



Tuscowilla Park, former brownfield site

City of Ocala EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant Program

What are brownfields?

A brownfield site is a property where actual or perceived environmental contamination complicates its expansion or redevelopment. Sites may be contaminated with hazardous substances, petroleum, pesticides, metals and asbestos.

Brownfields Program

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) established the Brownfields Program to allow states, communities and other stakeholders to coordinate economic development.



Program Details

The City of Ocala received \$300,000 in assessment funding (\$150,000 for hazardous substances and \$150,000 for petroleum) through the EPA Brownfields Program. Funds can be used for Phase I and II environmental site assessments, clean-up planning and community outreach activities. Funding is available on a city-wide basis with a focus in the northwest part of the city known as west Ocala.

Cleaning up and reinvesting in brownfield sites:

- Increases the local tax base
- Helps spur redevelopment
- Uses existing infrastructure
- Facilitates job growth
- Improves and protects the environment



iGlobal, former brownfield site

What does funding cover?

Phase I & Phase II Environmental Site Assessments

A Phase I is a non-intrusive evaluation of environmental conditions at a site to determine if there is a recognized environmental condition (REC) which warrants further investigation in the form of a Phase II ESA.

A Phase II typically involves collecting soil and groundwater samples to identify the types and concentrations of contaminants (if any) and the areas of contamination needing cleanup (if necessary).

Identifying Sites

- Do you know of a property you believe to be contaminated?
- Is your property vacant because of real or perceived contamination?
- Are you having trouble selling your property because of real or perceived contamination?
- If you answered, "yes," the property may be eligible for the Brownfield Assessment Grant Program.



For Further Information:

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