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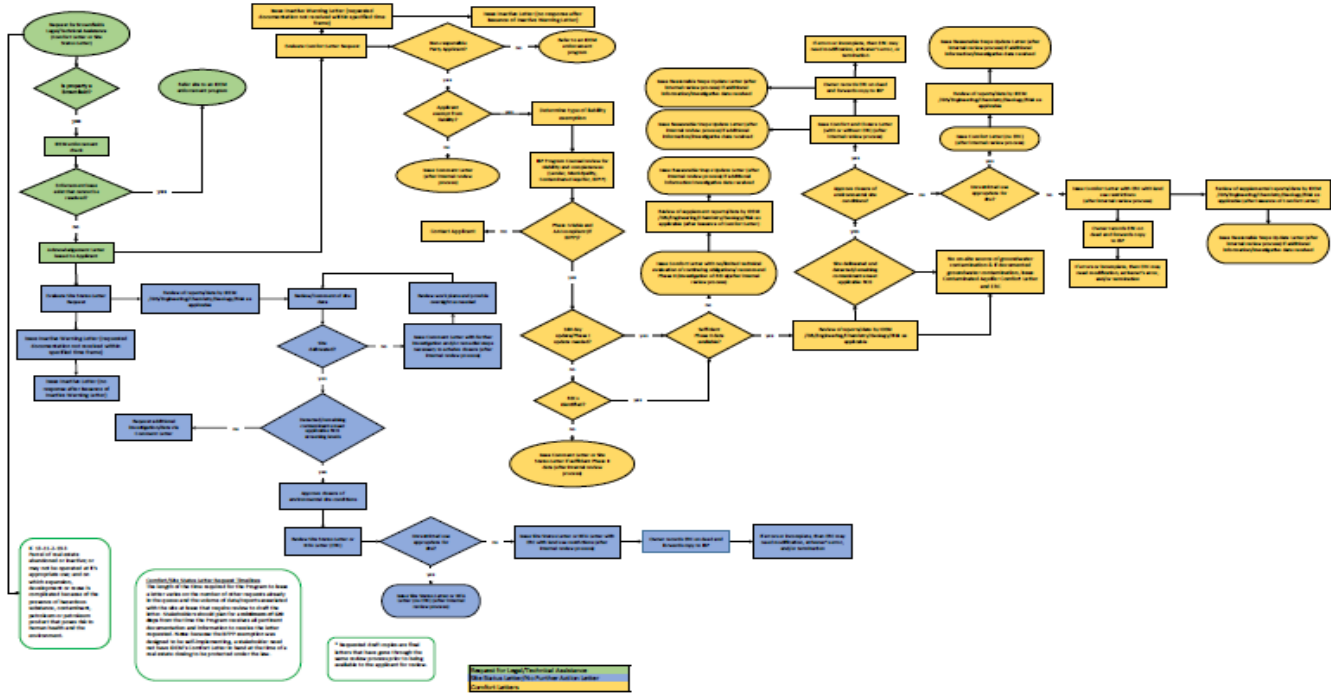
~ Special message from the Indiana Brownfields Program ~

Our operations are ongoing during the COVID-19 pandemic. With Governor Holcomb's "Back on Track Indiana", we want to assure you that the Indiana Brownfields Program (Program), whether working remotely or back in the office, continues to serve your needs to facilitate brownfield redevelopment in order to support local economies. You will continue to have access to our services and we will strive to provide our customary high level of service moving forward.

As always, we appreciate your open communication and flexibility. We will do our best to extend the same to you as we move through these unprecedented times. Please feel free to contact anyone on our staff with any questions regarding logistics with document submittals, issuance timeframes, etc.; note that at this time, the Program is only accepting electronic submittals. We will handle inquiries as we would in the normal course of business.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Stay safe and healthy!

A picture is worth a thousand words: Comfort Letter/Site Status Letter process



Yes, if this were a reading test, then most of us would not pass. Yet we want you to surpass your level of understanding regarding environmental liability. The Indiana Brownfields Program (Program) attempts to address liability concerns of stakeholders at sites where either an enforcement discretion policy or an exemption from liability based in statute applies. The Program also addresses the potential for the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) to require a cleanup based on comparing site conditions to objective, risk-based standards found in the IDEM *Remediation Closure Guide* (March 22, 2012 and applicable revisions). The Program addresses these issues in either a Comfort or Site Status Letter, which is made available under the [Brownfields Comfort/Site Status Letter Nonrule Policy Document](#).

In conjunction with a variety of financial assistance and/or separately, such legal/technical assistance is often invaluable to moving a brownfield redevelopment project forward. To better understand the Program's decision process when stakeholders request such letters, please zoom in to view the pdf of this flow chart linked on the Program's Web site at <https://www.in.gov/ifa/brownfields/2364.htm>.

