

# Brownfield Site Redevelopment Success Stories

## Brownfields Site Reuse & Revitalization Program

### Grays Harbor Coalition

It can be difficult to imagine reuse possibilities when looking at a vacant or underutilized property (often called “eyesores”) with unknown contamination. Environmental assessments can help demystify unknown site issues that prevent redevelopment, allowing community revitalization plans to move forward.

In 2020, the Grays Harbor Council of Governments (GHCOG) Coalition was awarded \$600,000 of Brownfields Assessment Grants by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Coalition is led by the GHCOG and supported by the cities of Aberdeen, Hoquiam, Cosmopolis, Westport and Elma. Funding will be used to perform environmental assessments and cleanup planning on eligible sites to transform blighted properties into vibrant businesses and community spaces.

The following success stories are examples of how reusing brownfield sites can restore the environment, create jobs, increase property values, reduce health risks, and support neighborhood revitalization.

### Help us create a success story in your neighborhood!

Do you know of a vacant or underutilized site in need of redevelopment? Get involved with the Grays Harbor Site Reuse and Revitalization Program! A pool of great ideas and visions and observations of opportunities help local municipalities and potential developers realize community desires, needs and possibilities. To learn more, please visit our website or contact:

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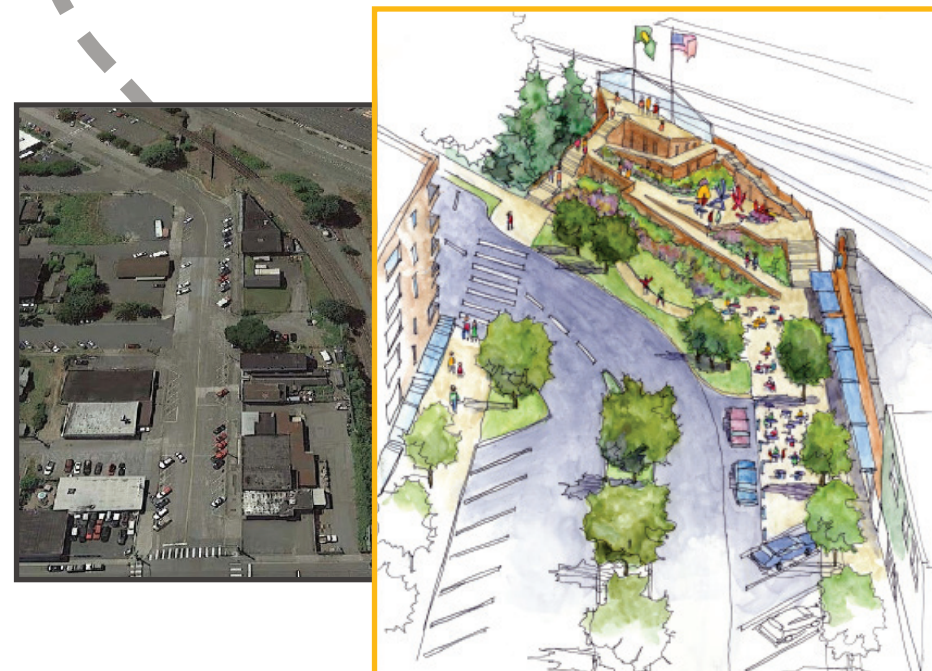


#### Riverfront Park Ice Ribbon

The City of Spokane transformed a former railyard and location of the Worlds Fair Expo '74 into a community ice ribbon. The site is located within the 100-acre Riverfront Park - all of which was once declared a brownfield. The ice ribbon opened in December 2017 and is the first ice ribbon on the west coast! Environmental impacts related to historic operations were discovered during construction activities. The City is using EPA Brownfield Grants to support continued cleanup and revitalization of the sprawling park for additional amenities including a carousel, promenade, and new walkways and bridges connecting surrounding neighborhoods to Riverfront Park.

#### Kent Highlands Landfill

The City of Kent used EPA Brownfield Grant funding to support redevelopment of a brownfield-impacted focus area adjacent to a former landfill. A developer purchased a portion of the cleaned up site to build a 261-unit affordable housing development. The project supports a larger redevelopment vision to transform a key gateway to the City into a pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use residential and commercial district.



#### Hewitt Street Corridor Revitalization

The City of Everett used EPA Brownfield Grant funding to support redevelopment of former auto repair and gas station sites along an old corridor. The project includes redeveloping the corridor into mixed-use commercial and residential with a small community park and boardwalk along a bluff overlooking the waterfront. The project supports the City's proposed Hewitt Plaza vision that includes additional housing and businesses to help the area thrive and grow.



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