

Iowa DNR Brownfield Redevelopment Program

Financial and technical assistance for brownfield site redevelopment

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Iowa DNR Brownfield Redevelopment Program - What is a brownfield:

- Former industrial/commercial properties
- Abandoned or continually available for sale/lease
- Site has a “reputation” that it is contaminated (*often not warranted*)
- Issues of asbestos materials, buried tanks, waste disposal, etc. causes lack of interest in purchase, liability concerns
- Brownfields are a “syndrome” rather than a regulatory determination



Environmental Due Diligence, Issues, and Liability in Property Transactions

- What is Required? What is Not?
- Groundwater Hazard Statement
- Phase I / II Environmental Site Assessments
- Follow-up for Cleanup
- Brownfield Redevelopment Resources



Iowa DNR Brownfield Redevelopment Program (for non-profits and local governments)

- Consultation on Environmental Issues/Liability at Brownfield Sites
- Technical and Financial Assistance for Site Assessments / Cleanup (up to \$25K for assessment and 75% of cleanup up to \$25K)
- Identify additional partner resources and assistance available
- Help the Community Move Brownfield Sites from Obstacles, into Opportunities!
- Funded from an EPA Grant that IDNR Receives



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- \$65,000 estimated cost remove asbestos materials
- DNR assisted with Phase I ESA and asbestos abatement grant (\$28,500)

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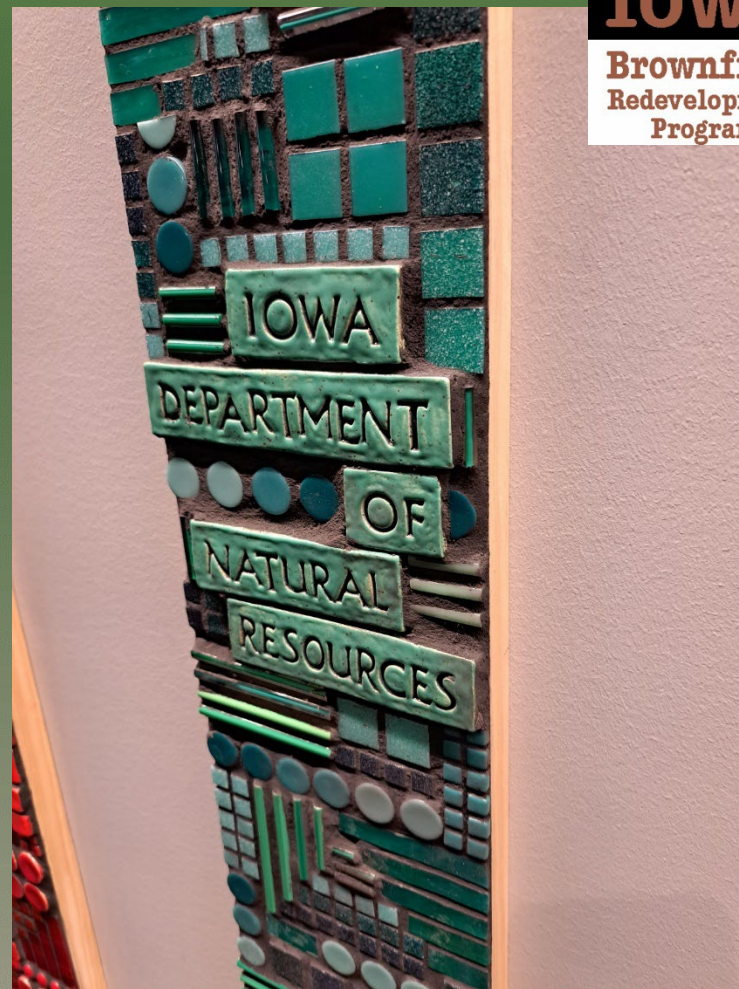
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Partnering! Confidence! Success!

Questions? Projects? Scenarios?

For environmental regulatory inquiries, or to discuss a community-led brownfield redevelopment project where we can assist:

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