What's old is new again: Low-Interest Loan (LIL) Incentive

The Indiana Brownfields Program (Program) has revived its Low-Interest Loan (LIL) incentive and offers this financial assistance on a rolling basis through an application process. The purpose of the LIL incentive is to facilitate public or private redevelopment of brownfield sites throughout the state by making low-to-zero interest loans with flexible terms available to eligible Indiana political subdivisions, non-profits, and private, for-profit entities to finance environmental clean-ups. Note that a loan may be partially forgivable for political subdivision and non-profit borrowers that meet negotiated project-specific remediation and economic development goals. Feel free to contact the Program to discuss available LIL dollars and project/borrower needs.



Below, for your convenience, are links from our Program web page to relevant LIL incentive documents:

- ◆ [LIL Application](#) - updated May 2020
- ◆ [LIL Guidelines](#) - updated May 2018
- ◆ [Brownfield Disbursement Request Form](#) - August 2018



Brownfields 2020 Job Training Grant fact sheet excerpts: RecycleForce, Indianapolis

Under the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act of 2002, as amended by the Brownfields Utilization, Investment and Local Development Act of 2018, U.S. EPA offers Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants to eligible applicants. This funding is in addition to the typical brownfields financial assistance through the other competitive grant programs (Multipurpose Grants, Assessment Grants, Revolving Loan Fund Grants, and Cleanup Grants) with different grant rounds.

Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grant funds are provided to non-profit organizations and other eligible entities to recruit and train unemployed and underemployed residents from communities impacted by solid and hazardous waste and place them in environmental jobs. U.S. EPA has funded approximately 305 job training grants totaling over \$63 million through the Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training program. As of October 2019, more than 18,300 individuals have completed training, and of those, almost 13,700 have obtained employment in an environmental field at an average starting wage of over \$14 an hour. This equates to a cumulative placement rate of approximately 75% since the program was created in 1998.

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U.S. EPA selected Indianapolis-based RecycleForce for a \$200,000 Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grant. RecycleForce's plans include training 50 students and placing at least 29 graduates in environmental jobs. The core training program includes 67.5 hours of instruction in 40-hour HAZWOPER, RCRA, and OSHA safety. Participants who complete the training will earn 13 federal certifications. RecycleForce is targeting neighborhoods within Qualified Opportunity Zones in the Indianapolis metropolitan area. Key partners include EmployIndy, the City of Indianapolis Department of Public Works, US Ecology, the City of Indianapolis Office of Public Health and Safety, Indy Public Safety Foundation's Indianapolis Graffiti Abatement Unit, Brightmark Energy Plastics Division, Citizens Energy Group, Big Boy's Moving LLC, Keys to Work, and the John Boner Neighborhood Centers.

The Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant program is yet another valuable opportunity to secure federal funding to improve your neighborhood. For further additional news and events, and publications and links, visit the [EPA Brownfields Web site \(http://www.epa.gov/brownfields\)](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields).



Innovative Electronics Recycling

A cleaner environment. A stronger workforce.

RecycleForce is a 501(c)3 social enterprise delivering comprehensive and innovative recycling services in support of workforce training, development and job placement for formerly incarcerated men and women transitioning back to society.

It's good to have some good news: Indiana secures needed U.S. EPA funding

On May 6, 2020, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) announced that 151 communities were selected to receive 155 grants totaling \$65.6 million in U.S. EPA Brownfields funding through its annual (FFY 2020) Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup (ARC) Grant round. This federal funding will be used to assess, clean up and redevelop underutilized properties, supporting local economies while protecting public health and the environment.



U.S. EPA Region 5 states received about 20% of the national pot of funds in this nationally competitive grant program. Indiana realized success again by securing a total of \$2,704,000. Seven Indiana communities/community groups (including three coalitions) are fortunate enough to receive Assessment Grant funding that will allow them to repurpose brownfields – turning them from liabilities to assets – and to restore their neighborhoods. The winning Indiana applicants include existing and new grantees. The following information from U.S. EPA highlights details of the respective funding awards:

Crawfordsville, IN

Assessment Grant
\$300,000

EPA has selected the City of Crawfordsville for a Brownfields Assessment Grant. Community-wide grant funds will be used to conduct five to six Phase I and three to five Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to produce five to ten cleanup plans and to conduct community outreach activities, including holding four to six public meetings. Target areas for this grant include the Downtown North Edge, which contains a Qualified Opportunity Zone, and the Southeast Side Neighborhood. Priority sites include a former power plant, former coal storage, a former industrial site, and two former gas stations.

