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Brownfields Environmental Assessment and Cleanup Resources

The Department of Toxic Substances Control has special programs to help investigate and clean up environmentally impacted properties, also known as “Brownfields.” These programs are supported by grants from the U.S. EPA.



With help from the TSI program, this former brownfield in Redding is now a new shopping destination.

Targeted Site Investigation (TSI) Program:

DTSC has \$300,000 available state-wide to perform environmental assessments for local agencies, school districts, and nonprofit organizations. Projects are selected through a competitive process. Applications will open in Spring, 2018. For application and additional information, visit: http://dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Brownfields/Loans_Grants.cfm

What is a Brownfield?

Brownfields can be any property where reuse or redevelopment is hampered because of known or perceived environmental contamination.

Addressing brownfields through environmental investigation and cleanup promotes redevelopment and community revitalization and provides safe living, working, and recreational spaces for Californians.

Brownfields can include the following:

- Factories
- Dairy Farms
- Dry-cleaners
- Illegal drug labs
- Properties with minimal historical information
- Abandoned buildings & vacant properties
- Properties near those with known environmental contamination
- Crop farms
- Cattle ranches
- Mining sites





Properties from East Los Angeles to the Port of Long Beach may be eligible.

I-710 Brownfields Assessment Grant:

DTSC has funding available to conduct environmental assessments at underutilized, developable properties along the I-710 Corridor. DTSC's goal is to utilize our technical and regulatory expertise to assist local agencies and nonprofit organizations to facilitate the safe and productive use of brownfields. Properties will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis.



This complex in San Jose benefited from a DTSC cleanup grant.

Cleanup Loans (Revolving Loan Fund):

DTSC provides financing for brownfield cleanups through simple interest loans at below market rates. Most parties are eligible, including local agencies, nonprofit organizations and private companies. DTSC currently has ~\$1,200,000 available. Under certain circumstances, grants are also considered. Qualified properties will be funded on a first-come-first-served basis.

A few of the projects with funding by DTSC grants include:

- Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley, Inc. *Hayward, CA: Future site of ten affordable homes*
- Burton School District *Porterville, CA: Future school site*
- Natomas Unified School District *Natomas, CA: Future school site*
- Sierra Institute for Community and Environment *Crescent Mills, CA: Future biomass project*



- Orvieto Family Apartments *San Jose, CA: Affordable housing*
- Mission Bay *San Francisco, CA: Park and open space*
- Jacob Center *San Diego, CA: Affordable housing*
- Siskiyou County EDC *Siskiyou County, CA: Future business park*
- City of Alameda *Alameda, CA: Jack Capon Villa affordable housing*
- Martin Building Co *San Francisco, CA: Market-rate and affordable housing*

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you get your
project off
the ground!



Targeted Site Investigation Program Assessment Opportunity

*Application, guidelines
and additional
information
are available at:*

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*Application period will
open in Spring 2018.*

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC), through the Targeted Site Investigation (TSI) Program, has \$300,000 worth of resources available to perform environmental assessments for:

- **Nonprofit Organizations**
- **Local Agencies**
- **Tribal Governments**
- **School Districts**

Under the TSI Program, brownfields sites are selected to receive environmental investigation services through a competitive application process. DTSC's goal is to facilitate the return of brownfields to safe and productive uses. DTSC is currently seeking properties that meet the following criteria:

- Strong redevelopment potential
- Real or perceived contamination
- Clear need and municipal/community support for the property's revitalization
- Redevelopment/reuse would benefit the community

In 2016, the following projects were selected to receive environmental investigation services:



Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley

"[This] Sequoia Grove development will provide much needed affordable homeownership opportunities to hard working, lower income families in Hayward. We greatly appreciate [DTSC's] commitment of \$60,000 to this project through its Targeted Site Investigation program. Our partnership with DTSC will allow the development of this community to move forward which is a win for Hayward and the future homeowners who'll live here."

– Janice Jensen, President and CEO, Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley

Habitat for Humanity will receive up to \$60,000 worth of services to conduct additional investigation for Sequoia Grove in Hayward to develop this vacant 0.73-acre site with ten homes affordable to buyers with incomes less than 80 percent of the area median income. The project has strong support from the City of Hayward and the community. This investigation will help Habitat for Humanity characterize the extent of soil contamination on site and provide information needed to develop a cleanup plan.



Natomas Unified School District

Natomas Unified School District will receive up to \$40,000 worth of services to conduct a preliminary environmental assessment of a future K-8 school site at the intersection of Truxel Road and Arena Boulevard in Sacramento. This assessment will help Natomas Unified School District identify any cleanup necessary to develop 18.53 acres of vacant, fallow land into a K-8 school.



Sierra Institute for Community and Environment

The Sierra Institute will receive up to \$149,000 worth of services to conduct a preliminary environmental assessment for the 28-acre Crescent Mills industrial site in Plumas County to help define the extent of contamination so that a cleanup plan can be developed. The Institute plans to redevelop the site into a biomass utilization campus to process low-value wood into products.



Burton School District

Burton School District in Tulare County will receive up to \$51,000 worth of services to conduct a preliminary environmental assessment of a future K-8 school site on North Newcomb Street in Porterville. This assessment will help Burton School District identify any cleanup necessary to develop a 12.59-acre abandoned drive-in theater into a K-8 school.

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