BROWNFIELD INCENTIVE PROGRAM

a locally driven revitalization effort

Ottawa County
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WHAT ARE BROWNFIELDS?

Brownfields are idle, underutilized, or vacant industrial or commercial properties where redevelopment is hindered by real or perceived environmental contamination, blight, or functional obsolescence.

Many brownfield sites sit unused for decades because the cost of clean-up for these sites can be high and uncertain.

The Ottawa County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (OCBRA) offers access to several financial tools that can help offset these costs. One such tool is the Brownfield Incentive Program, or BIP.

HOW IS THE BIP FUNDED?

The BIP was established by the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners to help incentivize the redevelopment of brownfield properties with local funding.

Managed by OCBRA, BIP consists of certain revenues generated under the Brownfield Redevelopment Act, and under an Urban Cooperation Agreement between OCBRA and the Ottawa County Land Bank Authority because of their shared goal of returning underutilized properties to the tax rolls.

BENEFITS

This county-facilitated economic development tool has the potential to:

RETURN problematic properties to the tax rolls

ATTRACT developers to brownfields, creating jobs and investment

INCREASE the value of nearby properties

REDUCE sprawl by reusing properties with existing infrastructure

ADDRESS and remediate environmental contamination and health hazards

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