# Brownfields

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#### **Rose Avenue and Former Tank Farm and Warehouse - Vernonia**



## **Brownfields and Risk**

- Liability transfers with the property with very few exceptions.
- The exceptions include foreclosure, eminent domain, & inheritance (ORS 465.255(3)).
- Donations/Quick Deeds are <u>not</u> excluded from liability.



King Salvage, Lincoln County - 2020



## **Brownfield Tools**

Identify and coordinate funding/assistance from a variety of sources:

DEQ

- 128(a) grant funding to conduct assessments and cleanup planning
- Solid Waste/Cleanup Orphan Accounts
- LUST Trust Fund
- Clean Water State Revolving Loan
- Oregon Health Authority

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- Target Brownfield Assessment
- Competitive Grants: Cleanup, Assessment, Multi-Purpose
- Business Oregon
  - Brownfield Redevelopment Fund (planning, assessment, cleanup)
  - Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund (cleanup)



Sammy's Place, Tillamook County- 2020



#### **Brownfield Tools**

#### **Prospective Purchaser Agreement**

- Encourage cleanup and productive reuse of contaminated property
- Allow prospective purchasers and lessees to invest while limiting liability
- Rights and obligations of PPA "run with the land"
- PPAs include Engineering and Institutional Controls, also EESs
- <u>https://www.oregon.gov/deq/Hazards-and-Cleanup/env-</u> <u>cleanup/Pages/Prospective-Purchaser-Agreements.aspx</u>



Troutdale Riverfront Redevelopment Site - 2019



## 2021 Brownfield Grant Applicants





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#### Annual Environmental Cleanup Report 2021

Submitted to: **Governor Kate Brown Oregon Legislative Assembly Oregon Environmental Quality Commission** 

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- **DEQ Cleanup Process and Milestones**
- **Brownfield Redevelopment Projects**
- **Prospective Purchaser Agreements**

https://www.oregon.gov/deg/FilterDocs/2021AnnCUreport.pdf



Bagley Creek restoration, near Port Orford - 2020



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**Questions?** 

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