



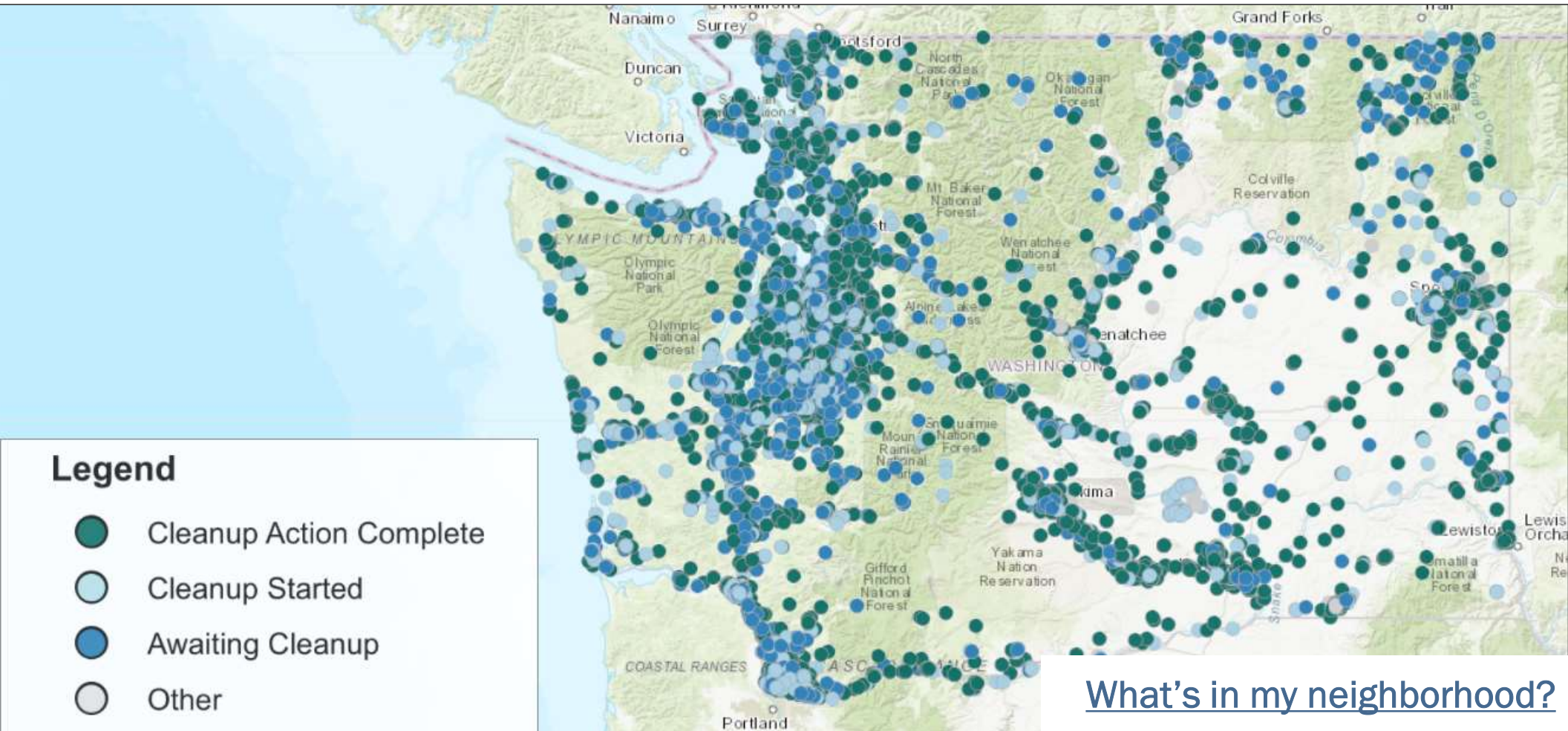
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Brownfields Funding and Technical Assistance

