

# Environmental Commission September 7, 2016



# AustinTexas.Gov/Brownfields

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# What is a Brownfield?

Any site where future development may be complicated by environmental contaminants:

- Chemicals
- Petroleum products
- Pesticides
- Asbestos or Lead-based paint



# Mission

Promoting sustainable redevelopment while protecting human health and the environment



# How does the City help now?

- Free Environmental Site Assessments
- Free Technical Assistance
- Cleanup Loan Funding now available



# Environmental Site Assessment Resource:

- We have placed all electronic reports on <ftp://ftp.ci.austin.tx.us/Brownfields>
- Soon to be mapped and online

## FTP directory /Brownfields/ at [ftp.ci.austin.tx.us](ftp://ftp.ci.austin.tx.us)

To view this FTP site in File Explorer: press Alt, click View, and then click **Open FTP Site in File Explorer**.

### [Up to higher level directory](#)

07/15/2016 12:07PM	Directory	<a href="#">All Brownfields Sites</a>
12/16/2015 12:00AM	32,154,905	<a href="#">Brownfields Video.mp4</a>
12/07/2015 12:00AM	Directory	<a href="#">EPA Brownfields Program Documents</a>
12/07/2015 12:00AM	Directory	<a href="#">East Austin 4 Zipcode REC Inventory</a>
07/15/2016 12:32PM	67,655,893	<a href="#">Final Burnet Rd Letter Report_08-10-15.pdf</a>
03/09/2016 08:19AM	Directory	<a href="#">Landfills miscellaneous</a>
03/18/2016 09:40AM	Directory	<a href="#">SK Event photos</a>
03/18/2016 12:40PM	Directory	<a href="#">Soil Kitchen Files 2016</a>
12/07/2015 12:00AM	Directory	<a href="#">shapefiles</a>



# Program Accomplishments:

- Active for almost 20 years
- Over 100 sites have been assessed and/or cleaned up with the City's Brownfields program
- The City has received over \$2 million in grant funds from the Environmental Protection Agency
- These grant funds have leveraged over \$240 million in other public and private funding for redevelopment projects



# Brownfields Project Examples:

- Guadalupe Saldana Development Corporation's Net Zero Housing
- The African American Heritage Center
- El Sapo Y Cantina
- East Village Plaza Mixed-Use Development
- Homewood Heights Community Garden
- Habitat for Humanity Housing



# Revolving Loan Fund:

- EPA awarded the City an \$820,000 grant to loan for environmental cleanups
- Any property owner (public, private, nonprofit) is eligible to borrow these funds
- Loans will have **flexible** terms, **low-interest**
- Interest only payments until cleanup is complete



# Red Bluff Assessment/Cleanup:

- Brownfields Office became aware of the Red Bluff contamination site late spring 2016
- May 20 – Testing of materials indicated presence of asbestos containing materials (ACM)
- August 25 – Contractors completed cleanup of all dumped materials including all ACM
- August 30 – Assessment completed to determine if soils have been impacted
- Awaiting report



# Any Questions?

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