

Funding Economic Development & Land Revitalization through Brownfields: *Brownfields Redevelopment Resources for Your Region*



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9:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.



This workshop will focus on identifying State, Federal, and other financial and technical resources to address environmental and redevelopment issues for communities. Often vibrant community spaces such as housing, parks, trails, and job-creating businesses can be developed on previously used sites, including brownfields.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources Brownfields Program and the Technical Assistance to Brownfields Program (TAB) at Kansas State University present this **free** workshop to help communities learn about Brownfields properties and how to fund successful redevelopments through different available resources including the following:

What are Brownfields?

Brownfields are *“real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.”* Reuse and redevelopment of abandoned, idled, or underutilized properties is both a challenge and an opportunity.

Why Redevelop Brownfields?

Putting these sites back into use decreases blight, creates jobs, generates additional tax revenues, saves municipal costs, and spurs economic development in the surrounding area.



Who should attend:

- * local government
- * economic development staff
- * community grant writers
- * community members
- * real estate developers
- * commercial real estate brokers
- * lenders
- * regional economic development agencies consultants,
- * city and regional planners and
- * those interested in financial resources for local redevelopment

Benefits of Attending: To learn how to better identify and access federal and state financial resources for redevelopment in Iowa.

Topics will include:

- What is a Brownfield and Steps for Successful Redevelopment
- State and Federal Brownfields Programs
- Rural and Regional Brownfield Funding Resources
- Leveraging Resources
- Success Stories– Speakers from surrounding area.

There is no cost to attend, but registration is required.

To register: www.ksutab.org/education/workshops

Lunch will be served