Greenfield, IN

Assessment Grant
\$300,000

EPA has selected the City of Greenfield for a Brownfields Assessment Grant. Community-wide grant funds will be used to conduct five to six Phase I and three to five Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to produce between five and ten cleanup plans and conduct community outreach activities, including four to six public meetings. The target area for this grant is the Penny Trail Corridor, which is located in and around the city's former downtown and rail corridor. Priority sites are located in low-income residential or mixed-use areas and include a junkyard, grain elevator, power substation, former gas station, former rail depot, and a former towing yard.

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Henry County, IN

Assessment Grant
\$400,000

EPA has selected Henry County for a Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant. Community-wide grant funds will be used to conduct 12 Phase I and nine Phase II environmental site assessments and develop six cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to inventory and prioritize sites and conduct community involvement activities. Assessment activities will focus on areas within Middletown, New Castle, and Spiceland. Priority sites include two former manufacturing sites in East New Castle; three former auto repair/light industrial sites in Spiceland; and a former dry cleaner and former auto repair shop in Middletown. Coalition partners are the City of New Castle and the Town of Spiceland.

Logansport, IN

Assessment Grant
\$600,000

EPA has selected the City of Logansport for a Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant. Community-wide grant funds will be used to conduct 16 Phase I and 12 to 24 Phase II environmental site assessments and develop seven to 14 cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to conduct community involvement activities. Assessment activities will focus on the Logansport Eerie Avenue Corridor, Logansport Water Street Corridor, and the Grissom Aeroplex. Priority sites include the Transco and Exide Battery sites in Logansport; the Nickel Plate North site in downtown Rochester; the Akron Foundry site in Akron, and the Grissom Aeroplex Heat Plant in Bunker Hill. Coalition partners are Fulton County and the North Central Indiana Regional Planning Council.

River Hills Economic Development District and Regional Planning Commission, Corydon, Charlestown, and Albany, IN

Assessment Grant
\$300,000

EPA has selected the River Hills Economic Development District and Regional Planning Commission for a Brownfields Assessment Grant. Community-wide grant funds will be used to conduct nine Phase I and six Phase II environmental site assessments and develop four cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to create an updated brownfields inventory and perform community outreach activities. The grant will focus on three areas: the Charlestown River Ridge Corridor, which is located in a Qualified Opportunity Zone; the Corydon Little Indian Creek Corridor, and New Albany Tract 702. Priority sites include a former auto sales and repair property in Corydon; a group of abandoned buildings formerly used as munitions storage, which lie adjacent to the Charlestown Park; and a tannery in New Albany.

Southern Indiana Development Commission, Washington, Vincennes, and Bedford, IN

Assessment Grant
\$504,000

EPA has selected the Southern Indiana Development Commission for a Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant. Community-wide grant funds will be used to conduct 14 Phase I and 11 Phase II environmental site assessments and develop six cleanup plans. Grant funds also will be used to inventory and prioritize sites and conduct community involvement activities. Assessment activities will focus on the communities of Washington in Daviess County, Vincennes in Knox County, and Bedford in Lawrence County, all of which include Qualified Opportunity Zones. Priority sites include a 10-acre site with a history of gas pump and refrigerant manufacturing in Washington; a 1.9-acre former industrial solvents warehouse in Vincennes; and a 4-acre site containing deteriorating structures and approximately eight 8,000 gallon tanks reported to contain fuel and solvents in Bedford. Coalition partners are the Counties of Daviess, Greene, Knox, Lawrence, and Martin.

Terre Haute, IN

Assessment Grant
\$300,000

EPA has selected Terre Haute for a Brownfields Assessment Grant. Community-wide grant funds will be used to perform 13 Phase I and nine Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds also will be used to prepare cleanup and reuse plans and hold up to six public meetings. The target area for this grant includes three priority sites: the Coke and Carbon site, which was formerly used by the Indiana Coke and Gas Company from 1926 until 1988; Study Area 1, which contains former industrial properties within the Wabash River floodplain and is located within a Qualified Opportunity Zone, and the International Paper site, which is located on the south end of Study Area 1.

Additional information about this federal funding opportunity may be found on U.S. EPA's Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/>. Detailed information about the FFY 2020 grant round may be found directly at this web page: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-selection-155-grants-communities-receive-over-65-million-total-grant> .





U.S. EPA Region 5 Administrator Kurt Thiede, announcing recent U.S. EPA Brownfields Grant awards, during a live press event at the former Colonial Bakery brownfield site in Indianapolis where RLF-funded cleanup is underway

Photo credit: Alan Mbathi

Indiana Environmental reporting is supported by the Environmental Resilience Institute, an Indiana University Grand Challenge project developing Indiana-specific projections and informed responses to problems of environmental change.

