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**BROWNFIELDS**  
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Are you interested  
in selling or  
redeveloping  
a Brownfields  
property?

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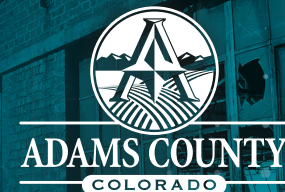
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## WHAT ARE BROWNFIELDS?

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) defines Brownfields as:

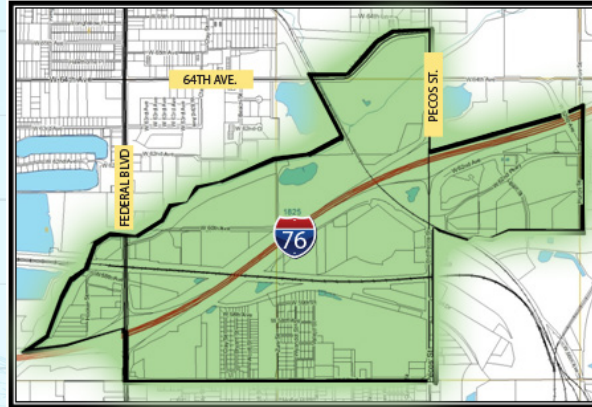
Abandoned, idled, or under-used industrial and commercial facilities or properties where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

## WHAT IS THE BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM?

The Adams County Brownfields Program is funded by an EPA Assessment Grant. Adams County and property owners have a vested interest in revitalizing the area and maximizing property values. However, the potential presence of environmental contamination impacts both of these objectives.

Adams County has hired a consultant to conduct environmental site assessments (ESAs) on properties in the general target area. Property owners or bona fide prospective purchasers may take advantage of technical assistance provided by the grant, such as free ESAs.

## GENERAL TARGET AREA



One or several ESA phases may be funded through the program. These may include:

### PHASE I ESA

- *Background information gathering and historical records review*
- *Visual site inspections*
- *Other requirements according to American Society for Testing and Materials standards (ASTM)*

### PHASE II ESA

- *Subsurface soil sampling*
- *Groundwater sampling*
- *Ecological assessment (if necessary)*
- *Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) required by EPA*



## WHEN ARE ESAs NECESSARY?

- 1 Before the purchase of a property on which there was an industrial use, a commercial use involving chemicals (e.g. dry cleaner), or on which underground storage tanks may be located
- 2 When selling or refinancing a formerly industrial or commercial property involving chemicals
- 3 When developing in an area where commercial or industrial activities occurred

## DID YOU KNOW?

Adams County currently has grant funds for ESAs to assist property owners and bona fide prospective purchasers of Brownfields properties in the general target area.