

BROWNFIELDS TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

1508 BAY ROAD, EAST PALO ALTO, CA



Property Information

Address 1508 Bay Rd.
East Palo Alto, CA
94303

County Santa Clara

Size 0.25 acres

Technical Assistance Recipient

Brute Labs

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PROJECT SUMMARY

Community

The property is located at 1508 Bay Road in East Palo Alto, San Mateo County, California. East Palo Alto is in an environmental justice community facing environmental and socio-economic issues. EPA works with non-profit organizations in underserved communities.

Property Information

The property is 0.25 acres and contains an approximately 1,230 square foot single-family residence along with three storage sheds and a green house. The property was used as agricultural land until the construction of the single family residence in 1930. Brute Labs intends to operate it's organization from the property and to provide on-site opportunities for disadvantaged youth, such as urban gardening and a "maker" workshop.

Technical Assistance

EPA provided technical assistance to research historic property uses and identify potential contaminants of concern at the property. Based on database review, there are no known environmental releases on the site or within a one-mile radius of the property. While the building interior and exterior appeared to be in good condition with no friable asbestos-containing materials or paint damage, the potential exists for asbestos and lead from lead-based paint due to the age of the building. The potential presence of pesticides and herbicides was identified at the property due to historical agricultural land use. **Recommendation:** The site appears appropriate for the short-term reuse as a rental property, and long-term reuse as an office space and workshop without further investigation. If the proposed reuse includes a community garden, it is recommended that raised garden beds are used and/or soil samples are collected for asbestos, lead, pesticides and herbicides analyses. The recommendation to test soil applies to gardening in native soils.

Future Use

The long-term proposed reuse includes an office space, workshop and community garden for Brute Labs. The future uses of the property are focused on supporting residents of East Palo Alto, and Brute has partnered with other non-profits on this project.



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