

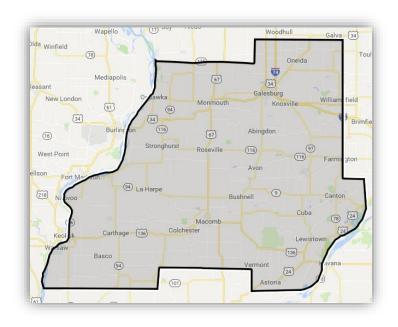
# Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant



Our goal is to *identify, prioritize, and complete* environmental assessment and/or remedial/reuse planning activities on known or potential brownfield sites throughout the area of Fulton, Hancock, Henderson, Knox, McDonough, and Warren Counties. We have \$500,000 to spend through September 30th, 2026.

## What is a "brownfield"?

The EPA defines brownfields as "real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence of potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant."



#### Eligible sites might include (but are not limited to)



Former industrial sites



Underutilized warehouses & commercial facilities



Former railyards and truck depots



Former gas stations and auto shops



Old building with asbestos or lead paint



Former dry cleaners



Salvage yards, dumps, and landfills

## What are the benefits to my community?

- •Removes unknowns regarding site conditions that might hold up a sale or redevelopment.
- •Increases return from the property by making it more valuable and marketable.
- •Makes neighborhoods safer and healthier.
- •Avoids actions by regulatory agencies that may impose penalties and costly cleanups.
- •Reduces the potential that adjacent properties could impact their property (and vice versa)

# <u>How do I nominate sites for use of grant funding?</u>

Download a nomination form from

www.prairiehillsrcd.org/res ources--forms.html

Send filled form to PHRCD at

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