

Iowa Department of Natural Resources

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- What Permits Does DNR Require?
- Air, Land and Water Quality
 - Water Allocation Permits
 - Wastewater Permitting
 - Air Emission Permitting
 - Floodplain Regulations
- ‘Permitting 101’ Overview / Summary
- ‘Regulatory Roundtable’ with Clients/Partners
- Anticipate Permits Before Jumping In with Construction
- Fewer Surprises for All!



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- Meat/Food Processing Plants
- Bio-Mass / Bio-Gas Manufacturing Plants
- Product Manufacturing – widgets, steel, ag equipment, etc.
- Data Centers



Permits? Projects? Questions?

For environmental regulatory inquiries and referral to DNR air, land and water permitting and regulatory programs:

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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





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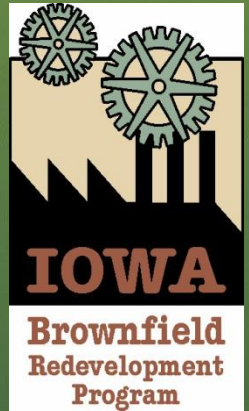
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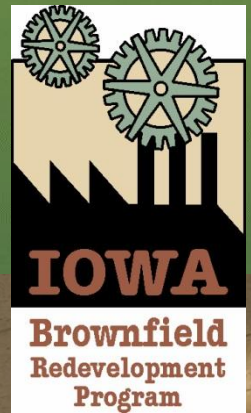
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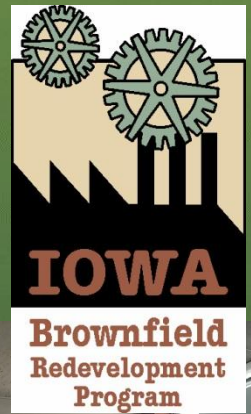
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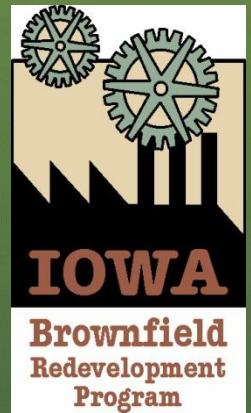
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- \$65,000 estimated cost remove asbestos materials
- DNR assisted with Phase I ESA and asbestos abatement grant (\$28,500)

