WHAT IS A BROWNFIELD?

Brownfields are defined as land properties where the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or perceived presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. Cleanup of perceived brownfield sites, or brownfield revitalization, helps to protect the environment, reduce blight, and take development pressures off greenspaces and working lands.

ABOUT US

The ECF Brownfields Coalition is an E.P.A. funded grant project that supports the completion of Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs) on perceived brownfield sites, which enable brownfield redevelopment, an economic development tool that enhances local economies and community quality. While our ESAs are permitted and encouraged in any ECF community, the Orange Blossom Trail Corridor/U.S. 441 (OBT) was the inspiration to create the Coalition. The corridor is still one of the primary North/South routes through Central Florida. Once carrying more traffic than any other Florida thoroughfare in the 1950s-1960s, by the 1990s, the corridor was rife with issues and vacant businesses. This project seeks to invigorate new development to usher in a new era for the OBT corridor and surrounding communities.

The ECFRPC is one of 10 regional planning councils in Florida whose mission is to serve citizens and member governments by identifying and addressing regional issues through communication and collaboration to develop strategies that create a healthy, sustainable, thriving, and resilient region.

COALITION

The ECF Brownfields Program is led by the Brownfield Coalition, which is composed of members of various local governments, non-profit organizations, and individuals who are ready to tackle brownfields in their communities. Coalition Cities include the Cities of Apopka, Eustis, Kissimmee, and Longwood.

Coalition Activities:
- Supporting the completion of ESA's
- Brownfield site redevelopment planning for priority sites [this service will be only for Coalition Cities]
- Leading the Brownfield Advisory Committee, which supports public outreach for the Program

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

The ECFRPC is always happy to present on Brownfields. If you or your team are interested in a potential Brownfield project or want to know more, don’t hesitate to contact us to schedule an informational meeting or presentation.
## THE NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF BROWNFIELDS

1. Pollutes natural resources and water supply
2. Causes Environmental Injustice
3. Decreases property value and community investment

## THE POSITIVE IMPACTS OF BROWNFIELD REVITALIZATION

1. Improves community quality and wealth equity
2. Preserve natural environment and infrastructure
3. Promotes economic growth and job creation

## EXAMPLES OF BROWNFIELDS

- Old Auto Shops
- Abandoned Gas Stations
- Old Warehouses/Factories
- Defunct Golf Courses
- Vacant Dry Cleaners

### REVITALIZATION IS POSSIBLE!

Brownfield properties can be found in any community, but in East Central Florida, there is a sure path to cleanup!

1. Are you interested in buying or selling a property?
2. Are you interested in redeveloping a property?
3. Do you desire to add new amenities or services to your community?
4. Is there a new business you’d like to start in an established community?

If you answered yes to any of the questions below, you may be ready to tap into the redevelopment opportunities that are possible through our Brownfield Program, contact us to learn how!

### EXAMPLES OF BROWNFIELDS

- The Pan American Brownfield Site in Coral Springs, FL (above) with the pump-and-treat remediation system.
- Warehouse construction after assessment (below).

If there is a property that you know needs revitalization, but are not sure if it is a brownfield, contact us! Or visit our website: [https://www.ecfrpc.org/brownfields](https://www.ecfrpc.org/brownfields)