Full news release at: <https://indianapublicmedia.org/news/state-gets-3m-to-clean-up-polluted-land,-community-benefits-depend-on-involvement.php>

Indiana Finance Authority receives \$300,000 from U.S. EPA to clean up contaminated properties

On June 10, 2020, during a live press event held in, and with cooperation of, the City of Indianapolis, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) announced, among other news, its Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Supplemental funding award to the Indiana Finance Authority (IFA). The intent of this federal funding is to clean up contamination at a few Indiana locations identified by the Indiana Brownfields Program (Program) in order to facilitate redevelopment. The multi-topic press event was attended by IFA, as well as the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM).

Per the U.S.EPA press release, EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler announced the agency is providing a total of \$6.9 million in FFY20 Supplemental Funding for Brownfields RLF Grants for 25 high-performing existing Brownfields RLF grantees, including \$300,000 for the IFA which has depleted its funds and has viable cleanup projects ready for work. RLF Supplemental funding is intended to help clean up and redevelop contaminated brownfield properties in communities in need of assistance. For more information about Brownfields RLF Grants, check out: <https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/types-brownfields-grant-funding>.

Below is a list of Indiana news releases related to the live press event:

<https://www.insideindianabusiness.com/story/42237767/indiana-finance-authority-receives-dollar300k-from-epa>

<https://www.justtherealnews.com/exec-depts/interior-dept/indiana-finance-authority-receives-300000-from-epa-to-clean-up-contaminated-properties/>

<https://fox59.com/news/epa-announces-funding-for-brownfield-cleanups/>

<https://cbs4indy.com/news/epa-announces-funding-to-clean-up-contaminated-properties/>

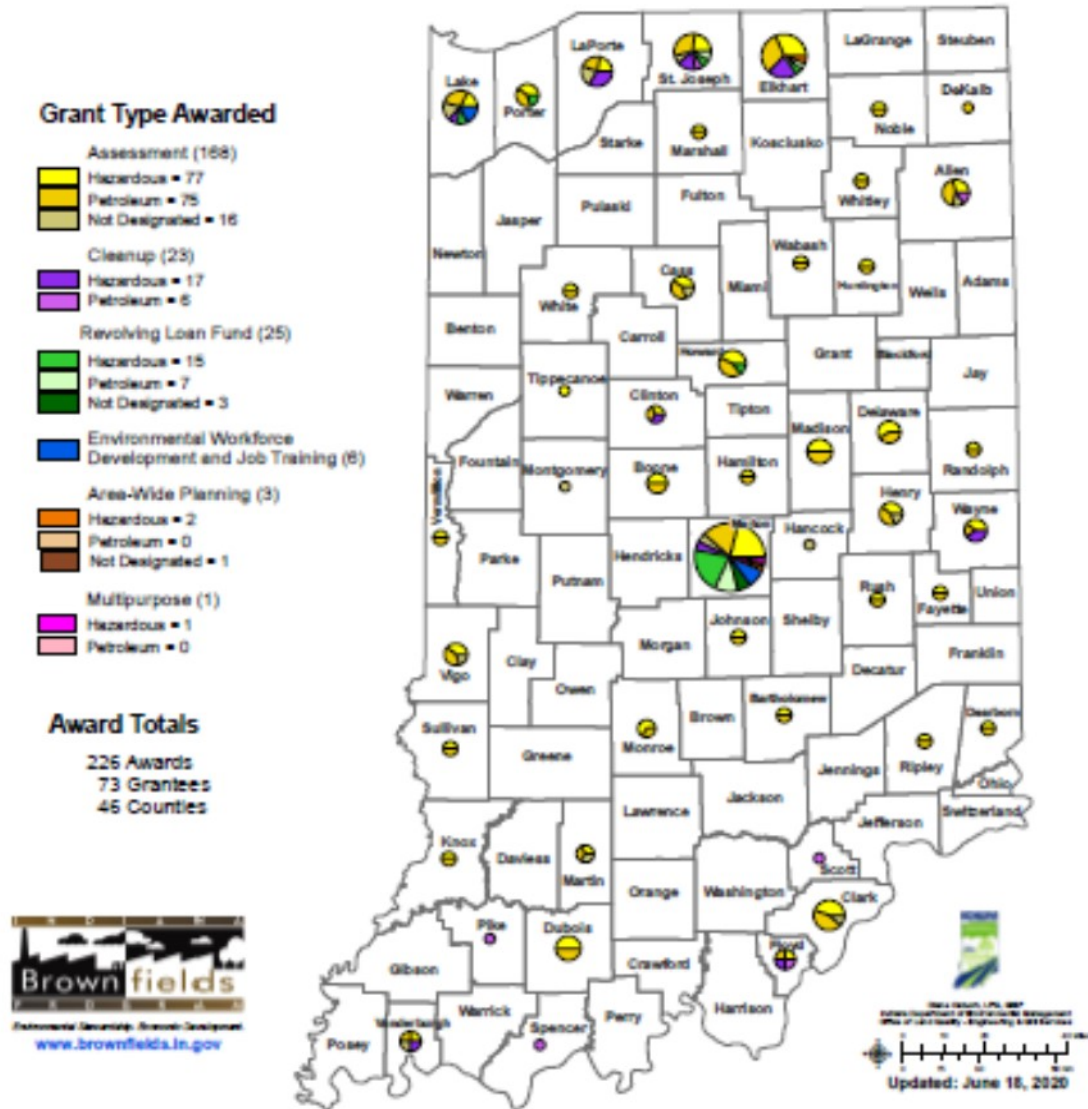
The specific purpose of the Indiana Brownfields Program's RLF is to facilitate the public or private redevelopment of brownfield sites throughout the state primarily by making low-cost funding available to eligible public and private borrowers through low-to-zero interest loans with flexible terms and awarding subgrants (as an award of professional services) to eligible political subdivisions and non-profits to finance environmental cleanups. "This award of RLF supplemental funding to the state will further advance Indiana's success in cleaning up brownfield sites and helping communities improve their economies," said Dan Huge, Indiana public finance director. "This funding will support Governor Holcomb's priority to continue cultivating our strong and diverse economy in Indiana and serve as a vital aspect in turning blighted brownfield sites into neighborhood assets."