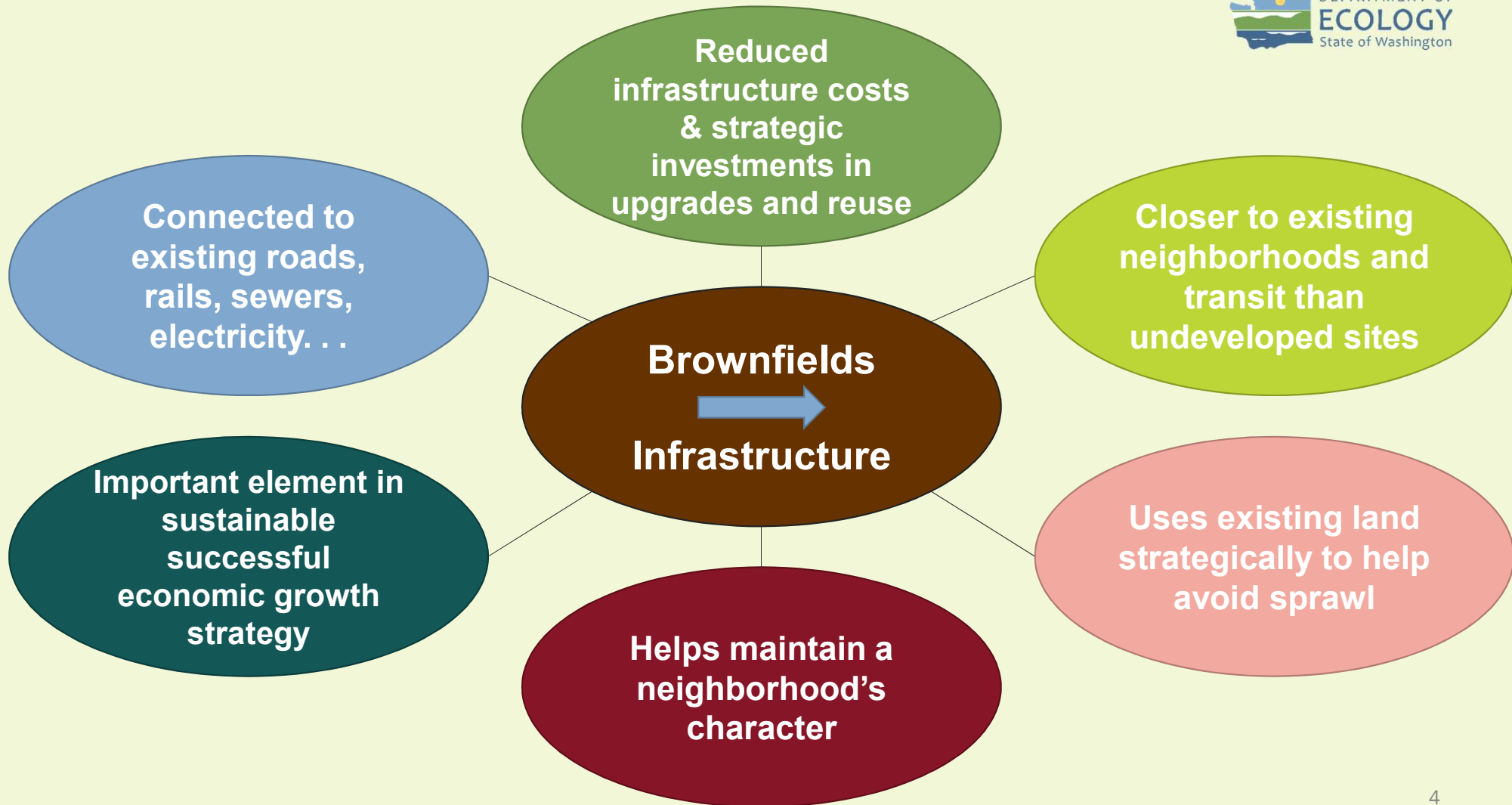
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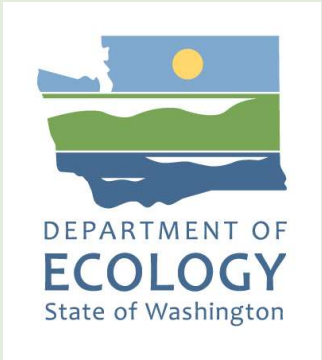
Cleanup sites in Washington



Why brownfields redevelopment is important

- ✓ Stimulate a community's economy, create more jobs, increase local tax base.
- ✓ Provide healthy sites for community priorities such as [affordable housing](#).
- ✓ Turn a community's perceived problem into asset and improve their image.
- ✓ Enable efficient land use and minimize building new service infrastructure.
- ✓ Facilitate resolution of environmental justice issues.
- ✓ Protect health and mitigate public health and safety concerns.





