

# Brownfields

Intro to a healthy, vibrant  
community and clean  
environment



**WESTBROOK, ME**

# What are Brownfields?



**Brownfields are properties that are:**

- ✓ Completely or partially abandoned
- ✓ Underutilized
- ✓ Likely polluted from past activities

**Examples of Common Brownfields Sites:**



Former Gas Stations



Former Industrial Facilities



Former Dry Cleaners



Vacant Lots

Abandoned chemicals, uncontrolled waste, and hazardous building materials are some examples of the types of contamination often found on brownfield sites.

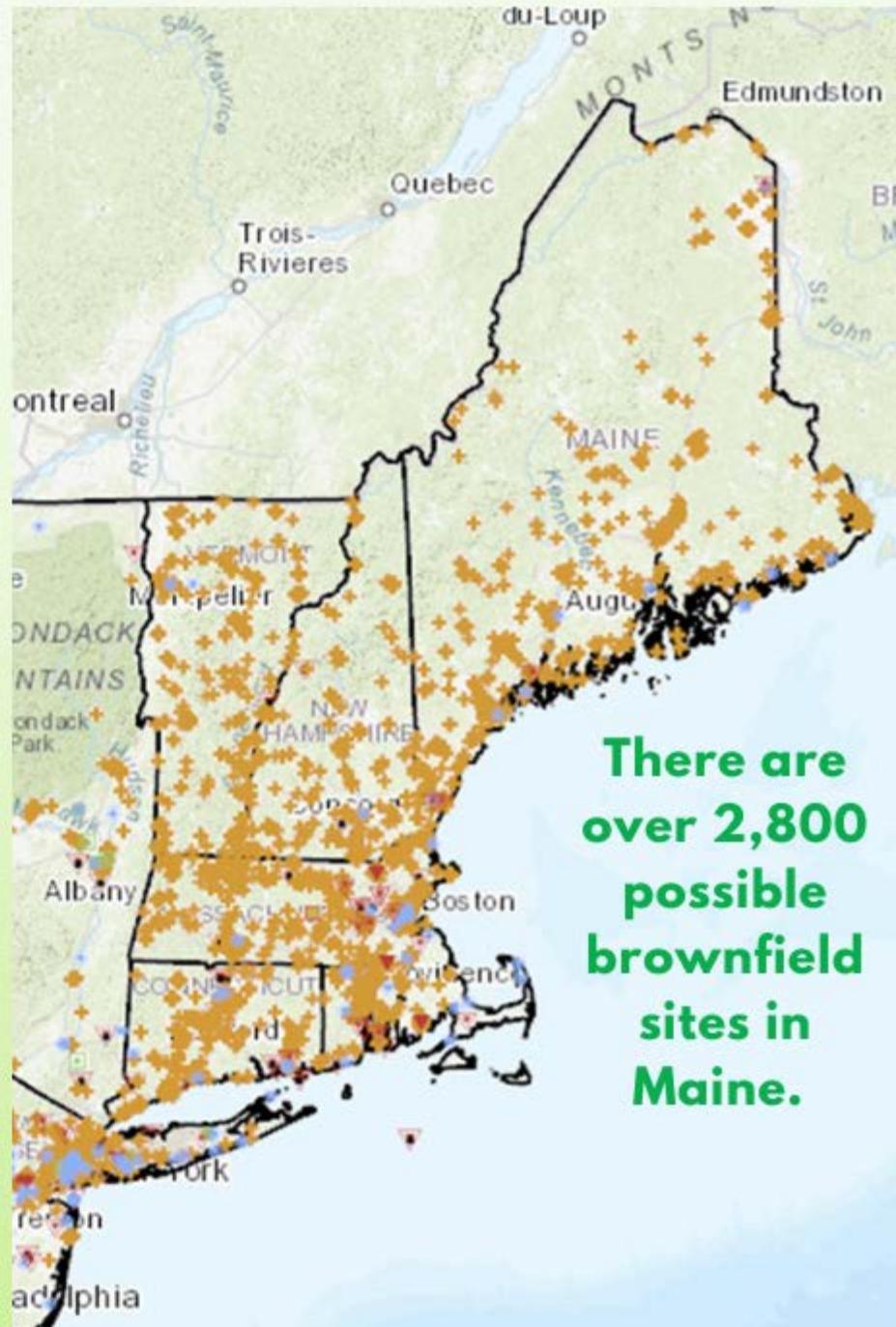
# Where are Brownfields?

Here's a map of all the formally identified brownfield sites in New England. Many sites remain unlisted or unconfirmed.



## LET'S TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT WESTBROOK...

The site at **895 Main Street** in Westbrook, known as Saccarappa Park, is currently a brownfield, meaning that there is contamination here that needs to be cleaned up.



# How Does This Impact Westbrook?

Brownfield sites can **harm our health, our environment**, as well as our community's **economic growth** and overall **well-being**.

That's why it's important to assess, clean, and redevelop these sites. Here's some information about that process

In 2006, the City of Westbrook received a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to assess the site for contamination. Currently, the City plans to have the site cleaned up and redeveloped into something that the entire community can enjoy and benefit from!



## THE BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT PROCESS: ASSESSMENT



Your municipality, regional planning commission, or a local non-profit will apply for a grant from the U.S. EPA to assess potential brownfields sites.

## CLEANUP



Once brownfield sites are identified, communities can apply for grants to clean up the sites and remove contamination.

## REDEVELOPMENT



Former brownfield sites are redeveloped into new community assets - we have a safer, healthier, and more vibrant place to live!

# How Can I Get Involved?



Brownfields redevelopment advances environmental justice, local economy, public health, and sustainable outcomes. This can be lengthy process that requires a lot of partners: local government, state and federal agencies, urban planners, lawyers, engineers, real estate developers, and... YOU! Community members are key players and your input matters.

**Here's where to start:**

- Share this post to your own page or send it to your friends and neighbors
- Contact Robyn Saunders to learn more and stay informed, and...

**Attend the public forum at Westbrook Community Center (426 Bridge Street) on Tuesday August 20th from 5-6:30 PM!**

# To Learn More



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