As an existing U.S. EPA RLF grantee, the IFA took advantage of the annual, competitive opportunity to request RLF Supplemental funding through a proposal to U.S. EPA since it has obligated all of its available RLF monies through low-interest RLF loans and subgrant awards for over 20 brownfield sites in communities statewide. Starting with a \$2,831,044 Regular RLF grant in 2008 and a subsequent \$2,500,000 ARRA (American Recovery & Reinvestment Act) RLF grant in 2009, the IFA has successfully secured nine total RLF Supplemental funding awards for the Indiana Brownfields Program since 2010 totaling \$4,760,000 (including IFA's cost share match). The RLF incentive, which includes all the RLF Supplemental funding awards, has yielded 9 loans to 7 communities totaling \$5,015,169 and 11 subgrants to 10 communities totaling just under \$3,000,000.



U.S. EPA Brownfields Grant Awards (FFY 1995 - 2020)

Grantees Include various units of government and/or non-profits



Any general questions regarding the Indiana Brownfields Program and/or U.S. EPA Brownfields Grant Funding should be directed to Michele Oertel at 317-234-0235 or by email at moertel@ifa.IN.gov.

Access this interactive map at: <http://www.in.gov/ifa/brownfields/2388.htm>

This map graphically depicts locations and is not intended for any other purpose.

This interactive map can be accessed on the Program Web site at <https://www.in.gov/ifa/brownfields/2366.htm>.

Opportunities abound

Depending on experiences and perspectives, brownfields can be viewed as challenges or opportunities. Often located in economically disadvantaged urban and rural communities, brownfields afford the opportunity to secure focused public/private resources that can help underserved neighborhoods in Opportunity Zones (OZs). The federal government defines OZs as economically-distressed areas where new investment, under certain conditions, may be eligible for preferential tax treatment in assessing and cleaning up abandoned industrial and commercial properties for new, productive reuses. For more information on Opportunity Zones, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/opportunity-zones>. Also, here is the web link to the new U.S. EPA OZ fact sheet: https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-04/documents/opportunity_zones_and_brownfields_redevelopment.pdf.

In partnership with U.S. EPA, the Indiana Brownfields Program (Program) is attempting to gather data and prioritize sites located in OZs throughout Indiana. Below highlights some of the Program's efforts with regard to OZs.

- ⇒ Indiana OZs added to GIS Viewer
- Filtered Brownfield site list and identified approximately 725 brownfield sites within the 156 Indiana Opportunity Zone census tracts
- Since the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act enacted on December 22, 2017, Program support for sites located in Opportunity Zones includes:
 - Approximately \$3,400,000 in financial assistance
 - 82 Comfort Letters
 - 14 Site Status Letters
 - 2 No Further Action Letters
 - 23 Petroleum Eligibility Letters
 - 2 Brownfield Determination Letters
- ⇒ OZ information added to the Program's Web site, showing the nexus with the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) which is the State's lead agency for OZ-related work

Among other agencies, the Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) which is a national association representing public, private, and non-profit entities dedicated to the advancement of development finance concerns and interests, offers educational opportunities about Opportunity Zones. Goals include aligning capital in OZs, developing elevated investment strategies, and understanding how to connect federal resources to local OZ policies. CDFA supports community-driven impact in OZs as is highlighted in the following educational topics:

Opportunity Zones Market Trends and COVID-19

As we seek to emerge from the public health and global economic crises, serious questions remain about how to deliver recovery that is equitable and builds resilience across our nation. While still in its relative infancy, the OZ incentive could offer insights and lessons for the nation and support broader efforts to deliver an equitable recovery from COVID-19.