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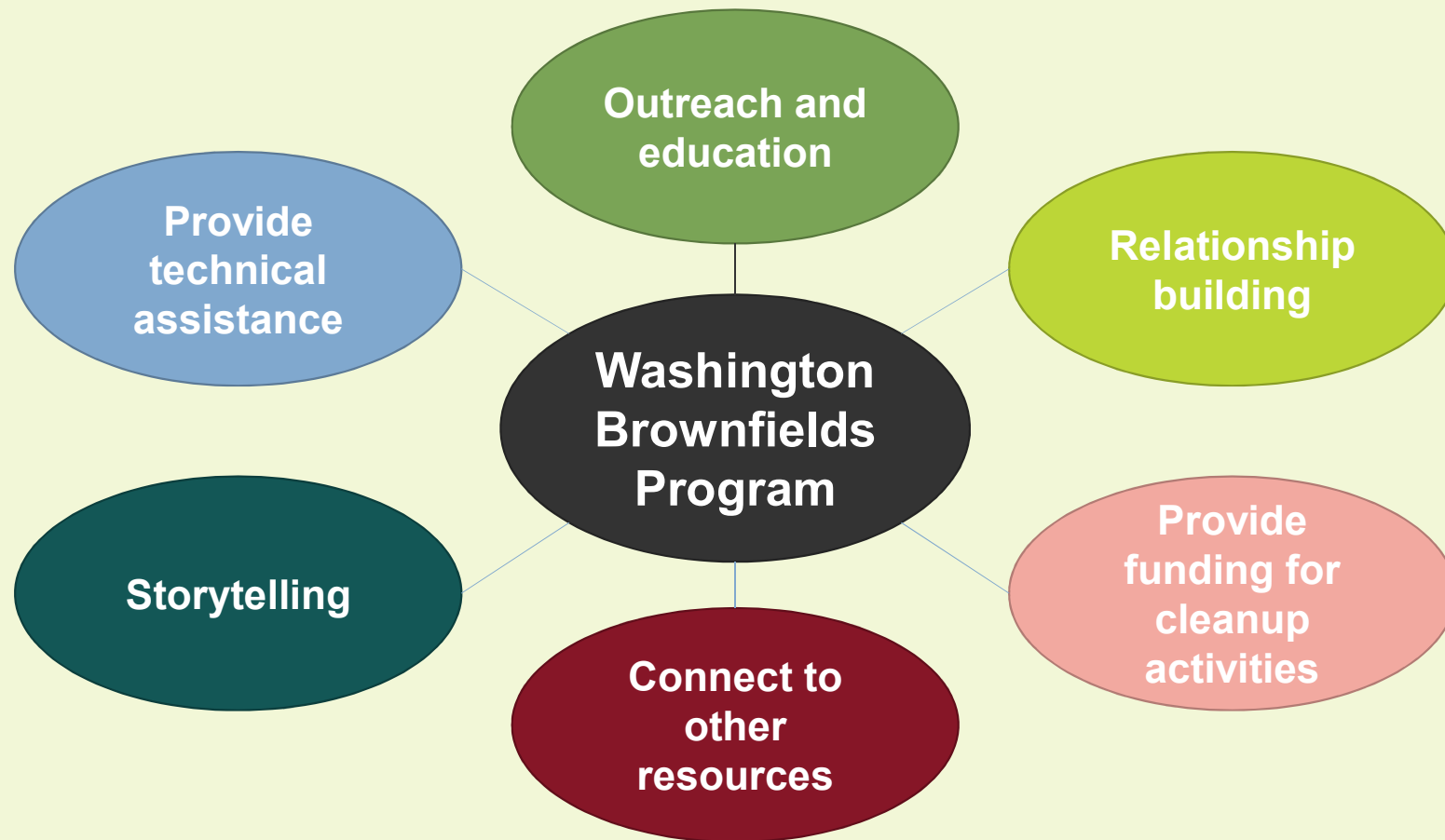


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**We want to help.
Watch for ways to get on our radar!**





We help people transform their communities.

