



Shenandoah Brownfields Program Background

Since 2022, when Shenandoah County was awarded a \$500,000 US EPA grant, tremendous progress has been made to provide new funding opportunities to conduct Brownfield site assessments, reuse and redevelopment planning, development of site cleanup plans, and conduct community engagement. To continue this progress, the County is seeking the involvement of property owners, prospective developers, residents, businesses, and other community stakeholders to identify additional sites for further this program to benefit the County.

Brownfields can be redeveloped into uses that benefit community members and businesses ranging from parks and green space, affordable housing, small businesses, commercial offices, community services, and dining/entertainment. Brownfields redevelopment can: minimize risks from contaminants; improve water, soil, and air quality; utilize properties deemed as "eyesores;" increase property values and tax revenue, provide opportunities for new jobs, amenities, and resources, and promote neighborhood revitalization.

Program Progress

Grant Spotlight!

Redevelopment is a key component of economic development, breathing new life into underutilized properties. Thanks to interested property owners, our office is helping them clear the way for new possibilities—one site at a time.

Want to see how we're making it happen? Check out the video of two properties (**377 Industrial Park Rd., Mt. Jackson & 5379 King St., Mt. Jackson**) we're currently working with!



Caption: Side view of the King Street Property, 5379 King St., Mt. Jackson.

Watch the video linked [here](#) to see the process of our team assessing qualifying Brownfield properties. We are excited to follow the progress of these sites from historical properties to new revitalized construction.



Caption: Inside the Press Building during a meeting with consultants conducting Environmental Site Assessments at 377 Industrial Park Rd.

Exciting progress updates on the **New Market Community Center**! Following the initial work done as part of the Brownfields Assessment grant, the Town of New Market has applied for \$50,000 of State funding to help remediate the cafeteria and dining area as part of the town's effort to create a commercial kitchen space. In support, the County has applied for State funding to help support a future tenant.



Caption: Front view and interior of the gymnasium at the New Market Community Center.

The town is seeking additional grant opportunities, including the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's (VA DEQ) Brownfields Remediation Program, with plans to apply in Fall, 2025. If successful, these funds would be used to help with the removal (abatement) of lead paint and asbestos throughout the remaining areas of the first floor.

The town is exploring opportunities and has engaged with health and wellness providers to offer services at the Community Center and is seeking potential partners to lead classes and workshops that benefit the community.

Be sure to check out the County's Economic Development social media page and Brownfields Program website for future updates on properties that are being redeveloped. Please see the website link below.

Property Owner and Contractor Interest

Property owners and developers, we welcome your participation. The County can use grant funds to ease financial burdens on qualifying sites. These funds can be used to conduct investigations known as Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments to identify potential hazards and develop site cleanup plans at no cost to property owners!



If your company specializes in site remediation, demolition, infrastructure upgrades, or new construction, we encourage you to reach out and apply to be part of this transformative effort.



Grant funding has already been invested in helping local property owners take steps toward revitalization through environmental site assessments and studies that support future redevelopment and reuse of sites throughout the County. Don't miss your chance to take advantage of this opportunity before the remaining funds are gone.

Visit the VA DEQ's online [Brownfields Dashboard](#), or contact our office to see if your property is potential Brownfield's site.

Community Engagement

Community engagement is key to successfully turning Brownfields into revitalized spaces. By working together, communities help shape the transformation of areas that may have once been contaminated into revitalized spaces that can be safely reused and enjoyed. Feedback from residents, business owners, and other community stakeholders is crucial to ensuring that redevelopment supports community needs and fosters economic growth across the County. Please continue to share this information with other community members and contractors to stay up to date on the Brownfields Redevelopment Grant.

Stay Connected!

- Visit our website for more information: <https://www.redevelopshenandoahcounty.com>
- Contact us at: (540) 459-1822 or JFrench@shenandoahcountyva.us
- Sign up for the quarterly newsletter
- Follow and engage with us on social media:
 -  <https://www.linkedin.com/company/shenandoah-county-economic-development/>
 -  <https://www.facebook.com/ShenCoEcoDev/>
- Take the online survey: <https://bit.ly/ShenandoahBrownfields>

Stay engaged to help make the change you want to see in your community! Spread the word, share this with your network, neighbors, and more!

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