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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 cleanup for these sites can be high and uncertain.

The Ottawa County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority (OCBRA) offers access to financial tools that can help offset these costs. One such tool is the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) brownfield assessment grant.

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ELIGIBILITY & STEPS
WHO CAN APPLY Cities, villages, townships and private entities within the County
WHAT THE GRANT CAN BE USED FOR ESAs, Baseline Environment Assessments, and due care planning
HOW IT WORKS
• Apply for funding at miottawa.org/brownfields
• OCBRA and USEPA evaluate project
• If selected, OCBRA’s environmental consultant will complete the approved activities.

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