

Brownfield Identification Checklist: This checklist is developed for community members to spot and record potential brownfields in their neighborhoods. DO NOT TRESPASS TO COLLECT DATA

1. Basic Property Information

Address or nearest cross-street:

Type of property:

- Vacant lot
 - Stained soil, stressed vegetation, unusual odors
 - Concrete Foundation
 - Uneven surface
 - Dumping on site
- Former gas station
 - Vent pipes
 - Fill ports
- Former factory / mill / warehouse
 - Tall Chimney/Smokestack
 - Loading Docks
 - Pipes, drums, or containers left behind
- Railroad Roundhouse, Stations
- Banks of River/Creek with Dumping
- Dry cleaner, Laundromats
- Auto repair, Auto Maintenance, Car Wash
- Former Hospitals, Schools
- Junkyard/Auto Recycling
- Fire Stations
- Old Strip Malls
- Old Motels, Hotels
- Closed business / store
- Other: _____

2. Current Condition of the Site

Is the site currently:

- Vacant land
- Abandoned building
- Active but underused
- Boarded-up or fenced-off

Visible signs of neglect:

- Overgrown weeds or brush
- Broken windows or crumbling walls
- Dumping of trash, tires, or debris
- Rusting tanks, barrels, or machinery

3. Safety and Community Impact

- Does the site present safety risks?
- Open holes, pits, unstable structures
- Frequent dumping / illegal activity
- Attracting pests (rats, insects)

Is the site nearby:

- Homes
- Schools
- Parks / playgrounds
- Streams, rivers, or lakes

5. Community Knowledge

Do residents or nearby business owners know the site's history?

- Yes → What was it used for? _____
- No → Unsure of past uses

Has the site been vacant or abandoned for more than 1 year?

- Yes
- No

6. Documentation

- Take photos (if safe to do so).
- Note conversations with neighbors who know site history.
- Record date observed: _____

