

Brownfields in Alaska

The basics, resources, & keys to success!



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Roadmap

- DEC's brownfields element
- Brownfields introduction & history
- Brownfield funding & services
- Keys to success

Who We Are

DEC's Contaminated Sites Program Brownfields Element:

- State & Tribal Response Program (STRP) grantee
- Program-wide element

Roles:

- Provide technical assistance with EPA grants, services
- Maintain public database and map of Alaska's contaminated sites
- Conduct outreach to TRP's, city governments, general public
- Offer yearly brownfield cleanup and assessment services through application process (DEC Brownfield Assessment and Cleanup, DBAC)

What is a Brownfield Site?

1. Land or building, often both
2. Actual or suspected contamination
3. Reuse/redevelopment plan



Brownfields History

1995: EPA created Brownfields Program to address economic development obstacles posed by brownfields.

2002: Brownfields Law signed, CERCLA amended, to provide assessment & cleanup funding for brownfields.



Why identify and reuse?

Environmental Benefits

- contaminant removal protects human and environment
- protects adjacent land from contaminant migration

Economic Benefits

- increase employment opportunities
- raise value of neighboring properties

Social Benefits

- improve community health
- provide opportunity for traditional lifestyle activities



DEC's Brownfield Assessment & Cleanup (DBAC) Program

- Free services, not dollars, are awarded
- Services: assessment or cleanup-related
- Competitive, statewide
- Apply! → October 1, 2015 - January 29, 2016

<http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/csp/brownfields.htm#assess>

Who is eligible?

Public, quasi-public, and non-profit entities:

- Alaska Native Tribes
- City government and Tribal councils
- Non-profits
- State agencies
- Community development organizations



EPA's Targeted Brownfields Assessments

- Successful applicants awarded: Services, not money
- Applications accepted & reviewed year-round
- Competitive between EPA's Region 10 (AK, WA, OR, & ID)

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EPA's Competitive Grants

- Applications accepted once per year, funding permitting
- Grants available: assessment, cleanup, & more!
- Nationally-competitive
- \$200,000 maximum award (assessment or cleanup)
20% match required from grant recipient for cleanups
- Alaska's federally-recognized tribes ineligible.
- Alaska Native Corporations (Village & Regional) are eligible.

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Keys To Success!

Goal = Reuse/Redevelopment!

1. Partnership: documented community-support, teamwork
2. Resources: other funding, equipment, technical assistance
3. Momentum: long-term effort, support

A close-up photograph of a branch with several ripe, dark blue blueberries and green leaves. The background is a soft-focus green. The text is overlaid on semi-transparent white boxes.

QUESTIONS?

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