

# Program details

Walker County was awarded a \$500,000 US EPA Brownfields Grant in October 2022.

Funds can be used for Phase I and II environmental site assessments (ESAs), clean-up planning and community outreach activities.

Grant funding activities will focus on properties throughout **Walker County.**



## **Burnside Redevelopment (before) Chattanooga, TN**

The Former Acme Box Company, a brownfield site, was recently redeveloped into Burnside: A Southside Townhome Community - a recent addition to Chattanooga's vibrant Southside Neighborhood.

# Why cleanup and reinvest in brownfields sites?

- Increases the local tax base
- Helps spur redevelopment
- Uses existing infrastructure
- Facilitates job growth
- Improves and protects the environment



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## What is a Brownfield?

A brownfield site is a property where actual or perceived environmental contamination complicates its expansion or redevelopment. Sites may be contaminated with hazardous substances, petroleum, pesticides, metals and asbestos.

## Why is this important for businesses and developers?

- Environmental assessments can remove the environmental stigma surrounding a property.
- If contamination is found, rehabilitation costs can be realized and managed.
- Liability protections via federal (CERCLA & RCRA) and state laws can protect non-responsible parties.
- Redevelopment of contaminated sites can unlock private investment and leverage funds for greater redevelopment.

## Brownfields Program

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established the Brownfields Program to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders to promote economic redevelopment for sustainable reuse.



## What does the funding cover?

### PHASE I & II ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENTS

A Phase I is a non-intrusive evaluation of environmental conditions at a site to determine if there is a recognized environmental condition (REC) which warrants further investigation in the form of a Phase II ESA.

## Identifying Sites

- ▶ Do you know of a property you believe to be contaminated?
- ▶ Is your property vacant because of real or perceived contamination?
- ▶ Are you having trouble selling your property because of real or perceived environmental contamination?

If you answered

# YES

then the property may be eligible for the Walker County Brownfields Grant Program.