



# SOUTHEAST FLORIDA BROWNFIELDS SITE ASSESSMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

## Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Program

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Brownfields Program empowers states, municipalities, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfields site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. In 2002, the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act was passed to help states and communities cleanup and revitalize brownfields sites. Under this law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants.

## Background

In 2015, EPA awarded a Brownfields Assessment Coalition Grant to the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and its partners, the South Florida Regional Council and Palm Beach County. The assessment grant funds will be used to inventory, characterize, and assess potential Brownfields sites in Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, Martin, St. Lucie, and Indian River counties. A Request for Qualifications process was used to vet and subsequently select three qualified brownfields/environmental consultants. Grant activities will be conducted between October 1, 2015 and September 30, 2018.

## Activities That Can Be Funded

- Site Inventories and Screening for Potential Contamination Issues
- Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessments
- Site Assessment Reports
- Preliminary Remediation Planning and Alternatives Analyses
- Community Engagement Activities

## Eligibility

This assessment assistance program is available to local governments, development authority, community development agency, downtown development authority, prospective purchasers, and other parties that would not be found liable for any existing contamination of the property. The identified site should be abandoned, idle, or underutilized, and have the following:

- real or perceived petroleum and/or hazardous substances contamination
- a high degree of redevelopment or reuse potential/tied to a redevelopment plan
- no responsible party able to conduct the environmental investigation
- the support of the local government and the community



## Assessment Activities Process

- 1) Contact the Brownfields Coordinator in Your Region (see contact information below)
- 2) Complete and Submit the Site Application and Site Access Authorization Form
- 3) Identified projects will be reviewed by the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (and regional coalition partner if in Palm Beach, Broward, Miami-Dade or Broward counties)
- 4) If approved, the TCRPC will request a proposal from, and issue a Task Assignment to, one of the pre-qualified consultants for the needed assessment related activity
- 5) Assessment activities will be conducted by the professional consultant, who will report directly to TCRPC throughout the entire process
- 6) TCRPC will conduct regular grant-required EPA reporting activities and may provide assessment reports to the Brownfields Coordinator of the regional environmental regulatory agency

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