

Is development or sale of your property impeded by concerns about potential environmental liabilities?  
Big Sky Economic Development is here to help!

## Big Sky Economic Development Brownfield Program

*“Providing leadership and resources for business creation, expansion, retention, new business recruitment and community development”*

### WHAT IS A BROWNFIELD?

A Brownfield is a property where expansion, redevelopment, or reuse is complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

In 2014, Big Sky Economic Development (BSED) was awarded a \$400,000 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield Assessment Grant to complete environmental due diligence and cleanup planning on sites that may be impacted by contaminants, including sites with concerns such as former underground tanks, asbestos, and lead-based paint. This grant provides a unique opportunity to assist with revitalization of marginalized or underused properties.

### HOW THE BROWNFIELD PROGRAM WORKS

The overall goal of the BSED Brownfield Program is to remove environmental uncertainty and facilitate redevelopment of property within the East Billings Urban Renewal District (EBURD). To this end, Assessments are available at no cost. With this grant, BSED will assist property owners by:

- Completing Phase I and II Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs), which are review of information and collection of samples, respectively
- Estimating risks from site contaminants
- Developing cleanup plans and cost estimates, if necessary for the specific site

Brownfield assessments are a great tool for property owners or potential buyers. Clearly identifying any environmental needs is essential to the successful financing and implementation of a project.

The brownfield assessment grant is administered through BSED's Community Development Department, who has contracted NewFields, an experienced brownfield consulting and engineering firm.



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