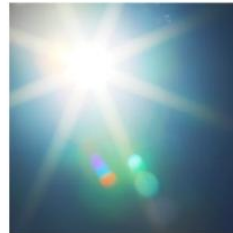
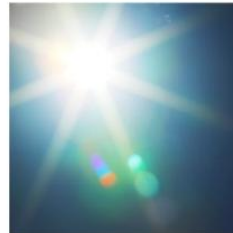


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What is a Brownfield?

“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”

Traditional examples include factories, rail yards, landfills, dry cleaners but may include historical landfills, orchards, anthropogenic sources, and others

How Brownfields Cleanups Help

How does brownfield redevelopment change communities?

- Assessment and possible clean up of impacted natural resources
- Increased employment opportunities
- Increased tax revenues
- Increase in surrounding property values
- Reduced green space development
- Community pride and improved community potential
- Revitalizing community core areas and downtown/main street areas

Accessing Brownfields Property

- Apply for a Virginia Brownfields Assistance Fund Grant
- Apply for a EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant
- Request a Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA)
- Additional resources: New Jersey Institute of Technology
- Contact DEQ for support



Virginia Brownfields Restoration and Economic Redevelopment Assistance Fund



General Assembly has provided \$2.25 million available July 1, 2017

Provides a “track record” for localities considering applying for EPA Grant and a leverage and/or match for other grants

Flexibility to complete either assessment or remediation if property is owned by the local government

- Created in 2002 with Virginia Brownfields Legislation
- First capitalized in 2011 with \$1M
- 44 Grants Assessment & Planning Grants awarded with typical award of \$50,000
(Ranging from \$7,000 to \$60,000)
- 3 Remediation Grants recently awarded. Re-opens Sept 2017
- Re-capitalized with \$2.25M and will allow for remediation grants up to \$500,000
- Property must be owned by local government to receive remediation grant
- Wide range of projects from typical Phase I & II ESA to removal actions for historic waste materials

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VBAF Grant Availability

- Planning/Assessment Grants – are open and available for application until funds are committed
- New funds available as of July 1, 2017
- Remediation Grants – September 2017
- Minor revision of the guidelines this summer prior to opening for applications
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VIRGINIA TAX EXEMPTION



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Statute is 20 years old!

Environmental restoration sites are a separate class of property.

Environmental restoration sites are properties that became contaminated by a release of hazardous substances

Any City, County or Town may pass an ordinance exempting such property from local tax

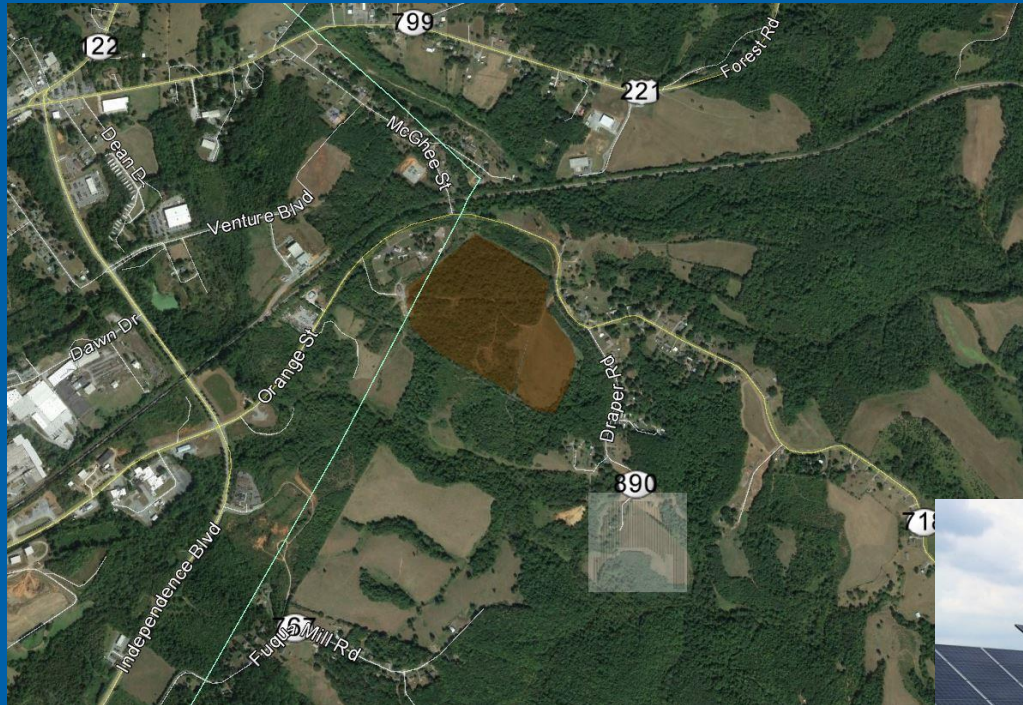
Property must be enrolled in the VRP Program.

A period no longer than 5 years

§ 58.1-3664. Environmental restoration sites

<http://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title58.1/chapter36/section58.1-3664/>

Town of Bedford Solar Project



Project Size

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

Benefits

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



Jackson Park - Pulaski – Before



Dunnivant Building



Jackson Park - Before



Virginia
Wood
Products



Town of Pulaski – After



Town of Saltville

- Received \$50,000.00 in Brownfields grant funding from EPA and \$50,000 of additional funding from VBAF with EPA Grant providing the matching funds.
- Collaborative effort ongoing to help Saltville's ability to leverage funding from other sources.
 - Partners include the Town of Saltville, VEDP, DEQ, EPA, DHCD, Virginia Secretary of Commerce Office, and local citizens



ASTSWMO Update



- The Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (ASTSWMO)
 - Represents 50 States, 5 Territories & DC
- Brownfields Focus Group
 - 10 members, 1 from each EPA region
 - Meade Anderson, VA (Current Chair)



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