

# Project Steps

1. Contact the VBCBRA staff for an application or download from the website.
2. Submit a complete, signed application to staff, an application fee may apply.
3. Staff will:
  - ✓ Determine the site eligibility for grant or other funding.
  - ✓ Refer applications to the BRA board for consideration.
  - ✓ Consider potential reimbursement and/or development agreements with applicant.
4. Additional approvals or hearing may be necessary for Brownfield Plans and Act 381 Work Plans.

## Brownfield Redevelopment Opportunities For Community Renewal and Growth



*"We stand ready to work with local communities and businesses in support of redevelopment of Brownfields throughout the County."*  
- Lisa Phillips, Chair VBCBRA

## Contact Us

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# Van Buren County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority

We provide funding resources, redevelopment incentives and assistance for potential Brownfield sites throughout Van Buren County.





## What is a Brownfield Site?

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A Brownfield site is a real property where expansion, redevelopment or reuse may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant. Brownfield sites can also be blighted, functionally obsolete or historic structures.

## Who We Are

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- ✓ A sanctioned authority created to address Brownfield sites countywide.
- ✓ Established in 2002 under the Brownfield Redevelopment Refinancing Act (Act 381 of 1996, as amended).
- ✓ Assist participating municipalities and developers through the use of tax increment financing, grants, loans, and other incentives.

## Major Goals of Brownfield Redevelopment

1. Encourage additional investment, jobs, and revenue in the county.
2. Reuse existing infrastructure.
3. Encourage redevelopment in areas affected by blight, contamination, and vacancy.
4. Prevent sprawl by reusing structures.
5. Recovery of tax base.
6. Surrounding property becomes more valuable.
7. Preserve historic or cultural community icons.
8. Environmental clean-up.
9. Redeveloped site can fulfill a community need.
10. Reduce environmental hazards and improve public health.



## Resources

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There are various state and federal funding resources available to support brownfield redevelopment projects. The VBCBRA has an assortment of funding tools and incentives to help, along with an EPA Assessment Grant to support eligible projects. Please visit our website for more information -

[www.economicdevelopment.org/brownfield](http://www.economicdevelopment.org/brownfield).

## Potential Eligible Activities

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- ✓ Phase I & II Environmental Site Assessments
- ✓ Baseline Environmental Assessments
- ✓ Documentation of Due Care Compliance
- ✓ Brownfield Plans
- ✓ Act 381 Work Plans
- ✓ Lead and Asbestos Surveys
- ✓ Lead and Asbestos Abatement
- ✓ Demolition
- ✓ Clean-up Activities
- ✓ Site Preparation and Infrastructure Improvements in Bangor and Hartford (both Core Communities).

*Eligible activities may be supported through Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Reimbursement.*