



Bringing Underutilized Sites Back to Life



Assessing and Remediating Inactive Sites in
Niagara County, New York Since 1999

What is a brownfield?

A brownfield site is any real property where a contaminant is present at levels exceeding the soil cleanup objectives or other health-based or environmental standards, criteria or guidance adopted by New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Why are brownfields important?

Brownfields are often abandoned sites that can create safety and health risks to surrounding residents, increase unemployment, and are frequently tax delinquent. Because lenders, investors, and developers sometimes fear liability for cleaning up the contamination they did not create, they are attracted to development on farm fields and clean properties. Reinvesting in brownfields protects the environment, reduces blight, increases the tax base, creates new jobs and reuses existing infrastructure.

Brownfields include different types of sites such as:

- Former industrial facilities
- Abandoned commercial properties
- Closed schools
- Abandoned gas stations
- Junk yards and auto repair shops
- Past dry cleaners



CHALLENGE



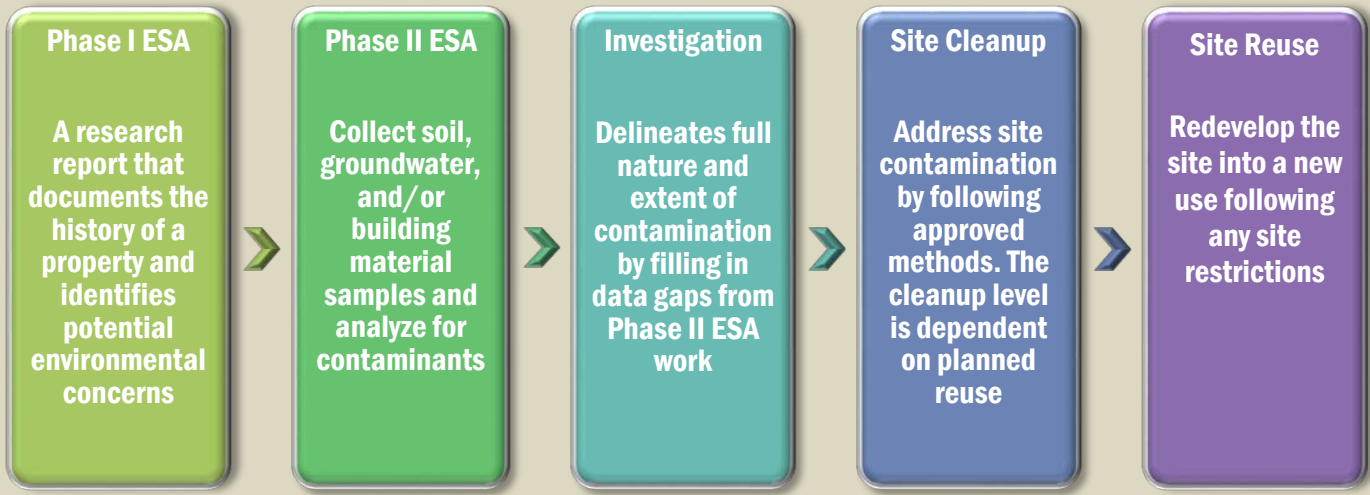
RESULTS



Dussault Foundry Site, City of Lockport

Brownfields Process

Turning brownfield sites from community liabilities into community assets one step at a time.



Niagara County Assessment Assistance

Niagara County has grant funds from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to help conduct site assessments and investigations. Properties can be publicly or privately owned but are subject to approval by USEPA. Funds through the assessment program can be used for Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESA), Phase II ESAs, and Investigations. Work is done at no cost to the property owner and Niagara County hires and manages the selected environmental contractors. Property owners are kept updated throughout the assessment process and copies of all reports are provided to the property owner.



Do you have a property that might be contaminated?

If you are interested in determining if your property qualifies for a no cost assessment, please contact us.

Do you have a property that needs to be cleaned up? We can help!



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The Niagara County Brownfield Development Corporation (NCBDC) manages a **Brownfields Loan Fund** offering low cost loans to assist with the cleanup costs at brownfield sites in Niagara County.



**Each loan is customized to
provide the greatest flexibility to
the borrower.**

Interest rates are a fixed low 0.5% with flexible terms and payment and interest free grace periods. Amounts based on available funding with no minimum and a maximum up to 80% of eligible remediation costs. No commitment or application fees.

Loans can be used for contaminant removal, capping soils, groundwater remediation, asbestos abatement, and professional services associated with the cleanup. The loan fund is capitalized with money from USEPA so eligibility criteria apply.