



# City of Clearwater to Provide Grants to Support Brownfield Site Assessments and Remediation

→ Clearwater Auto Salvage Brownfield Property Pre-Remediation

## WHAT IS A BROWNFIELD?

A Brownfield site is a vacant or underutilized property where environmental contamination, actual or perceived, complicates its expansion or redevelopment. Cleanup costs and risks deter potential developers and create a barrier to community revitalization and economic development.

Partnering with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the city established the Brownfields Program in 1996 to support redevelopment initiatives and provide direct economic benefit to the city's sensitive populations and areas suffering from environmental justice issues.

## CITY OF CLEARWATER BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT AND CLEANUP GRANT PROGRAM

The Clearwater Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Grant Program has approximately \$698,000 available to award grants to eligible tax-exempt entities for Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessments and cleanup/remediation activities. Additionally, eligible for-profit entities may apply for procurement of Phase I and II Environment Site Assessments.

Projects will be reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis and will be evaluated based upon the redevelopment objectives of the city including, but not limited to, the creation of new jobs or businesses or for affordable housing.

Eligible entities applying for a grant through this program must intend to remediate the property after assessment or purchase. Applicants must not be responsible for site contamination.

To learn more about the City's Brownfields Program or to download a copy of the application, visit [myclearwater.com/Brownfields](http://myclearwater.com/Brownfields) or email [joseph.decicco@myclearwater.com](mailto:joseph.decicco@myclearwater.com) with questions.

## WHAT IS A SITE ASSESSMENT?

Determines property contamination and establishes foundation for remediation requirements often required for financing.

**Phase I Environmental Assessments** reveal potential for contamination through evaluation and review of historical property uses.

**Phase II Environmental Assessments** verify contaminants through various methods of testing.

### Common Brownfield Sites in Communities:

-  **Gas stations and fuel storage facilities**
-  **Old dry cleaners**
-  **Car repair facilities**
-  **Power plants**
-  **Manufacturing plants**
-  **Aviation facilities**
-  **Abandoned railroads or switching yards**

