

What is a Brownfield?

A Brownfield is a property that may have hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants on site. Brownfield sites are typically associated with past industrial or commercial uses, which may not have managed or disposed of hazardous substances in an environmentally safe manner.

What types of land uses are typically associated with Brownfields?

1. Automobile related uses : former gas stations, car repair garages, oil change shops, former car lots, tire sales, etc.



4. Former industrial and manufacturing sites



2. Former dry cleaners



6. Junkyards, scrap yards or dumps



3. Former pest control establishments



7. Vacant lots with dumping



What are some of the potential indicators of Brownfield sites?

1. Stained ground or hard surfaces from spill of hazardous substances



4. Sink holes could indicate buried debris, USTs, or old basements



2. Caps or covers may indicate underground storage tanks



5. Oddly shaped hills could be indicators of dumping overgrown with grass or trees



3. Drums or other containers may indicate improperly managed hazardous substances.



6. Monitoring wells may indicate a brownfield.



7. Building has old vent pipes (typically found along building exterior walls).



10. Silos or extensive above ground piping.



8. Pits, sumps, grated drains, or other drainage collection points/features on site.



11. Railroad spurs that cross or end on the site.



9. Above ground storage tanks on site.



12. Boilers (excluding electric hot water heaters) or generators are located on the property.