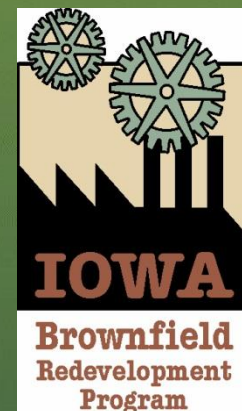
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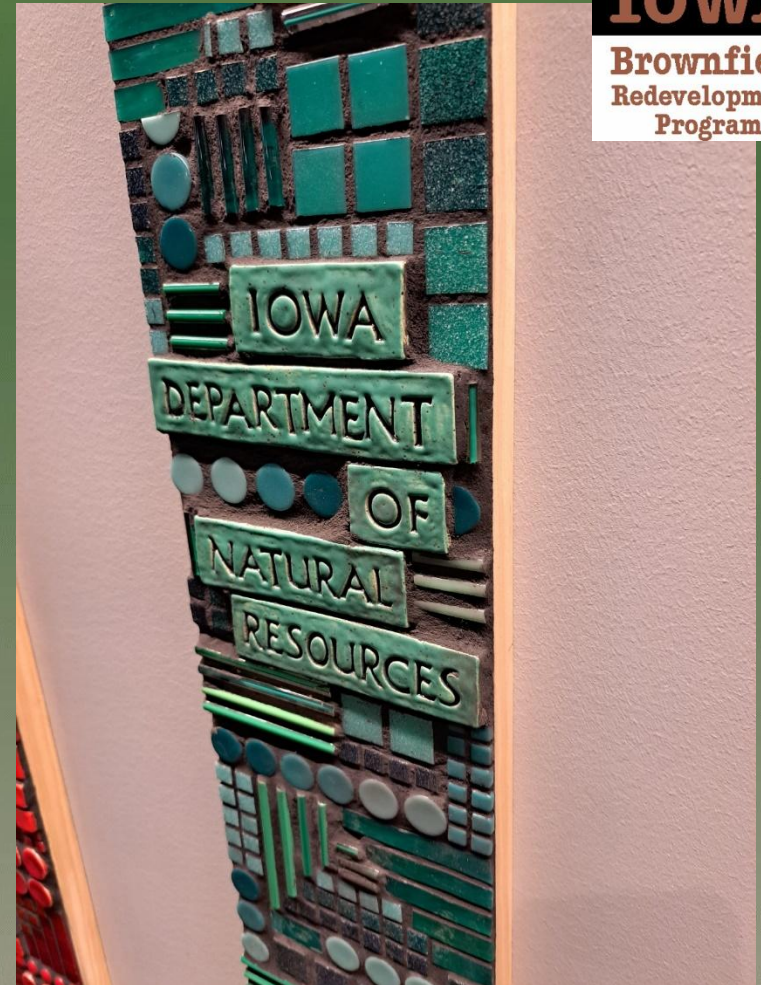
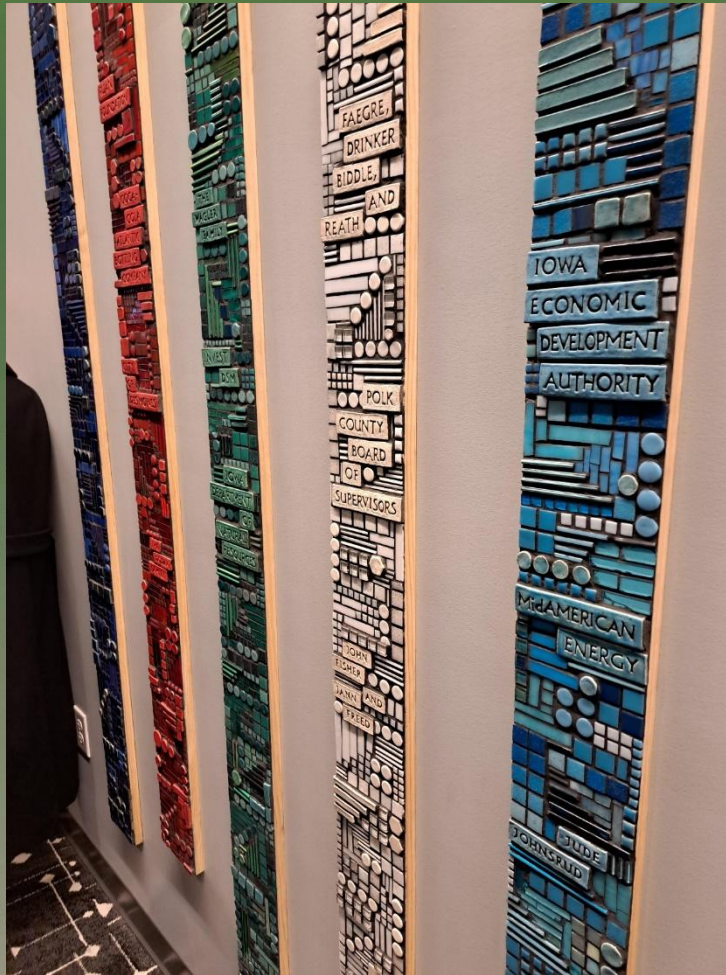
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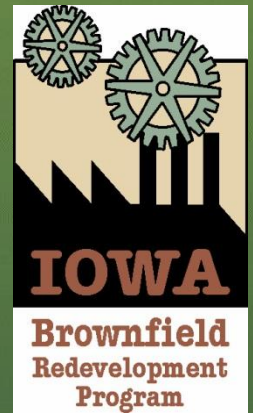
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Partnering! Confidence! Success!

Questions? Projects? Scenarios?

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