

# COMMUNITY BENEFITS

## of Brownfield Redevelopment in Minnesota

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*Industrial and economic transformations throughout Minnesota's history have left our state with thousands of contaminated commercial and industrial brownfield sites that lie stagnant. Redeveloping brownfield sites can improve the environmental and economic conditions in the surrounding community, benefiting local residents in a variety of ways.*

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### Increase Property Values

Redeveloping a brownfield site can have a positive impact on the value and perception of surrounding properties. One study found that properties within 3/4 mile of a brownfield site increased in value by 5-15% following redevelopment.



### Create and Retain Jobs

When a brownfield site is cleaned up and redeveloped, businesses can begin operations and bring new jobs to the community. Many former brownfield sites are conveniently located in or near urban centers, an attractive prospect for both employers and employees.



### Meet Demand For Housing

There is an increasing demand for housing options in compact, urban neighborhoods. Redeveloped brownfield sites, often located along existing transit lines, assist cities in meeting their goals by creating new market rate and affordable housing in desirable locations.

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## Spotlight On Brownfields and Health



### *What is the impact on community health?*

Communities with concentrated and untended brownfields face multiple public health threats, including exposure to harmful chemicals, poor air quality, lack of green space, elevated blood lead levels, and increased rates of asthma. Low-income and minority neighborhoods are disproportionately affected by environmental contamination.



### *Help communities ask the right questions.*

Minnesota Brownfields partnered with the MN Dept. of Health to create a tool that addresses the common challenges of transforming brownfields into productive community assets, including the complicated process of identifying and prioritizing redevelopment strategies that will best meet the long-term needs of the environment and community.



Read our full report on the benefits of brownfield redevelopment at:  
[mnbrownfields.org](http://mnbrownfields.org)

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