

Portland Brownfield Program

recovery
of neighborhood lands

The Portland Brownfield Program provides technical and financial assistance to assess and clean up brownfields. We work with private property owners, non-profits, community groups, small business owners, developers and public agencies.

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What is a brownfield?

A **brownfield** is a property where past use may have contaminated soil or water. Brownfields are found in cities, small towns, rural areas, commercial and industrial areas, neighborhoods, and along waterways.

Often, they are former:

Gas Stations

Auto Repair Shops

Dry Cleaners

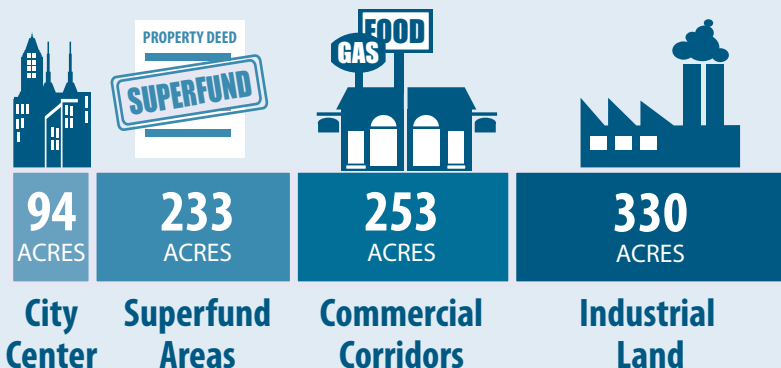
Industrial Facilities

Warehouses

Vacant Lots



910 acres of land in Portland are potential brownfields.* Of those acres:



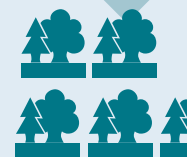
Why redevelop brownfields?

Brownfield **revitalization** improves human and environmental health, protects water quality, increases the tax base, reduces sprawl, spurs economic development, creates jobs, eliminates blight, and helps keep business in Portland.



1 acre

of brownfield redevelopment in place of greenfield development** leads to:



4.5 acres of "saved" greenfields



47-62% less stormwater runoff



32-57% fewer vehicle miles traveled

Redevelopment of **all brownfields in Portland** could result in:*

31,000 new jobs

\$40 million in additional tax revenues

39,000 tons of CO₂ emissions reduced annually

by taking 9,200 cars off the road every year

About the program

Since 1998, **Portland's Brownfield Program** has provided environmental investigations on more than 70 properties totaling over 100 acres and contributed to the development of:

17 Parks/Green Spaces

12 Community Gardens/Urban Farms

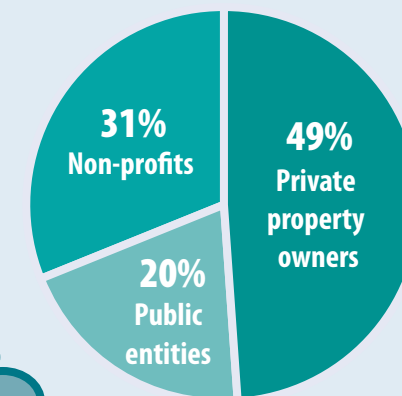
26 Non-profits

31 Small Businesses

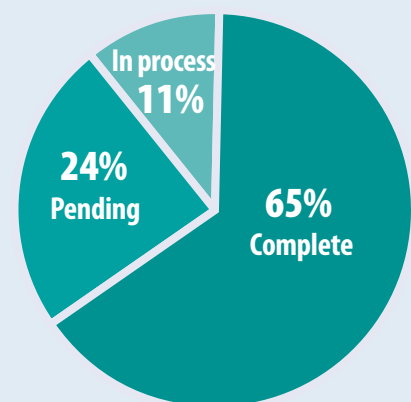
780 Affordable Housing Units

\$3.8 million of EPA funding has been awarded through the program

Funds were granted to:



Since funding, redevelopment of those sites is:



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** www.epa.gov/brownfields/overview/Brownfields-Benefits-postcard.pdf

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