# Region 10 Targeted Brownfields Assessment Program

**Alaska Idaho Oregon Washington** 



Put your community's under-utilized properties on the ladder to revitalization and success!

Community goals are reached when land is revitalized with healthy spaces to live, learn, work, and recreate.



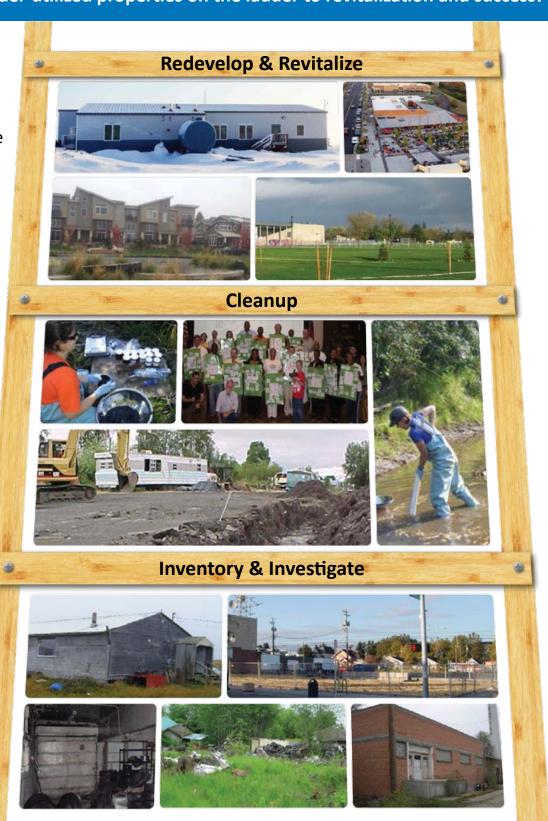
# Targeted Brownfields Assessments:

assist with the process of determining the appropriate response to any potential contamination concerns.



## The starting place:

derelict, under-utilized properties often look like this and diminish community development opportunities.



Learn more about how we can help your community reach your revitalization goals in Region 10.

### What is a Brownfield?

Real property, the reuse of which is complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

There may be more than 450,000 brownfields in the U.S. Reinvesting in these properties increases local tax bases, facilitates job growth, utilizes existing infrastructure, takes development pressures off undeveloped, open land, and both improves and protects the environment.

## **Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBAs)**

EPA's Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) program promotes the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields by helping states, tribes, municipalities, and regional planning commissions minimize the uncertainties of contamination often associated with brownfields. TBAs can also be used for community planning and visioning

Unlike funded grants, TBAs are an EPA service, and the assessments are conducted by an EPA contractor.

TBA assistance is available through two sources: directly from EPA regional Brownfields offices; and from state or tribal Response Program offices.

## A TBA may encompass one or more of the following activities:

- An "all appropriate inquiries" assessment (Phase I), which includes a background, historical investigation, and site inspection;
- A full site assessment (Phase II), including sampling activities to identify areas of contamination and types and concentrations of contaminants; and
- The determination of how much more investigation is needed and/or the evaluation of cleanup or containment options and costs, based on planned uses after redevelopment.
- The TBA program works closely with your state environmental agency. Our goal is a 'seamless' transition into your state or tribe's program, if necessary.



In Tacoma, WA, a deteriorated commercial site was suspected of contamination from neighboring businesses. After TBA Phase I and II assessments determined there was no onsite contamination, a community health clinic (Hilltop) was constructed with over \$2.2 million in leveraged investment.



In Nelson Island, AK, a new early learning center was needed. By using a TBA, the community learned that land they already owned near the former armory was clean and, by obtaining \$2,000,000 in leveraged investment the new ADA-compliant center was built.

#### **Additional Qualifications**

- Applicant must show community need and have redevelopment plans for the contaminated property.
- The applicant should apply on behalf of a specific site which it currently owns or can obtain or is "abandoned".
- Sites where the applicant could be considered a responsible party for the contamination are not eligible for TBA assistance.

#### **Helpful Web Links:**

FREE technical assistance with drafting your grant or TBA proposal: Center for Creative Land Recycling - <a href="https://www.cclr.org/">https://www.cclr.org/</a>

Region 10 Brownfields & Land Revitalization: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-and-land-revitalization-washington-idaho-oregon-and-alaska">https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-and-land-revitalization-washington-idaho-oregon-and-alaska</a>

National Brownfields information page with more links: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/overview-brownfields-program">https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/overview-brownfields-program</a>