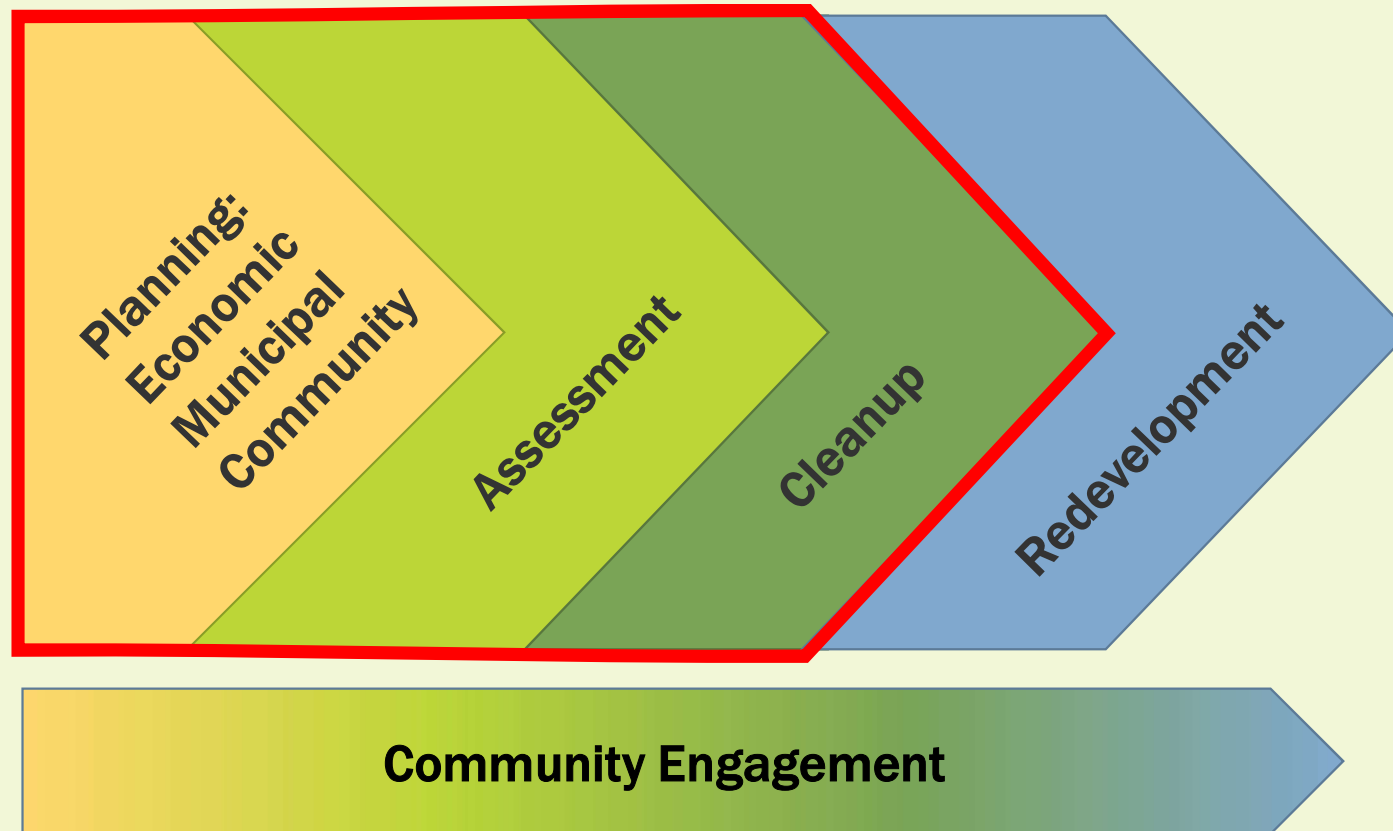
Who we work with



- Local governments
- Non-profits
- Tribes
- Consultants
- Developers
- Community stakeholders
- Other agencies