Opportunity Zones Deadlines Extended and Primed for What Comes Next

Investing in Opportunity Zones has become more complicated since the IRS released the final OZ regulations in December and the COVID-19 outbreak caused numerous states to issue stay-at-home orders, which had rippling effects across the national economy. It is important to consider these new regulations and important economic shifts when looking to invest in OZs.

The Case for Opportunity Zone Investments in Rural Areas

For investors battered by the stock market, Opportunity Zones offer a win-win. Opportunity Zones allow investors to benefit from the initiative's capital gains tax breaks, to make money, accomplish multi-generational long-term financial planning and diversify their portfolios away from equities. The tool has been underutilized in rural areas, despite the potential these areas hold.



Opportunity Zone Deadlines Extended By COVID-19 Disaster Declarations

The COVID-19 pandemic has led the Governor of Indiana, among others nationwide, to request that their states be declared federal disaster areas. These declarations will extend two important deadlines in the rules relating to investments in qualified opportunity zones. For more information, check out: <https://www.iedc.in.gov/programs/indiana-opportunity-zones>.



Opportunity Zone resource links: reading tax incentive information through an environmental lens

1. EPA Resources
 - a. [EPA Opportunity Zones website](#) (Office of Community Revitalization)
 - b. [Fact Sheet on IRS Regulations for OZs and BF Redevelopment](#) – OBLR finalized this fact sheet in April 2020. It provides brownfield specifics as they related to the IRS Opportunity Zone regulations (also available on our website under the [Tax Incentives and Credits](#) webpage).
 - c. Link to newest version of the Brownfields Federal Programs Guide, which highlights Opportunity Zone connections (p. 100-102) <https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-federal-programs-guide-2019>
2. HUD Resources
 - a. [HUD Opportunity Zones website](#) – This is the federal government’s primary website for OZs and has a lot of useful information.
 - b. [Opportunity Zones Toolkit Volume 2: A Guide to Local Best Practices and Case Studies](#)
 - c. Link to join Opportunity Zone (WH/HUD) news list serve: <https://www.hud.gov/subscribe/signup?listname=Opportunity%20Zones&list=OPPORTUNITY-ZONES-L>
 - d. Short HUD video explaining Opportunity Zones: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JpZPjWaUkCc&feature=emb_logo
3. White House Resources
 - a. [Completed Action Items of the White House Opportunity and Revitalization Council](#) – Page 134 shows EPA programs that specifically mention Opportunity Zones in their grant/funding guidelines.
4. Mapping Tools
 - a. Cleanups In My Community – [Map of all EPA funded BF sites](#) overlaid with Opportunity Zones (the check box to activate this layer is at the very bottom).



Save the Dates!!!

Stay tuned for more information about our Program’s upcoming Virtual Brownfield Redevelopment Workshop Series on September 15, 16 & 17! Newly elected officials are especially encouraged to participate.

Register one time for any/all three different days for afternoon times. More information can be accessed later at: www.ksutab.org/education/workshops .

Site Selection and Prioritization Tips from the TAB Program

The U.S. EPA-funded Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Program can help with development of a local brownfield inventory at no cost. One way this can be accomplished is through the on-line Brownfields Inventory Tool (BIT) accessible at www.tab-bit.org. Below are some tips for communities to consider as they flesh out their To-Do lists:

- * Cleanup Risk Quantified
- * Ease of Access
- * Existing Infrastructure
- * Real Estate Considerations
- * Economic Incentives
- * Community/Public Accessibility/Benefit
- * Other

Some summer reading while staying safe

Community Actions that Drive Brownfields Redevelopment

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) recently developed a Guide (April 2020) to help communities with brownfields to more successfully address community revitalization and brownfields-related challenges. The Guide outlines concrete actions communities can take to address these challenges.

Through the three case studies described in the Guide, it is shown that attracting public or private investment for the reuse of brownfield properties can bring economic and social benefits to communities, in addition to improving environmental conditions. The Guide provides details of the five steps for successful brownfield redevelopment:

1. Lead with stakeholder involvement that empowers the local community to become redevelopment champions.
2. Create a site reuse vision that is exciting and realistic.
3. Remove barriers to brownfield redevelopment (i.e., expediting zoning and permitting approvals).
4. Engage developers and end-users.
5. Complete site preparations and close the deal.

