

# Oklahoma's Brownfields Program



*"Brownfields redevelopment is a win-win for everyone involved, across the political spectrum. It creates jobs, it cleans up the environment and it's pro-business and pro-community."*

*- Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett*



## Bricktown, Oklahoma City, OK:

- Previous industrial use including railroad, petroleum bulk storage, gas stations; former oil field
- DEQ oversaw remediation that included soil removal, bio-remediation of soil, installation of groundwater remediation system
- Area boasts \$40 million in property value and \$50 million in annual wages

## Technical Services and Assessments

- DEQ provides Targeted Brownfield Assessments to local governments and non-profit organizations that are designed to meet the needs of the participant. These are free of charge.
- DEQ can meet with property owners/buyers/developers to discuss a site. This technical service includes providing feedback about the site, requirements needed to satisfy DEQ, and options for cleanups. These meetings are results-oriented and non-regulatory.

## Cleanup Loans, Grants, and Subgrant Funding

- Brownfield cleanup grants are meant to finance shovel-ready projects, encourage redevelopment, and create local jobs across the state.
- Grant applicants must be eligible local government, tribal, or non-profit organizations.
- Loan applicants may be any of the above, or private entities.
- Loans or subgrant funding can be used for cleanup of asbestos, lead paint, contaminated soil, or other hazardous or industrial substances.

**Grants and loans are subject to availability. Please contact DEQ today for more information.**

**44** Brownfield  
Program Participants since 1998

**\$10<sup>+</sup>**  
Million

New State Sales and Income Taxes from Remediated Sites Annually after 2015

**147%**

Growth in Jobs on Brownfields and Bordering Sites 1998-2015

# Protecting, Preserving and Restoring

Enhancing the quality of life in Oklahoma

*"The Brownfields Program has been a terrific opportunity for Tulsa to improve many areas of our city that were on a spiral of neglect and eventual abandonment and destruction. The Guthrie Green showcases the great collaboration between public and private interest with Brownfields being the catalyst."*

- Tulsa Mayor Dewey Bartlett

## Brownfields Assessment and Remediation Improves:

**Health and the Environment:** Remediation ensures residents have healthy places to live and work. Each prevented case of cancer saves over \$10,000 in treatment costs.

**Quality of Life:** By removing blight associated with abandoned buildings & properties, retail sales have increased more than \$85 million on remediated sites and more than \$260 million when bordering properties are included.

**Property Values:** Remediation and assessment raises land values and property attractiveness to investors. Remediated properties in Oklahoma account for more than \$178 million in property value and \$5 million in property taxes.

**Government Finances:** Remediation and assessment improves the financial capacity of communities. Brownfields and bordering sites generated over \$11.7 million in local sales taxes and \$11.5 million in state sales taxes in 2015.

**Infrastructure Utilization:** Remediation and assessment improves efficiency associated with infrastructure utilization since a undeveloped site typically requires more infrastructure to be built than an existing brownfield.

**Urban Sprawl:** Every 1 acre of reused brownfield space preserves 4.5 acres of unused green space.

### Guthrie Green, Tulsa, OK:

- Site was previously a truck terminal and home to multiple industrial and commercial businesses leaving it largely polluted with fuel tanks and soil contamination
- DEQ oversaw remediation that included removal of 12 fuel tanks, yielding 35,000 gallons of fluid total petroleum hydrocarbon contamination; soil and sand removal
- Area is now home to a popular public-use park that hosts concerts, movies, fitness classes, food truck rallies, festivals and more
- In 2015, Guthrie Green was named among the "14 coolest urban spaces in America" by Thrillist

4300%

Growth in Retail Sales

1998

\$2  
Million

2015

\$88  
Million

on brownfield properties