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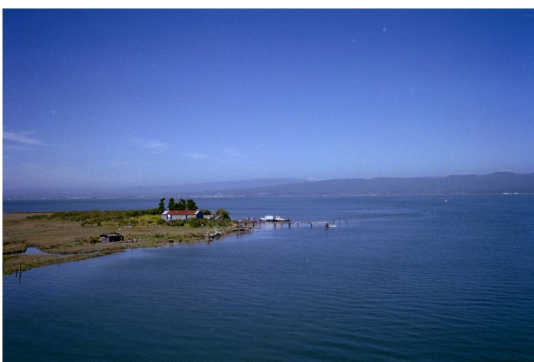
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Free Phase I, II Environmental and other Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBA) Assistance Available.



Above and right: Indian Island TBA located on the Table Bluff Reservation.

Wiyot Tribe, Tuluwat Village, Indian Island TBA

In 2003, a Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) was performed at Indian Island to determine whether soil and groundwater were impacted from historic site uses (former boat drydock and repair facility) and to conduct disposal characterization for lead paint and asbestos in two buildings on the property. Analytical results from samples collected during the TBA found that soil contained petroleum hydrocarbon, pentachlorophenol, polycyclic aromatic carbon and metals contamination. In 2004, the Wiyot Tribe received a \$200,000 Brownfields Cleanup Grant to remove contaminated soils. However, cleanup confirmation sampling revealed that more contaminated soil needed to be excavated or treated. The Tribe received a \$200,000 sub-grant for in-situ treatment of dioxin contaminated soil from the Humboldt County RLF Program. There were still areas, however, that required a cap where excavation or treatment was not feasible due to NHPA issues. The Tribe sought additional assistance from EPA's Emergency Response Program which installed a protective cap over the remaining contaminated areas, allowing the Tribe to move forward with plans to use the property as a ceremonial area. The first ceremony in over 150 years will be held in late March.

Did you know that EPA will conduct Phase I and II environmental site assessments and cleanup planning for communities free of charge? The assessment support is available to public entities and non-profits and applications can be submitted any time. For more information, click the link to visit your region's TBA webpage - [Region 8](#), [Region 9](#), and [Region 10](#).



Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities

Technical Assistance to Brownfield Communities – free webinars, workshops and more! Technical Assistance to Brownfield Communities (TAB) providers help communities tackle Brownfield challenges as well as provide valuable training opportunities.

In Region 8 (SD, ND, MT, WY, CO, UT, and 27 Tribes), the TAB provider is [Kansas State University](#), and they will be offering the following webinars and workshops:

[Greener Cleanup for Brownfields: Q&A Webinar](#) will be held on March 19th from 9:00 -10:00 am MDT (8:00 -9:00 am PDT) and on March 25th from 1:00 – 2:00 pm MDT (12:00-1:00 pm PDT). This webinar will answer your specific questions about Greener Cleanup principles and opportunities to use greener cleanup techniques in brownfield redevelopment projects.

On April 24, 2014, TAB will be hosting a [Sustainable Economic Revitalization workshop](#) in Gypsum, Colorado. This workshop is designed to assist communities in Colorado dealing with Brownfields properties and will focus on identifying State, Federal, and other financial and technical resources to assist in resolving environmental and redevelopment issues for communities.

On May 15, 2014, TAB in partnership with the Utah Department of Environmental Quality, will be hosting a full day workshop - [Funding Economic Development Through Brownfields](#) in Salt Lake City, Utah. This workshop will focus on various tools and resources available in Utah to assist local government with redevelopment of contaminated or potentially contaminated properties.

In Regions 9 and 10 (AZ, CA, NV, HI, WA, OR, ID, AK), the TAB provider is the [Center for Creative Land Recycling](#).

The [Oregon Brownfields Conference](#) will be held May 13-14, 2014, in Salem, OR. This two day workshop focuses on redeveloping Oregon's Brownfields with real examples and practical learning. Presenters include Business Oregon, Center for Creative Land Recycling, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and Northwest Environmental Business Council. The conference includes an awards luncheon -- [applications for the Oregon Brownfields Award](#) are being accepted until April 15, 2014.

EPA Budget Brief

EPA's Brownfields resources for 2014 will hold fairly steady based on the budget signed into law by the President on January 17, 2014. The EPA is anticipating announcing recipients of Brownfields Assessment, Revolving

Loan Fund and Cleanup grants in May. Also, stay tuned for a request for Brownfields Area-wide Planning grants this summer. [EPA's Brownfields Area-wide planning webpage](#) has more information and weblinks to previ-

ous Brownfields Area-Wide Plans. Request for proposals for the Brownfields, Training, Research and Technical Assistance Grant is live - go to page 4 for additional details.

Brownfields, Training, Research and Technical Assistance Grant Application Guidelines

Request for Proposals for Brownfields, Training, Research, and Technical Assistance is live and the proposal deadline is April 1, 2014. EPA anticipates making 4 awards in the areas of: technical assistance for environmental workforce development and job training; technical assistance focused on the integration of environmental justice and equitable development in brownfields impacted communities; research on the benefits of brownfields redevelopment; and technical assistance for financing and economic development strategies in brownfields impacted communities.

Approximately \$600m available – 2014 Department of Transportation NOFA Issued

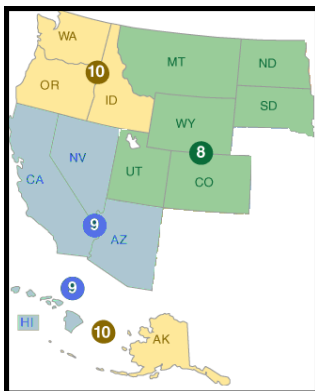
DOT is soliciting applications for TIGER Discretionary Grants for national infrastructure investments that will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or a region. The following sections of the NOFA's selection criteria specifically mention Brownfields as examples. The Quality of Life section considers whether projects further the six livability principals developed by the HUD, DOT and EPA Partnership for sustainable communities and specifically mentions EPA's Brownfields Area-wide Planning grant program. The Environmental Sustainability section mentions the project's ability to provide environmental benefits such as brownfields redevelopment. The application deadline is April 28, 2014.

Sustainable Communities assistance available from the HUD-DOT-EPA partnership

The Sustainable Communities agencies — HUD, DOT, and EPA — manage a variety of on-going programs that provide funding and technical assistance to support communities including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program. HUD, DOT, EPA and USDA also provide programs targeted to rural communities. The Federal Resources for Sustainable Rural Communities guide provides information on assistance and examples of how rural communities across the country have put these programs into action.

Upcoming training schedule for the Brownfields ACRES database

ACRES Training –The EPA offers two online training courses to assist Brownfields Cooperative Agreement recipients in reporting their grant-funded activities using the ACRES website. An introductory course for new grantees will be offered Tuesday, May 13, 2014, at 12:00 pm MDT (11:00 am PDT); and the more advanced Next Level ACRES training will be offered Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at 12pm MDT (11am PDT). For the full schedule and webinar link, visit the ACRES Training page.



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