

Proposed Presentation / Date TBD

The Maryland Department of Planning (Planning) has established a [brownfield assistance program](#), in collaboration with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). The program's goal is to connect local jurisdictions and their economic development partners to federal and state resources to identify, clean up and redevelop brownfields in Maryland communities.

We have designed a virtual presentation with lead brownfield staff from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and MDE to explain our brownfield assistance services that are available to you.

EPA's presentation topics include the types of available brownfield grant funding with a breakdown of each of the competitive and non-competitive funding programs to guide participants in identifying which opportunities are the best fit for their brownfield sites; as well as information about training and other outreach programs that EPA provides.

MDE's presentation topics include an overview of the Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP) and the Controlled Hazardous Substance Enforcement Division, which are both housed under the Land Restoration Program. MDE's presentation also clarifies how participation in the VCP can benefit your brownfields and offer environmental liability protections. In addition, the lead brownfield staff at MDE address eligibility and cost details for the program.

Planning's presentation finalizes how we (Planning) can leverage the brownfield expertise at EPA and MDE (and other relevant agencies), and the grant funding, other financial assistance, and technical assistance opportunities to move your brownfield sites toward reuse and revitalization in your communities.

Maryland has brownfields in every county. They include buildings and sites previously used for drycleaners, autobody repair, gas stations, manufacturing and industrial uses and buildings with asbestos or lead-based paint issues. Obtaining funding for assessments and cleanup is key to local efforts to transform brownfields into community assets; whether for new businesses, government facilities, parks or tourism destinations.