The Guide also discusses opportunities for obtaining brownfield grants and technical assistance. For more information, check out

[https://
hazmatmag.com/2020/04/
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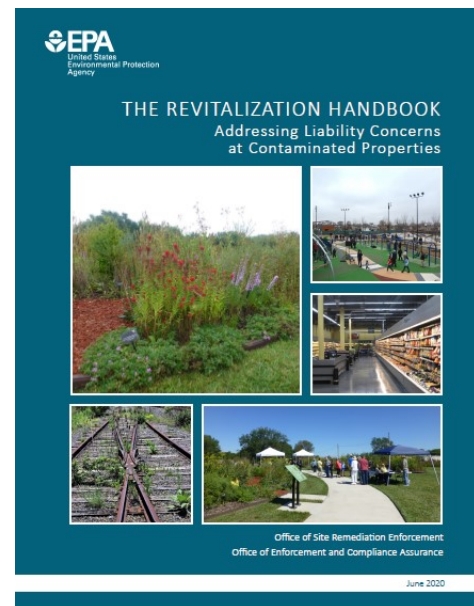


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Superfund Liability Protections for Local Government Acquisitions after the Brownfields Utilization, Investment, and Local Development Act of 2018 ("Local Government Acquisition Guidance"). This enforcement discretion guidance, developed by the U.S. EPA Office of Site Remediation Enforcement (OSRE) under Recommendation 31 of the Superfund Task Force (SFTF), focuses on CERCLA § 101(20)(D) as amended by the *Brownfields Utilization, Investment, and Local Development Act of 2018 (BUILD Act)* and addresses potential CERCLA liability concerns of local governments related to contaminated property acquisitions. The guidance supersedes the 2011 factsheet titled *CERCLA Liability and Local Government Acquisitions and Other Activities*.

U.S. EPA 2020 edition of the ***Revitalization Handbook***. This update to the 2019 edition reflects the new ***Local Government Acquisition Guidance*** and ***Use of the "Look-First" Approach in Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Settlement Agreements Involving Third Parties*** (“‘Look First’ Memorandum”).

U.S. EPA’s updated version of the ***Anatomy of Brownfields Redevelopment Guide*** explains the real estate process for cleaning up and redeveloping one or more brownfields sites. It includes material from the 2018 U.S. EPA RE-Development Academy webinar/workshop trainings which should help communities as they think through brownfields redevelopment options. This is available on U.S. EPA’s web site at <https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/anatomy-brownfields-redevelopment-0>.



The U.S. EPA guidance web portal that provides links to all of U.S. EPA's active guidance documents is now accessible at <https://www.epa.gov/guidance>. Note that the guidance documents are organized by U.S. EPA Headquarters and Regional offices, e.g., **Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM)** at Headquarters. Most recent documents are listed first. On the Office page, you’ll also see a text box that includes a link to submit a petition for modification or withdrawal of guidance documents. Below are some specific Brownfields Resources:

- [Brownfields and Public Health](#)
- [Publications By Brownfield Topic](#)
- [Land Revitalization Tools for Communities](#)

U.S. EPA’s first-of-its-kind ***PFAS Action Plan*** includes an update to its Drinking Water Treatability Database with new treatment options and scientific references for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The database update will further help states, tribes, and local governments, as well as water utilities, make better decisions to manage PFAS in their communities. For more information on U.S. EPA’s Drinking Water Treatability Database and to access it, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/water-research/drinking-water-treatability-database-tdb>. Learn more about U.S. EPA’s PFAS research at: <https://www.epa.gov/chemical-research/research-and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas>. For more information on the PFAS Action Plan, check out: <https://www.epa.gov/pfas/epas-pfas-action-plan>.

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For up-to-date information about events relevant to brownfield redevelopment, please visit the Indiana Brownfields Program Web site: www.brownfields.IN.gov.

Rolling Application Dates

SUSPENDED until 2021: Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) Blight Clearance Program (BCP) Proposal and Application

This funding (up to \$500,000 over a period of time) helps communities with blighted properties to focus on long-term community development and revitalization through improving quality of place, generating jobs, and spurring economic revitalization. Eligible projects include the removal of deteriorated or abandoned downtown buildings or vacant/unusable industrial sites. The proposal is a draft of the application that allows OCRA to review the basic information of the project and determine if it is likely to meet a national objective and is an eligible activity before approving the submission of a full application. Instructions and proposal/application materials are available at <https://www.in.gov/ocra/2718.htm>.

Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) Historic Renovation Grant Program is open for applications. The program is designed to preserve and rehabilitate historic properties to further incentivize downtown economic development across Indiana. Applicants with an eligible historic commercial structure have the opportunity to apply for project funding between \$5,000 and \$100,000 at a maximum request of 50 percent of the total eligible project cost. Eligible applicants include non-profits, individuals, partnerships, firms, associations, joint ventures, limited liability companies, corporations or non-profit affordable housing organizations.

Eligible properties for this grant program must be at least fifty years old and either listed on the register of Indiana historic sites/structures, be listed or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places or be listed as a contributing resource in a National Register District. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis and can be submitted at any time. Interested property owners, who meet established eligibility requirements, must submit an application and all supporting documentation to apply. For more information, visit www.in.gov/ocra/hrgp.htm.