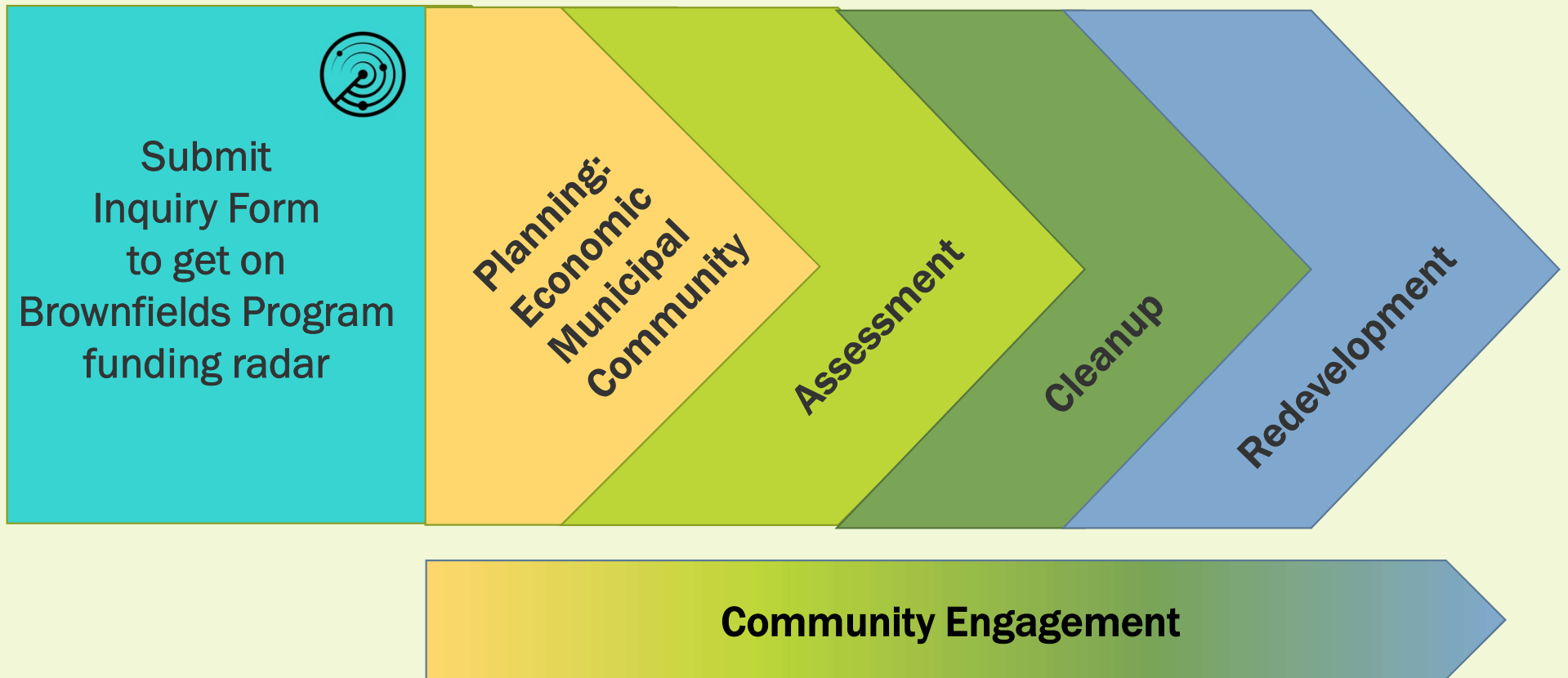
Brownfields Redevelopment Process



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to get on
Brownfields Program
funding radar



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Brownfields program resources



State resources

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Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund

Ecology

- Integrated Planning Grants
- State Response Program assessments
- Technical Assistance
- Remedial Action Grants
- Affordable Housing

PLIA

Petroleum Technical Assistance Program (PTAP)

Heating Oil Technical Assistance Program (HOTAP)

EPA resources

EPA Brownfields grants:

