





Virginia Brownfields & VRP Program Resources

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What is a brownfield?

- "Brownfield" means 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.
- Very broad definition that includes a wide variety of sites.

Examples of Brownfields Sites



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Why the Brownfields Program?

- Helps you understand actual or perceived environmental conditions
- Resolves legacy environmental concerns
- Can help remove environmental liability for prospective purchasers
- Promotes community engagement
- Federal and state grants available
- Often sparks community wide revitalization

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/programs/landprotectionrevitalization/remediationprogram/brownfields.aspx>

Virginia Brownfields Restoration & Economic Development Assistance Fund (VBAF)

- Available to local government entities.
- 2.25 million allocated in FY2020.
- Over 80 Assessment & Planning Grants have been awarded across Virginia. The typical award is \$50,000 and these are available on rolling basis.
- Remediation grants for up to \$500,000 are available on a periodic basis.
 - These grants are competitive and due typically on or near Nov. 1 each year.
- Both grant types require a 1 to 1 match. Other grants can be used as the match.
 - Grant review team very flexible on match allowed.

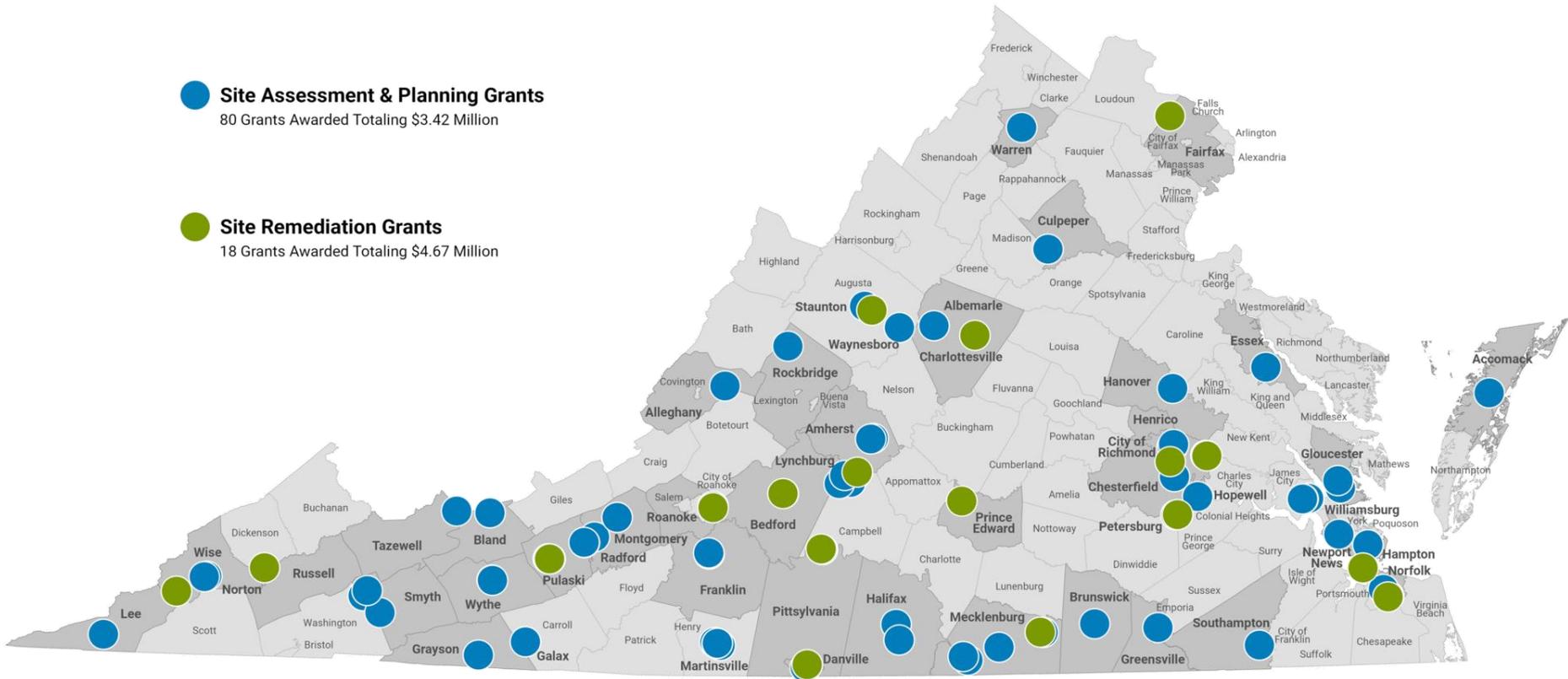
<https://www.vedp.org/brownfields>

VIRGINIA BROWNFIELDS ASSISTANCE FUND GRANT RECIPIENTS

FY12 to March 15, 2019

Site Assessment & Planning Grants
80 Grants Awarded Totaling \$3.42 Million

Site Remediation Grants
18 Grants Awarded Totaling \$4.67 Million



EPA Brownfields Grants

- EPA Brownfields Grants are a great resource. Past grantees have leveraged these funds to benefit their community at Brownfields sites and beyond.
- Includes: Assessment, Cleanup, Multipurpose, Revolving Loan Fund, and Job Training grants.
- For more information visit the link below:

