability of existing buildings
- ▶ Reduces sprawl
- ▶ Removes stigma of blight
- ▶ Can spur further revitalization
- ▶ Job creation
- ▶ Create community assets

## Why are Brownfields Challenging?

- ▶ Cleanup costs can be uncertain
  - Difficulty accessing redevelopment funding
- ▶ Long term liability is a concern
- ▶ Perception of contamination can be a hurdle
- ▶ Unsure of how to proceed through the environmental process



## Good Candidates for Brownfields Assistance

- Vacant or Underutilized
  - Redevelopment is for a Community Benefit/  
Economic Development
  - Owner is on board
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- Flexible Timeline
  - Community Input
  - No Enforcement Orders
  - Reuse Potential
  - Project Champion



# Steps in the Brownfield Redevelopment Process

Site Identification/ Planning/ Community Involvement



Secure Site Access



Environmental Investigation



Environmental Remediation/ Cleanup

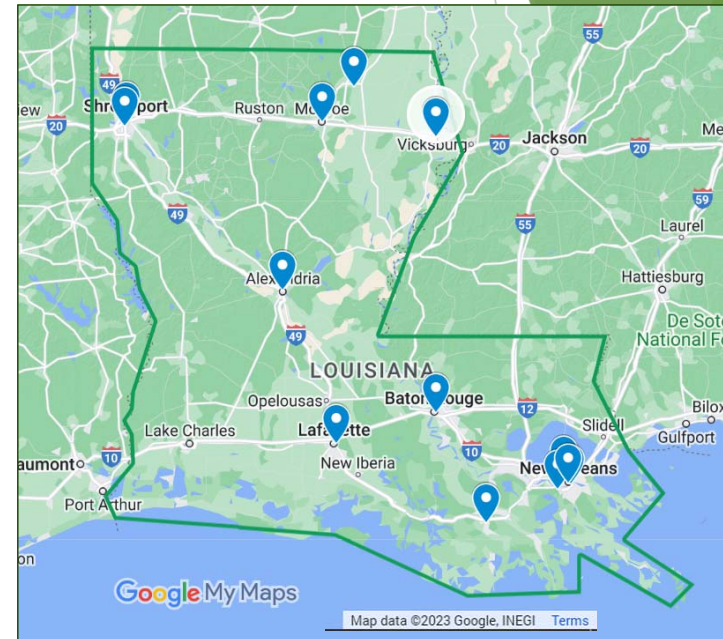


Redevelopment  
& Reuse

Not always/  
almost never/  
a linear  
process

# Brownfield Resources for Planning & Assessment

- Local Brownfield Programs
  - Apply for funding through a national competition
    - Timeline
  - Target Areas
  - Public or Private Entities



# Brownfield Resources for Planning & Assessment

## ➤ State Brownfield Program

- Subawards for Planning Activities
- Targeted Brownfield Assessment Program
- Technical Assistance
- Coordinate with other DEQ Programs



Good Amount of  
Funding Right  
Now!



# Brownfield Resources for Planning & Assessment

- EPA Brownfield & Land Revitalization Program
  - Targeted Brownfield Assessment Program
  - Connections to other Federal Resources
  - Technical Assistance





# Brownfield Resources for Planning & Assessment

- KSU Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Program



## Resources for Brownfield Cleanups

- EPA Cleanup Grant
- EPA Multipurpose Grant
  
- LDEQ Brownfield Program - Gov't & Nonprofit Entities
- Brownfield Cleanup Revolving Loan Funds
  - South Louisiana Brownfield Coalition
  - LDEQ (Loans & Subgrants)



# Resources for Redevelopment

- ▶ Stay tuned for our upcoming speakers!



Questions?



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