

What is a Brownfield?

The federal definition of a Brownfield is ***“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.”***

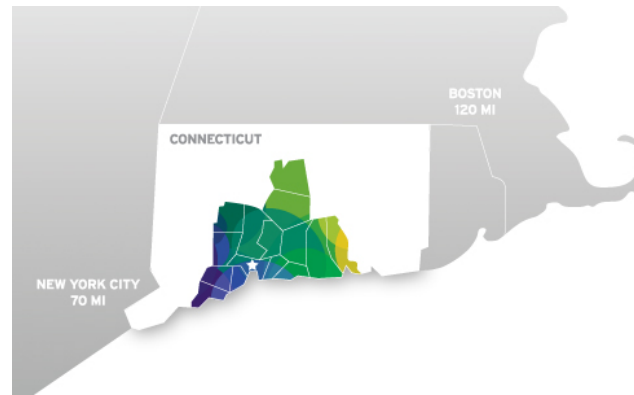
Do you own or are you considering purchasing a property in South Central Connecticut that is contaminated with hazardous substances? Such properties are referred to as Brownfields and must be cleaned up before sustainable development can occur.

REX's Brownfields funding programs can give you access to the funds you need to successfully restore Brownfields properties so that they are once again healthy and useable.



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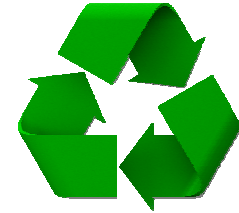
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Programs

Revolving Loan Fund

- Low interest loans to remediate contaminated sites.
- Eligible Parties: Developers, Property Owners, Municipalities, Non-Profits
- Qualifications: Borrowers not responsible for contamination; Phase I-III site assessments complete; Compliance with EPA eligibility.

EPA Petroleum Site Assessment Fund

- Low interest loans to perform Environmental Site Assessments (Phase I/II/III) on properties contaminated by petroleum-based contaminants.
- Eligible Parties: Developers, Property Owners, Municipalities, Non-Profits
- Qualifications: Borrower not responsible for contamination; Reasonable suspicion of petroleum contamination; Compliance with EPA eligibility.

Hazardous Substance Site Assessment Fund

- Low interest loans to perform Environmental Site Assessments (Phase I/II/III) on properties contaminated by hazardous substances.
- Eligible Parties: Developers, Property Owners, Municipalities, Non-Profits
- Borrower not responsible for contamination.

Basic Eligibility Requirements

- Borrower cannot be responsible for causing the contamination;
- Borrower must enter the State DEP Voluntary Cleanup Program;
- Property cannot be subject to current state or federal environmental enforcement action;
- Property cannot be on any federal environmental priority list;
- Priority given to projects that will create jobs or otherwise economically benefit the community;
- Property must be in a REX member municipality, and that municipality must approve the project.

Eligible Uses

Funds can be used for almost all assessment and remediation costs. Specific uses include:

- Developing a Remedial Action Plan (the plan that guides the investigation and clean-up);
- Assessment (investigating the presence and extent of contamination);
- Containment, treatment, disposal, or incineration of hazardous materials;
- Removal of drums, barrels, tanks, or other bulk containers that contain or may contain hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants;
- Capping of contaminated soils;
- Costs associated with meeting public participation requirements, worker health and safety, and inter-agency coordination activities.

Goals of Brownfield Redevelopment

The cleanup or remediation of contaminated sites is critical to the protection of **human health** and the **environment**, and works to encourage **citizen input** into the redevelopment process. Remediation is also necessary for the **reuse** of previously degraded and currently underused properties. In addition to increasing **local employment** and increasing the **tax base**, reuse helps achieve several other environmental co-benefits, such as promoting **smart growth**, encouraging **transit oriented development**, and making better use of **existing infrastructure**. For more information on REX's programs or to obtain an application, contact Will Warren (see contact information below), or visit www.rexdevelopment.org.



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