<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/types-brownfields-grant-funding>

EPA Brownfields Grants

EPA announced \$3.3 million in Brownfields funding benefitting seven Virginia communities in Norfolk at the Brownfields Conference this past June 2019.



EPA Free Assistance to Brownfields Communities

- Targeted Brownfields Assessment(TBA)
 - This is one of the best ways for communities to get started without out of pocket cost.
 - The application is easy and at the end of the day EPA provides you with Environmental Assessments to kick start your revitalization.
 - For more information visit the link below.

<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-and-land-revitalization-delaware-maryland-pennsylvania-virginia-west>

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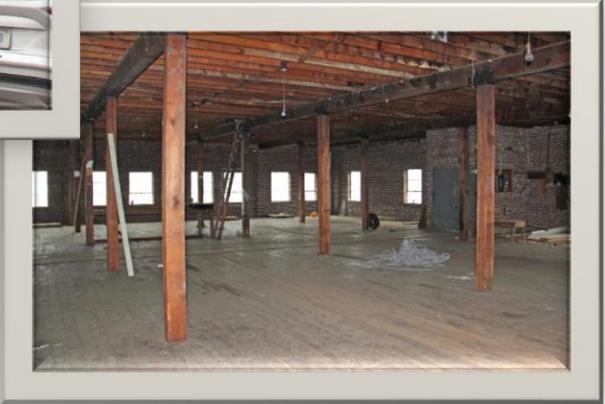
- Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB)
 - Through a grant provided by the USEPA, the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) offers free technical assistance and training program services to EPA Brownfields grantees and those seeking Brownfields grants.
 - For more information visit the link below.

<https://www.njit.edu/tab/>

DEQ Brownfields Program Assistance

- DEQ Brownfields staff is committed to the revitalization of Brownfields across the Commonwealth.
- DEQ offers Brownfields Individualized Outreach (BIO) to any community interested.
 - This means staff will work directly with your community to help determine your brownfields needs and help get you started writing your own success story.
- DEQ staff can provide assistance with coordination of regulatory issues on a Brownfields site with other state or federal programs.

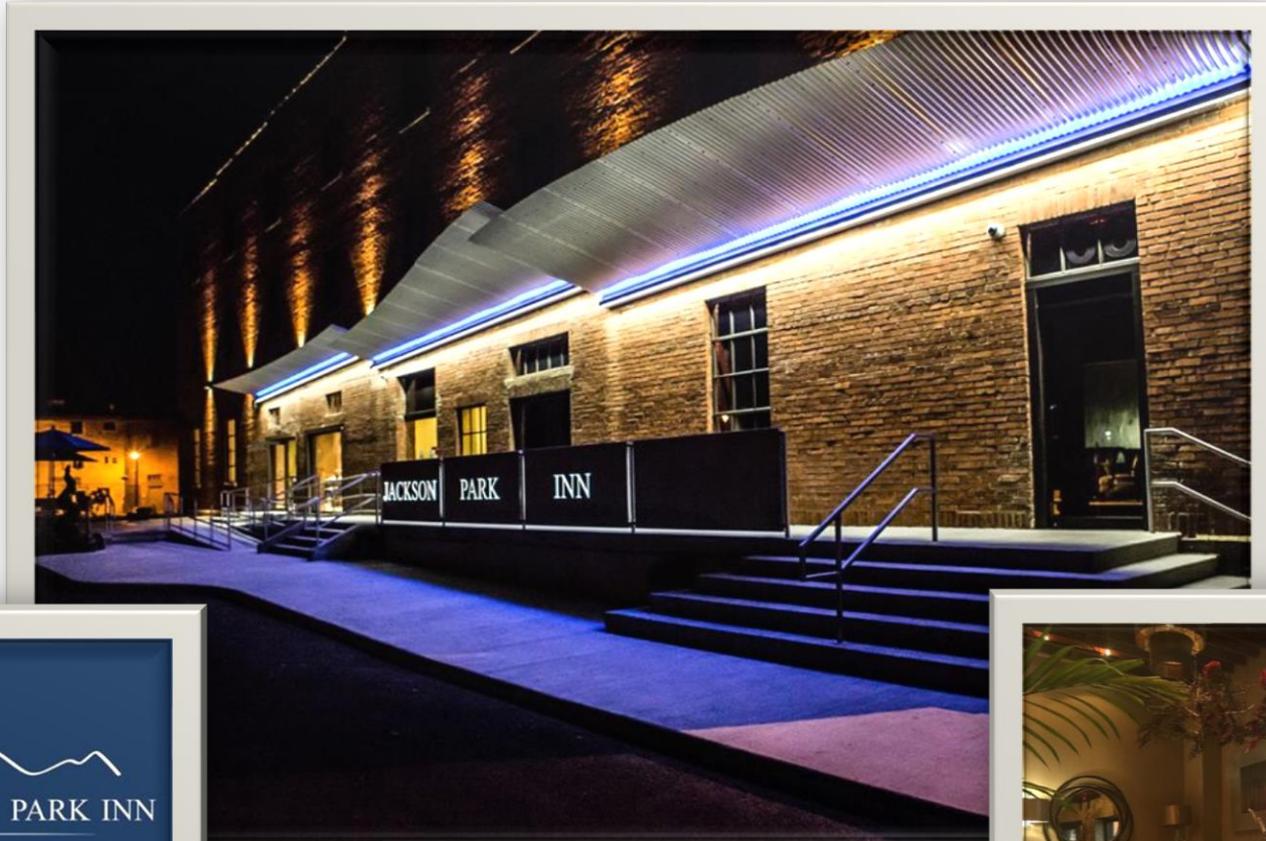
Town of Pulaski – Dunnivant Building - Before



