Brownfields Assistance Program
Department of Neighborhood and Business Development and the Department of Environmental Services
City of Rochester, NY

If you’re considering buying, selling or redeveloping property that needs environmental assessments or cleanup cost estimating there’s a City program that can help.

The objective of the Brownfields Assistance Program (BAP) is to attract businesses, developers, and investors who can develop and reuse underutilized land, while contributing to the City’s economic health.

Funded under a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grant, the program provides companies selling or seeking property with financial and technical aid for investigating environmental conditions to help evaluate a project’s feasibility.

Under the Brownfield Assistance Program The City...

- Retains environmental consultants to perform pre-remedial site investigations and services;
- Provides these services to applicants on a favorable cost-sharing basis; and
- Gives priority to projects that will provide benefits that best reflect the City’s economic development and housing goals.

Eligible Activities
Pre-cleanup activities qualifying for assistance include:

- Environmental assessments, including Phase I & Phase II investigations
- Subsoil and geotechnical investigations
- Cleanup cost estimates
- Concept plans for site cleanup and reuse
- Legal costs associated with the above uses

Note: Actual cleanup activities are NOT eligible for BAP assistance.
To obtain an application or more details from the City’s Neighborhood and Business Development Department contact Karen Altman for Industrial and Commercial Projects at altmank@cityofrochester.gov 585-428-6967 OR Carol Wheeler for Housing Projects at wheelc@cityofrochester.gov 585-428-6152.