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The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has announced that a Brownfields Community-wide Assessment Grant in the amount of \$300,000 has been awarded to the City of Marshalltown. View the full EPA new release online.

<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicants-selected-fy-2021-brownfields-multipurpose-assessment-and-cleanup-grants>

### What is a Brownfields site?

According to the EPA, a brownfield is a property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. It is estimated that there are more than 450,000 brownfields in the U.S. Cleaning up and reinvesting in these properties increases local tax bases, facilitate job growth, utilizes existing infrastructure, takes development pressures off of undeveloped, open land, and both improves and protects the environment.

The City of Marshalltown has been working with Kansas State University Technical Assistance to Brownfields (KSU TAB) Program for approximately one year as we have developed a Brownfields Program here in Marshalltown. For more information about the City's efforts and information related to Brownfields visit the City of Marshalltown website:

[www.marshalltown-ia.gov/brownfields](http://www.marshalltown-ia.gov/brownfields)

Marshalltown is home to a number of sites that may be classified as Brownfield sites. This is especially relevant since the 2018 tornado and 2020 derecho caused significant damages throughout our community.

This specific grant will provide the City with the resources needed to contract with a qualified firm to conduct environmental site assessments of potential Brownfield sites. The City will develop an inventory of sites in the community and conduct a reuse and clean-up plan for targeted sites based on community input.

The City is appreciative of the funding award from the EPA and we look forward to strengthening our partnerships with the EPA as we administer this award and improve Marshalltown.

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