Town of Pulaski – VA Wood Products - Before



Town of Pulaski – Jackson Park Inn – After

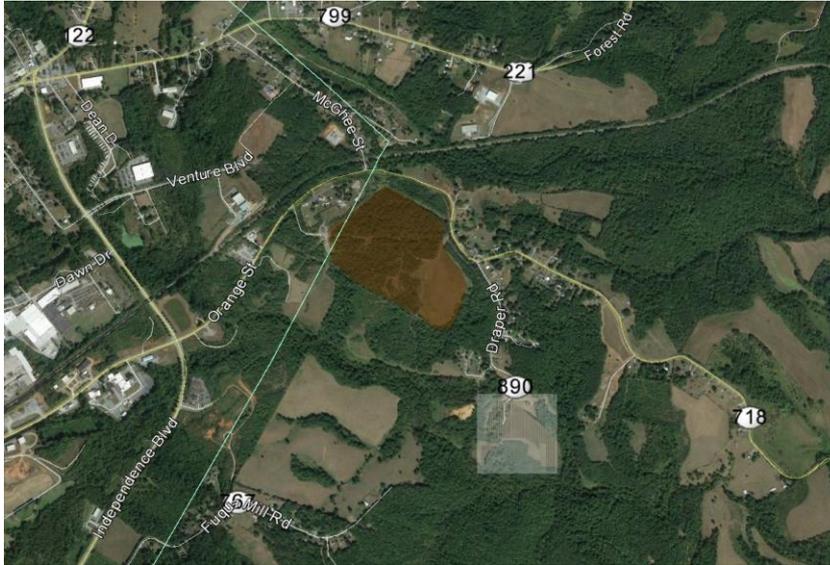


Town of Saltville – Brownfields

- Received \$50,000.00 in Brownfields grant funding from EPA and \$50,000 of additional funding from VBAF.
- Received Targeted Brownfields Assessment from EPA.
- Received an additional \$50,000 grant from VBAF.
- Applied for an EPA Brownfield Remediation Grant in late 2019.
- DEQ EPA Grant is assisting in a planning project that will help further develop the Salt Trail.



Town of Bedford Solar Project



Benefits

- Job creation & training.
- Regional and state-level public relations
- Economic development: Attract Large Employers
- Locally generated energy with long term cost stability

Project Size

- 3 MW AC/3.6MW DC
- 4.5 Million kWh
- 450 households



“Comfort” Letters

- Once your due diligence is complete (Environmental Site Assessments), DEQ can assist with environmental liability relief letters.
- “Comfort Letters” may include a Bona Fide Prospective Purchaser (BFPP), Lender Liability, Tenant Liability, and Contiguous Property Owner (CPO) letters.
- For more information visit our website or contact brownfields program staff.

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/Programs/LandProtectionRevitalization/RemediationProgram/Brownfields.aspx>

DEQ Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP)

- Many brownfields sites need additional cleanup or owners/investors want even more assurances as they commit resources to redevelopment.
- Virginia offers a Voluntary Remediation Program that can provide that comfort.
- For more information visit the DEQ VRP website or contact program staff.

<http://www.deq.virginia.gov/programs/landprotectionrevitalization/remediationprogram/voluntaryremediationprogram.aspx>

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