



Neighborhood Revitalization Brownfield Remediation Program



for Municipalities and Private Entities

Do you have a property in your community that requires cleanup?

The Cook County Department of Environment and Sustainability (DES) has allocated funding to revitalize brownfield sites across suburban Cook County. This program provides assessments and/or remediation of selected brownfield sites **at no cost to the property owner!**



Above: Former gas station property in the Village of Bellwood. DES conducted assessment and remediation activities at this brownfield site, which was then redeveloped by the village for the construction of two single-family homes.

What is a brownfield?

An abandoned and/or vacant site with actual or perceived contamination. For example: a historic factory, closed gas station, open dump site, an old dry-cleaning shop or vacant lot.

Which services can Cook County provide at your brownfield site with current funding?

- Environmental Site Assessments:
 - Phase I ESA (initial due diligence report)
 - Phase II ESA (soil, groundwater, soil gas testing)
 - Asbestos testing (pre-renovation, pre-demolition)
- Demolish abandoned structures
- Clean up contaminated property

What are some benefits of brownfield remediation?

- Decrease community exposure to hazardous substances
- Creates safer communities by removing vacant, structurally compromised buildings
- Generates job growth via new development
- Revitalizes neighborhoods
- Increases surrounding property values
- Offers opportunities to create new, valuable green space

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Suggest a potential brownfield site today! Visit: www.cookcountyil.gov/brownfields