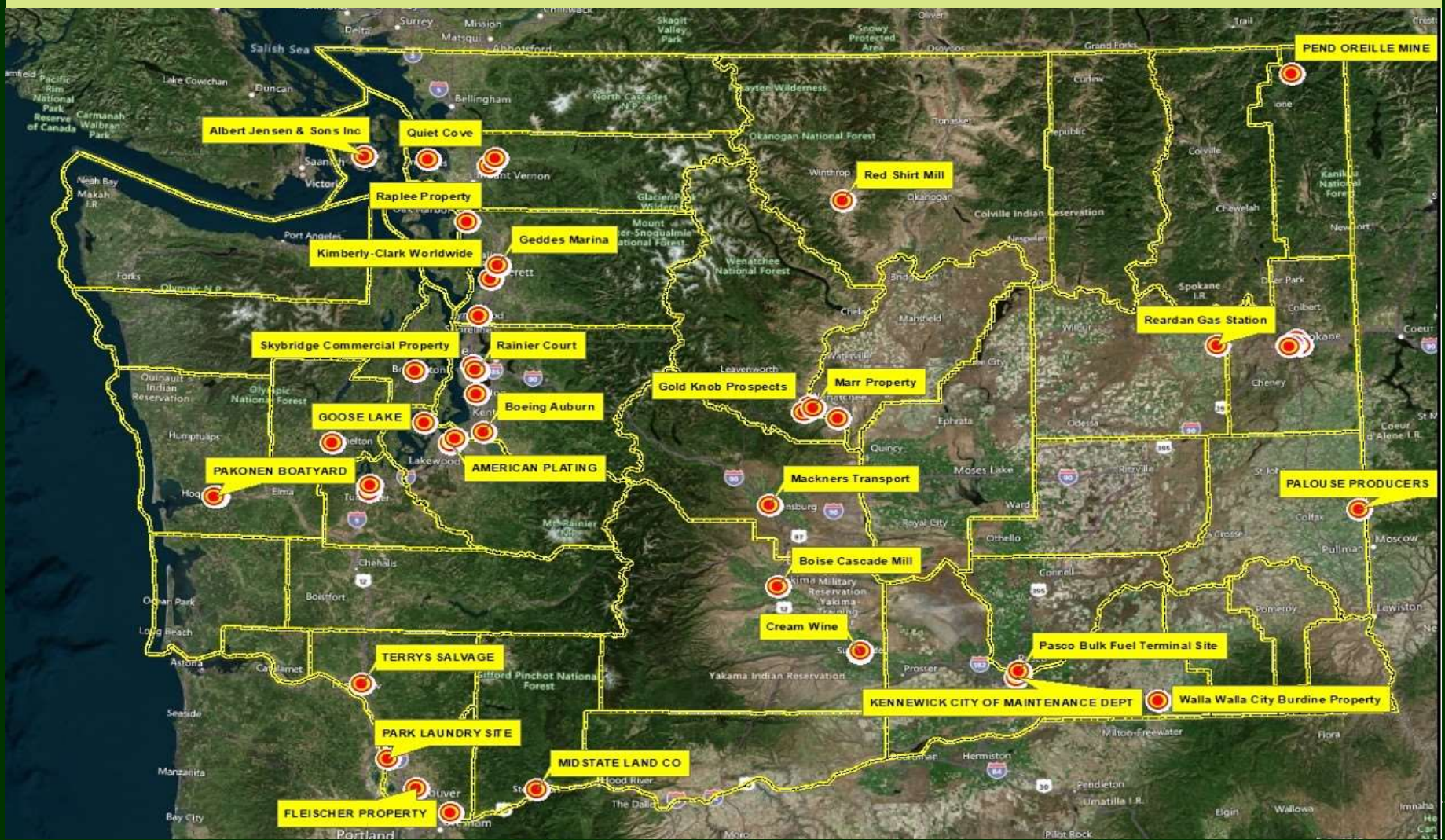
Assessment * Revolving Loan Fund *
Cleanup * Multipurpose * Environmental
Workforce Development & Job Training

EPA Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA)

Technical Assistance to Brownfields Communities

Other Technical Assistance Support:
EPA Technology Support Center &
Innovation Programs

