



# **City of Houston's Brownfields Redevelopment Program**

**Community Wide Notice of Application**

**September 24, 25, 29 and  
October 1, 2009**



# What is a Brownfield?

- Any property where redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination.
- Largely associated with former commercial and industrial properties.



# Potential Re-use of Brownfields

1. Mixed Used Developments
2. Parks and Outdoor Recreation
3. Entertainment and Public Spaces
4. Professional Sports Arena and Practice Fields
5. Commercial Re-Use
6. Urban Revitalization Projects
7. Green space, Parks, Trails and Bikeways



# Why We're All Here

- The City of Houston is applying for up to \$200,000 for Phase I and II Site Assessment Funds
- The City of Houston is applying for up to \$200,000 to clean up three separate sites
- The City of Houston is applying for \$1 million through the EPA Revolving Loan Fund in partnership with Houston Galveston Area Council.
- We want your comments.



# Assessments

Phase I and II Site Assessment Funds will provide :

- assessment of a site contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum).
- investigation of real property.
- opportunity for owner of property or an applicant with potential site under contract for purchase at time of application.



# Phase I Assessments

- means an investigation of real property,
- conducted by environmental professionals,
- to investigate for the presence or likely presence of a release or a substantial threat of a release of a hazardous substance



# Phase II Assessments

- Conducted as an additional assessment of the potentially contaminated land.
- This phase of assessment may include sampling of soil, water, air or building material.



# Clean Up

- The City of Houston is applying for up to \$200,000 for three separate sites; to clean up sites contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum).
- Provides your entity funding to carry out cleanup activities at Brownfield sites.
- The establishment of cleanup options and cost estimates based on future uses and redevelopment plans.
- These funds may be used to address sites contaminated by petroleum and hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants.



# Revolving Loan Fund

- Houston Galveston Area Council is applying for funds directly from the EPA.
- The City of Houston is participating on the application with H-GAC and requesting \$1 Million as a coalition partner.
- If funds are received, we will be able to make sub grantee loans for clean up and development of Brownfield Sites.



# ***Results Observed During the Total 14 Year History of the Houston Brownfields Program:***

- 26 completed redevelopment projects on Program-associated brownfields represent:
- More than 1300 acres restored to beneficial use,
- \$1.6 million in delinquent taxes recovered,
- \$4,373,695 in annual property taxes,
- \$716 million in investment for cleanup and redevelopment,
- Nearly 1,000 residential units, and
- Over 3,700 jobs.



# **Examples within The City of Houston's Portfolio of Successful Brownfield Redevelopment Projects**



# Wildcat Golf Club



# Tony Marron Park





# Sterrett St. Townhomes



# Minute Maid Park





# Hobby Center





# What is available for you?

1. Assistance with Site Selection
2. Funding for your due diligence purchase; Phase I and II assessments.
3. Assistance finding opportunity to redevelop Brownfield property.
4. Pathway for you with the State controlling agencies such as Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Texas Commission of Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Texas Railroad Commission (TRRC).



**We are looking forward to  
hearing from you and  
having you be a partner  
in our applications to  
the EPA!**

**Thank you**



# Comments

- Please take this time to fill out a comment form.
- Use comment forms to suggest usage for funds or note other suggestions or concerns.
- Staff will be available to accept your comments until [insert time].
- Comment forms will be available on our website [www.houstonbrownfield.org](http://www.houstonbrownfield.org) and will be accepted until October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- Contact us at:

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