## Brownfields

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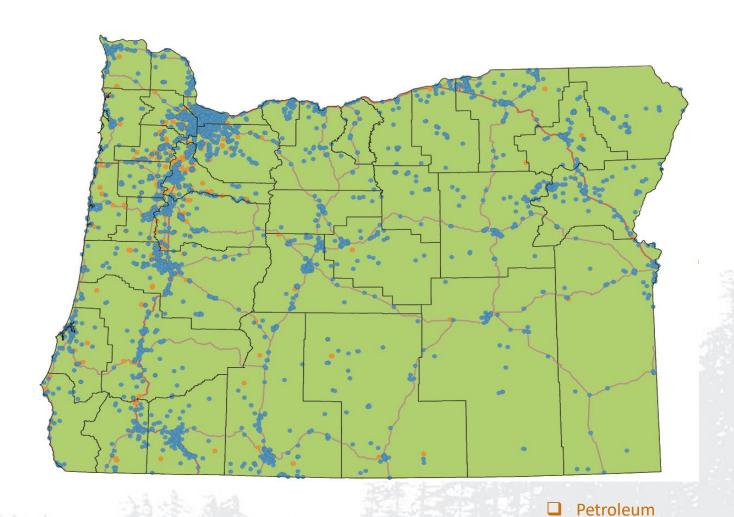
### ORS 285A.185(1)

 "Brownfield" means real property where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by actual or perceived environmental contamination.



### Where Are the Brownfields?

**Hazardous Substance** 







### Business Oregon's Brownfields Role

- Primary role is that of funder and advocate for brownfields cleanup and redevelopment
  - Manage two revolving loan funds: Oregon Brownfields Redevelopment Fund and Oregon Brownfields Cleanup Fund
- As projects dictate, consult and work with Regional Solution Teams and other State agencies – for example: ODOT, DSL, OHA
- Every two years, partner with Oregon DEQ to host the Statewide Brownfields Conference and Awards.



## Business Oregon's Brownfields Program:

#### **➢ Oregon Brownfields Redevelopment Fund (State):**

- Created in 1997, initial capitalization in 2000 with recap in 2005, 2015 and 2017.
- Assessments, Studies, Integrated Planning, Cleanup
- Mainly loan but grant available for publicly owned projects
- DEQ regulatory oversight and or review required

#### ➤Oregon Brownfields Cleanup Fund (Federal):

- Capitalized through federal EPA grant(s) to Business Oregon
- Cleanup only
- Mainly loan but grant available for publicly owned projects
- Subject to federal crosscutting requirements
- DEQ regulatory oversight required



# Brownfields Return on Investment

Remediation Spurs Economic Growth! 2014 Study of 51 brownfields redevelopment projects revealed that

\$1 of state investment

Leveraged \$116 of other funds Resulting in \$2.3 billion in economic activity

Creating 8,900 on site and indirect jobs Generating \$19 million in tax revenue to the state



# City of Independence – Independence Landing Project











## Questions?

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