

Regional Snapshot

BROWNFIELDS



Despite a strong rebound from the recession, greater Portland has a persistent problem. Around the region, thousands of properties or underused or vacant because of pollution from past uses. These properties hurt communities and the region's economy.

What does this mean for your community? Metro's latest Regional Snapshot takes a close look at the state of greater Portland's economy – with a special focus on the stubborn challenge of brownfields. Here's a glimpse.



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The state of our ground



61% of all brownfields in Oregon are located in the Portland metro area

Total area of all brownfields in the region, measured in football fields:

4,800

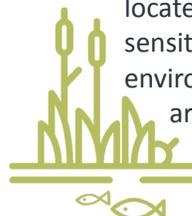
Many brownfield sites were at one time **gas stations, dry cleaners, auto repair shops, warehouses or industrial facilities**

Why redevelop brownfields?

\$400M

in annual property taxes could be generated from all redeveloped brownfield sites in the region

50% of sites are located close to sensitive environmental areas



Brownfields are **3 times more likely** to be located in an **underserved community**

Redeveloping the region's brownfields could create enough new jobs to **fill the Moda Center more than three times**



"All of these properties have the potential to be thriving small businesses, as they were before."

- Amy Saberian
Ava Roasteria, Beaverton

4.5 acres of open land are saved with every redeveloped acre of brownfield



Cleanup around the region

"Cooperation is a key to our success."

- Keith Leavitt
Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park, Port of Portland

Every **\$1 of public investment** in the cleanup of brownfields spurs an average of **\$73 of private redevelopment**



"It's really important to move through, because otherwise you miss very important opportunities."

- Trel Anderson
Catholic Charities, Portland

Data Sources: *Regional Brownfield Scoping Project*, Metro (2012); *Economic Impacts of Oregon's Brownfields Program*, ECONorthwest (2014); *Brownfields in Oregon*, ECONorthwest (2015); *Portland Brownfield Program*, City of Portland (2015).

The Rundown

A recipe for brownfield cleanup



* Represents a generalized concept. Not all properties may follow this exact order
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