



Centralina Brownfields Program

Throughout the region, some communities have properties that are high value but currently sit abandoned, idled and under used due to either a recognized or perceived contamination. Centralina Regional Council is here to help unlock the full potential of these places through our Brownfields Program.

What are Brownfields?

“Brownfield” sites are high potential properties that go unused due to the hazards (or concern of potential hazards) on the site. Sometimes, these properties can be a thorn in the side of communities and stall even the most vigorous attempts to invest and revitalize our communities. In response to this issue, Centralina is coordinating with the Environmental Protection Agency and Stantec Consulting Services Inc. to develop a program to identify, examine and mitigate these sites so that communities can move forward with their development plans without fear of exposing themselves to any latent toxins or chemicals.

Next Steps

Centralina is actively seeking **candidate sites** to include in the regional program. All communities in our nine-county region are eligible to participate. Centralina has been awarded **federal funding** to support a series of site assessments (starting in Fall 2024), the first step in reusing a brownfield property, and will use those funds to support communities in planning for site reuse and moving from site assessment to clean-up activities.

Why Should You Participate

Through this program, Centralina will help communities transform contaminated blights into prime real estate that will provide value for your community well into the future. We will offer educational sessions for local leaders to better understand how to integrate brownfields in their community. Centralina will also continue to apply for additional funding to aid with future clean-ups, helping expand the program to include focused revitalization.

POTENTIAL BROWNFIELDS IN YOUR COMMUNITY



Gasoline

Some underground fuel storage tanks have suffered punctures that leaked petroleum into the soil and groundwater.



Dry Cleaners

Older dry cleaner facilities used toxic solvents that can evaporate into the air or seep into building structures, sidewalks and streets.



Manufacturing Facilities

Antiquated factories oftentimes have been found to have hexavalent chromium and volatile organic compounds as contaminants.



READY TO GET STARTED?

Reach out to our Grants and Contracts Administrator, Lenessa Hawkins, at (704) 348-2723 or lhawkins@centralina.org to discuss how we can help.