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# BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM



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*A Brownfields Program success story:  
Kwik Cleaners reborn as Delite Bakery*

## Providing Assistance with Property Assessment and Cleanup in King County



*Rainier Court redevelopment project before and after assessment and cleanup*

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Collecting soil samples at Ellisport Creek on Vashon Island

The King County Brownfields Program provides assistance to qualified private individuals and businesses, nonprofit organizations and municipalities within King County to assess and clean up contaminated sites, also known as Brownfields. Types of assistance include:

### Technical Assistance in Assessment and Cleanup

The program provides two types of free technical assistance.

- King County contracts with the Environmental Coalition of South Seattle (ECOSS) to provide clients with background information and advice on site assessment and cleanup. Assistance includes research on past and present site uses, review of existing environmental studies and referrals to qualified environmental consultants.

Private individuals and businesses, municipalities and nonprofit organizations are eligible for assistance from ECOSS.

- King County also provides Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessment services. King County has a contract with the environmental consulting firm CDM to conduct Phase I



Soil analysis in the lab

and Phase II assessments on eligible sites. King County can also request that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 10 office use its consultants to conduct Phase I and Phase II assessments. Both CDM and EPA can also recommend cleanup approaches and estimate cleanup costs.

Public and nonprofit entities are eligible for these services. Private entities may be eligible under certain conditions (i.e., if the end use of the site will result in a public benefit).

### Low Interest Loans for Cleanup

The Brownfields Program, in partnership with the State of Washington, offers low interest loans for cleaning up brownfield properties. Interest rates

are decided on a case-by-case basis, but can be as low as 1%-2%. Loans must be paid back within five years and borrowers must comply with certain requirements, such as allowing time for public review of the cleanup plan. Public, private and non-profit entities are eligible for loans.

### Grants for Assessment and Cleanup

Direct grants of \$200,000 for environmental assessment and cleanup are available from EPA. The Brownfields Program can help access grant funds by applying to EPA on behalf of projects or by assisting others to apply directly. Only public and nonprofit entities are eligible for grants.

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Visit the Brownfields Program web site at <http://www.metrokc.gov/dnrp/swd/brownfields/index.asp>.

## Process for Brownfields Program Assistance

- 1 Brownfields Program Manager and/or ECOSS identifies potential brownfield site.
- 2 Client talks to/meets with Brownfields Program Manager and ECOSS about site eligibility and relevant resources.
- 3 ECOSS prepares site eligibility form and Brownfields Program Manager submits to EPA for project approval.
- 4 Brownfields Program Manager obtains EPA Act (ESA) and National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) analyses, as federally required.
- 5 CDM and ECOSS prepare Endangered Species and NHPA analyses to EPA for decision on potential impacts of assessment work at the site.
- 6 Brownfields Program Manager submits ESA (QAPP), i.e., environmental sampling plan.
- 7 CDM prepares Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP), i.e., environmental sampling plan.
- 8 Brownfields Program Manager submits QAPP to EPA for review and approval.
- 9 CDM conducts sampling.
- 10 CDM analyzes lab results, prepares final report, recommends cleanup approach and estimates cleanup cost.

The King County Brownfields Program helps address climate change by restoring blighted lands to new uses, which reduces urban sprawl and the related greenhouse gas emissions.