Funded Brownfields projects in Washington



Ecology Integrated Planning Grants



- Can **support local government's** efforts to conduct first steps in cleanup and redevelopment
- **Help pay for plan** to address assessment, cleanup, administrative process, and investments needed
- Up to **\$200,000** for a single site; up to **\$300,000** for multiple sites in a study area; no funding match required
- Due diligence
- Cleanup and reuse planning
- Community engagement

SOLICITATION OPEN NOW – applications due November 19, 2021

State Response Program Grant

EPA provides funding to Ecology for:

- Site Assessment Funding
- Technical assistance for brownfields sites
- Environmental Justice and community outreach activities
- Developing a Brownfields inventory
- Small Community Technical Assistance Grants



Ecology Cleanup Funding



Oversight Remedial Action Grants

Grants and loans to help local governments investigate and clean up polluted properties

Independent Remedial Action Grants

Grants to help local governments investigate and cleanup polluted properties under Ecology's Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP)



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BRLF Funding & Eligibility

- Eligible applicants:
*local governments, ports, non-profits, Tribes, & **private businesses***
- Average loan \$500,000 / grants as needed, maximum \$200,000
- Must own property or be prospective purchaser
- Cannot be responsible for contamination
- Redevelopment must have public benefit

Myth Buster: It is NOT a difficult process! We will help you.



EPA Assessment Grants

- Provide funding for brownfield inventories, planning, environmental assessments, and community outreach
- Community-wide Assessment Grants (up to \$500,000 for sites with hazardous substances and/or petroleum impacts)
- Site-specific Assessment Grants (up to \$350,000)
- No funding match
- Local governments, tribes, non-profit organizations can apply
- CCLR available to review application

OPEN SOLICITATION – applications due December 1, 2021
<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/solicitations-brownfield-grants>



EPA Cleanup Grants

- Provide funding to carry out cleanup activities at eligible brownfield sites owned by the applicant
- Can apply for up to \$500,000 to address one or more brownfield sites within one proposal and only one proposal per applicant
- 20% cost-share match
- Tribes, non-profit organizations, and local governments with a population <50,000 may request a cost-share waiver
- CCLR available to review application

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EPA Multi-purpose Grants

- Provide funding to conduct a range of eligible assessment and cleanup activities at one or more brownfield sites in a target area
- Applicants can apply for up to \$800,000 to complete least one Phase II environmental site assessment, one cleanup, and an overall plan for revitalization.
- In addition to those activities, recipients can develop brownfields inventories and cleanup plans, prioritize sites & conduct community involvement activities.
- Offered every other year, next in 2022.

Center for Creative Land Recycling (CCLR)

- Community visioning
- Review EPA grant proposals
- Education and outreach – workshops and webinars
- Technical assistance

<https://www.cclr.org/>

Federal Funding and Technical Assistance



- Federal programs and incentives for affordable housing related cleanup
- Low Income Housing Tax Credits
- Private Activity Bonds
- National Housing Trust Fund
- Rural Housing Services
- Opportunity Zones
- Much more . . . cdfa.net

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What's next?

- Affordable Housing Cleanup Grant Program
- Flexible resources for Brownfields Program
- Environmental justice
- Getting on our radar!!



Affordable housing-related cleanup

- TCP developing a competitive grant program
- Available to any entity creating affordable housing
- Property must be used for affordable housing for 30 years

<https://ecology.wa.gov/brownfields/affordablehousing>


Flexible Resources for Brownfields Program

- Bridging gap for brownfields redevelopment projects
- Requesting dollars to boost urgent, short-term projects
- Building capacity for tech assistance + fast turnaround
- Ensuring equitable funding process

Environmental Justice

- Implementing HEAL Act
- Incorporating EJ in every aspect of Brownfields work
- Improving equity for communities
- Engaging communities holistically
- Considering EJ in funding decisions

Your input helps us help you

- What is your community thinking about right now?
- What are your barriers?
- How we can help you better navigate brownfields redevelopment?
- Are you interested in funding or technical assistance for a brownfields project?
- What else would you like to hear about?
- How do you get on our  for potential funding?



Thank you

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