August 3-4, 2020

Council of Development Finance Authorities (CDFA) Fundamentals of Economic Development Finance Course

<https://www.cdfa.net/cdfa/cdfaweb.nsf/pages/events.html>

[Register Now](#)

August 5-6, 2020

CDFA Intro Public-Private Partnership (P3) Finance Course

<https://www.cdfa.net/cdfa/cdfaweb.nsf/pages/events.html>

[Register Now](#)

August 10-11, 2020

CDFA [Intro Brownfields Finance Course](https://www.cdfa.net/cdfa/cdfaweb.nsf/pages/events.html)

<https://www.cdfa.net/cdfa/cdfaweb.nsf/pages/events.html>

[Register Now](#)

August 10-11, 2020

CDFA [Intro Revolving Loan Fund Course](https://www.cdfa.net/cdfa/cdfaweb.nsf/pages/events.html)

<https://www.cdfa.net/cdfa/cdfaweb.nsf/pages/events.html>

[Register Now](#)

August 24, 2020

The **Brownfields 2021 Call for Ideas** is now open. Please submit your ideas for dynamic educational sessions in Oklahoma City that will motivate brownfields stakeholders to engage, learn, and share their experiences and knowledge of community revitalization challenges and solutions. [Click here to see instructions for submitting your ideas.](#) <https://brownfields2021.org/>



September 2, 2020

2020 Indiana Sustainability and Resilience Conference

The inaugural Indiana Sustainability and Resilience Conference will explore the theme, Sustainability as an Economic Driver. Many businesses in our state and across the nation have found sustainability is not just a wise marketing posture, but rather a legitimately profitable and forward-looking business strategy. IUPUI, as the host, will explore what businesses, communities and nonprofits alike can gain from investing in sustainability, including improved stakeholder relations, risk management, driving competitive advantage, fostering innovation and more. Register today to secure your seat at the Conference! There will be no on-site registration available. **Registration will close on August 25, 2020.**

[Register to Attend](#)

[View Agenda](#)

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September 15, 16, & 17

Virtual Workshop Series: Brownfields Redevelopment

1:30-3:30pm Eastern Time

The Indiana Brownfields Program and U.S. EPA-funded Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Program annual co-hosted workshops are moving to another month and to another platform for a safe learning environment during the COVID-19 pandemic. Stay tuned for more details in the near future. More information can be accessed at: www.ksutab.org/education/workshops.

September 16, 2020

23rd Annual Partners for Pollution Prevention Conference and Trade Show – Small Changes = Big Impacts

Indianapolis Marriott North

For more information, visit <https://www.in.gov/idem/partnerships/2334.htm>.

Week of September 21, 2020

Greater Northwest Indiana Brownfields Coalition Virtual Workshop: Funding Resources

Afternoon

Stay tuned for more information. In the meantime, contact Kathy Luther of NIRPC at kluther@nirpc.org

September 22, 29 and October 6, 2020

IL & IN Bi-State Brownfields Virtual Workshop Series: Leveraging and Layering Resources – Economic Revitalization through Brownfields Redevelopment

FREE workshop co-hosted by the Calumet Collaborative, the U.S. EPA-funded Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) program, et al.

10:30am-12:30pm Eastern Time

A single registration will allow you to participate in all three webinars.

For online registration (once open) and webinar materials, go to: www.ksutab.org/education/workshops .

September 24, 2020

American Council of Engineering Companies of Indiana (ACEC) Environmental Business & Funding Sources In-Person Conference

Indianapolis

For more information, check out www.acecindiana.org.

October 2020

DEADLINE anticipated for U.S. EPA Brownfield Multi-purpose, Assessment, and Cleanup Grant Proposals

For updates, visit <https://www.epa.gov/brownfields>.

October 13, 2020

Indiana Chamber 2020 Indiana Environmental Conference

Hyatt Regency Indianapolis

For more information, check out <https://www.indianachamber.com/event/environmentalconference/> .

October 21, 2020

2020 AHAIN Affordable Housing Conference & Annual Meeting

Co-sponsored by USDA Rural Development and the Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority. Embassy Suites by Hilton, Noblesville Indianapolis Conference Center

For more information, visit <https://inaha.org/event/2020-ahain-affordable-housing-conference-and-annual-meeting/> .

April 2021

The 2021 National Brownfields Training Conference will be held on April 26-30, 2021 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Offered every two years, this conference is the largest gathering of stakeholders focused on cleaning up and reusing formerly utilized commercial and industrial properties. U.S EPA co-sponsors this event with the International City/County Management Association (ICMA). Check out <https://brownfields2021.org/> .



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We hope this message finds you well and healthy. EPA and ICMA are closely monitoring the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation and are adapting our in-person conference experience in consideration of your health and safety. We look forward to seeing you at the **National Brownfields Training Conference** in Oklahoma City.

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