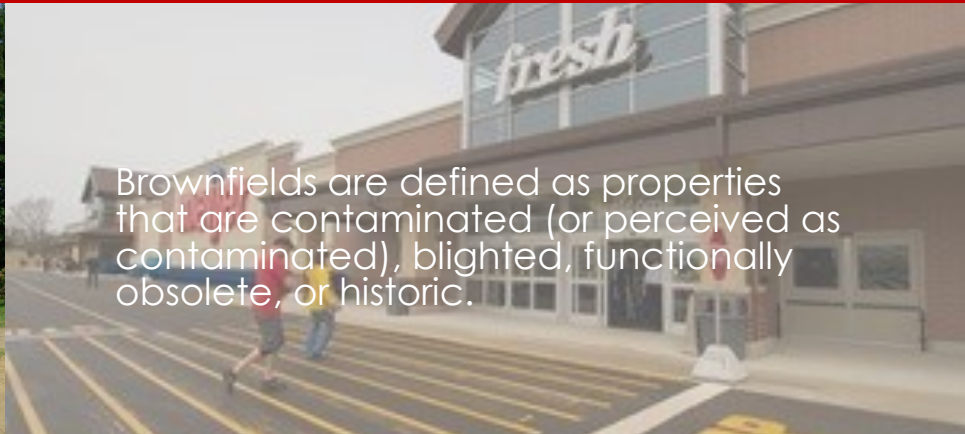


Brownfield Redevelopment Opportunities

Van Buren County, Michigan



Meijer Site - Before
South Haven, Michigan



Brownfields are defined as properties that are contaminated (or perceived as contaminated), blighted, functionally obsolete, or historic.

In June of 2002, the Van Buren County Board of Commissioners established a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (VBCBRA) to assist in the revitalization of contaminated properties throughout the county. The Authority is administered by the Van Buren County Land Services Department.

Michigan's Brownfield Redevelopment programs are some of the best in the nation – providing communities and developers of Brownfields with a number of tools to encourage redevelopment. There are various state and federal funding resources available to support brownfield redevelopment projects. The VBCBRA has an assortment of funding sources and incentives to help, along with an EPA Assessment Grant to support eligible projects.

Major Goals of Brownfield Redevelopment

- Encourage additional investment, jobs and revenue in the county.
- Reuse existing infrastructure.
- Recovery of tax base.
- Encourage redevelopment in areas affected by blight, contamination, and vacancy.
- Environmental cleanup and improve public health.

Potential Eligible Activities

- Phase I & Phase 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
- Cleanup Activities
- Site Preparation and Infrastructure Improvements in Bangor and Hartford (both are Core Communities)
- *Eligible activities may be supported through Tax Increment Financing (TIF)*

The Van Buren County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority stands ready to work with local communities and businesses in support of redevelopment of Brownfields throughout the County. If we can support your efforts or answer questions regarding potential projects, please contact Ed VanderVries, Van Buren County Land Services Department or Lisa Phillips, Authority Chair.

Refer to the County's website for updates, project steps, documents and additional information at www.economicdevelopment.org/brownfields.

