



Investing in Open Space and Affordable Housing – Los Angeles, CA

Pacific Southwest / Region 9

Brownfields Program Grant Awards in the City of Los Angeles, 1995 – 2017

Brownfields Evaluation, Cleanup and Sustainable Reuse	\$3.4 million
Environmental Job Training (Grantees trained 500 adults, including 40 in 2017 – 2018)	\$1.8 million
Total	\$5.2 million
Leveraged Funding	\$56 million

EPA Brownfields Program Supports Local Redevelopment

Since 1997, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Program has invested over \$5.2 million in the City of Los Angeles, leveraging approximately \$56 million in public and private investments. Underutilized, potentially contaminated properties are known as “brownfields.” EPA funds property evaluations, contamination cleanup, community engagement, redevelopment planning and job training. Public and private property owners in urban and rural communities benefit from this program. **EPA’s Brownfields funding fills the financial gap to jump-start redevelopment on environmentally complicated sites and directly supports economic revitalization, community cohesion and environmental stewardship.**

Local Successes

The City Creates More Park Space along the Los Angeles River

The City of Los Angeles Brownfields Program used \$500,000 in EPA funding to clean up contamination at the location of the future Albion Riverside Park. The property was used by several industrial operations, most recently as a dairy distribution facility. Now clean, the property is an important part of the revitalization efforts along the Los Angeles River. It will include pedestrian paths, continuation of the Los Angeles River bike path, and a multi-use public plaza. Ribbon-cutting for the new park is expected in late 2018.



Albion Park Greenway Groundbreaking

Reinvesting in Communities - Protecting Public Health - Supporting New Jobs



Humboldt River Greenway Adjacent to Metro's Gold Line



Rockwood Community Park



Larry Itliong Village

New Community Greenways Protect Los Angeles River Water Quality

EPA Brownfields funding helped kick-start the Humboldt River Greenway Project, resulting in community revitalization along the greenway and water quality protection for the Los Angeles River. The city used EPA funding to determine that the property – a former railroad spur and storage yard – was not contaminated and was ready for redevelopment. Today, the Greenway landscape features filter pollutants from stormwater runoff before it flows to the Los Angeles River. Additionally, the Greenway Project incorporates native vegetation, recreational features, and solar-powered lighting.

Art Collective Creates Urban Oasis on Former Brownfield

The artist collective ARTS Corps L.A. worked with the City of Los Angeles to clean up a former oil pump site and transform the property into the Spiraling Orchards Park. EPA Brownfields funding was key in supporting this redevelopment. Located in the Echo Park neighborhood of Los Angeles, the park is used for celebrations, after-school and summer classes, and as a gathering space for families and youth.

City Cleanup Brings Much-Needed Greenspace

A brownfield property with former oil wells leaked dangerous gases into buildings in the Echo Park neighborhood. The City of Los Angeles used \$400,000 in EPA Brownfields funding to clean up the property and make it safe for urban open space. The city worked with the community to develop the property into a half-acre park featuring picnic areas, a playground, and eco-friendly features, such as solar-powered lighting and water-efficient irrigation.

Affordable Housing Built Near Downtown

Local community organizations collaborated to develop the Larry Itliong Village, which provides 45 units of affordable, multi-family housing close to public transportation. The project utilized \$280,000 in EPA Brownfields funding to clean up the former oil field and prepare the property for redevelopment. In addition to affordable housing, the project also includes nine units specifically designed as transitional youth housing, community space and a small grocery store.

For more information on EPA's Brownfields Program, visit www.epa.gov/brownfields