

City of Springfield, Missouri, Brownfields Program Criteria for Use of Assessment Funds

The City of Springfield Brownfields Program is made possible through EPA funded grants to perform assessments and cleanup planning on properties that may have been contaminated with either hazardous substances or petroleum. The program works to assess, clean up, and facilitate the redevelopment / reuse of potentially contaminated properties known as "brownfields" within the city of Springfield. The program is coordinated through the Economic Development Office in the Department of Planning and Development and works in cooperation with Region 7 of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

The following criteria will be used to evaluate eligible brownfields sites for use of EPA grant funds managed through the City's Brownfields Program. Eligible sites must meet one or more of the following criteria, all of which will be considered by the Brownfields Committee prior to authorization of use of funds. All sites must have EPA and/or DNR eligibility approval and the party requesting brownfields assistance must retain and prove site control or have been granted written permission by the property owner to use the results of the environmental assessment and/ or cleanup planning.

1. Site Location

The site must be located within the city limits of Springfield to be eligible for Brownfields funding. Evaluation of the site location will include how the location relates to the Vision 20/20 goals for the City of Springfield and to City Council priorities? Has the site been targeted through an inventory or study as a priority? Sites strategically located in an area that furthers these goals, such as Center City, the Jordan Valley Planning Area, the CDBG boundary, the Jordan Creek CORPS Study, City acquisition, and neighborhoods will be given higher priority.

2. Environmental Need

Is there a high probability that the site has contamination from hazardous substances and/or petroleum contaminants?

3. Redevelopment Potential

What is the potential for redevelopment based on the property condition, surrounding area, location, market conditions, commitment of the developer. What are the plans for redevelopment and are plans consistent with the highest and best use of the property.

4. Community Benefit

How will the community benefit from use of funds at this site? What will the impact of eliminating this brownfield property have and what level of benefit will the redevelopment bring in the form of economic, health, and/or environmental improvement.

5. Cost Benefit

What is the cost benefit of the project relative to the use of brownfields funds? Consider the amount of grant funds remaining and other pending projects. Property targeted for City acquisition or City owned property will receive priority over private property.

Project Site: _____

Approved by Brownfields Committee: _____

Approver Signature

Date