

Resources for Brownfields *Remediation, Revitalization, and Funding Opportunities for Local Governments*



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What is a Brownfield?

"Brownfields are real properties for which the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse may be complicated by the presence, or potential presence, of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants."



Why take on a Brownfield Project?

To encourage reuse or redevelopment of these sites in lieu of using a “green” site, and to:

- **Put abandoned properties back on tax rolls**
- **Add park and recreational resources**
- **Create jobs**
- **Improve communities**



Where do I start?

SC's Voluntary Cleanup Program

- **Allows DHEC involvement and reimbursement of DHEC oversight costs**
- **Creates incentives to conduct environmental actions at a site**
- **Application requires a Phase I ESA**

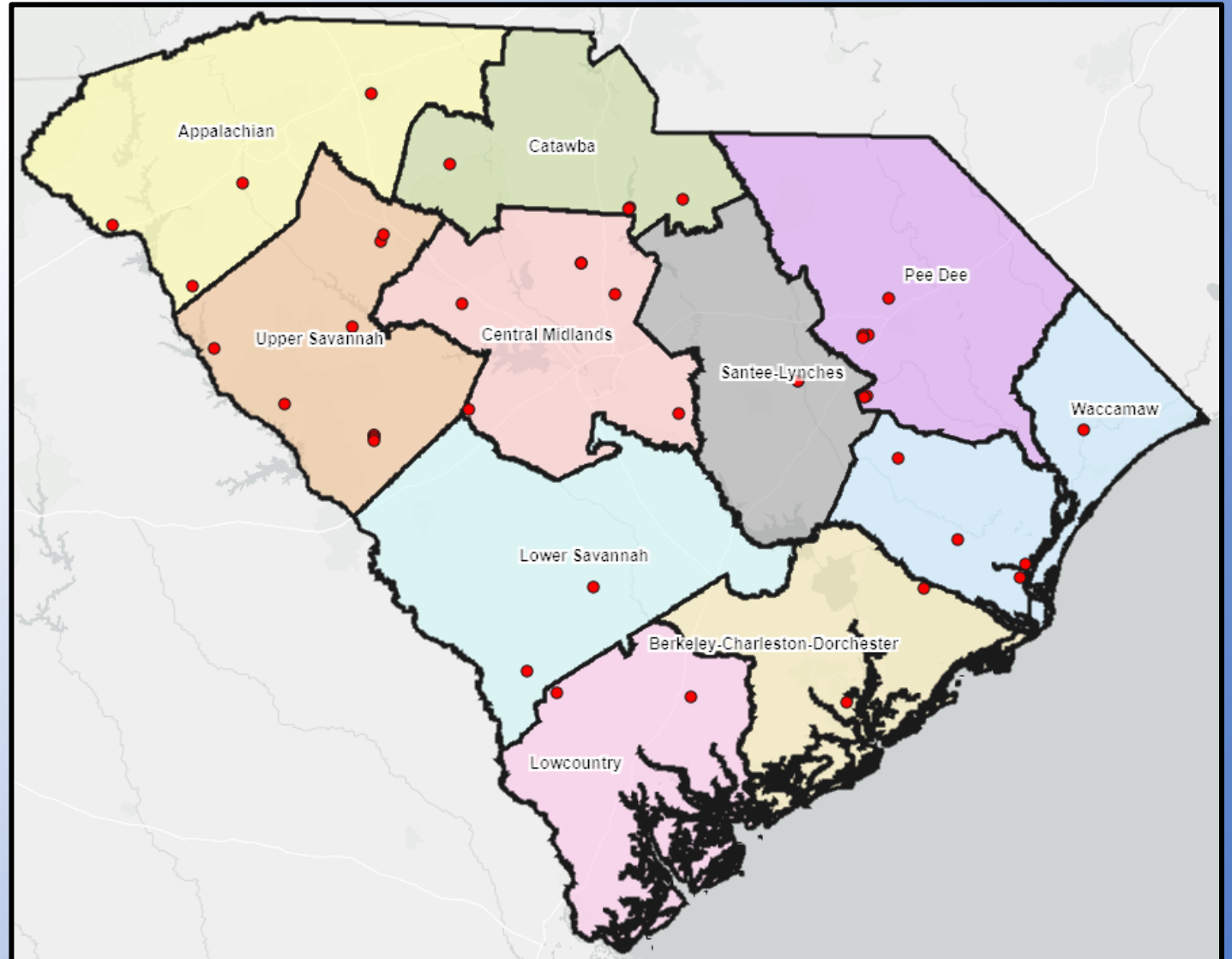


SC Brownfields Environmental Site Testing Program (SC BEST)

- **\$1 million available for environmental assessments across the state**
- **Funding allocations based on number of counties and population per region, along with poverty levels**
- **SC BEST funds are available for the benefit of non-profit, governmental, and private for-profit entities and approved based on the following:**
 - **Potential economic redevelopment opportunities**
 - **Potential to identify and eliminate environmental hazards**
 - **Potential to redevelop a property for public benefit/use**
 - **Potential to eliminate slum and blight in a community**
 - **Potential benefit to low-moderate income and/or rural communities**

Current SC BEST Approved Projects

- **42 Sites**
- **27 SC Counties**
- **1,000+ Acres**



Lake City Park Former Public Works Facility Lake City, SC



Total cleanup costs ~ \$691 thousand
Funding Sources: \$500,000 BCRLF loan to Florence County; \$191,000 Drs. Bruce & Lee Foundation



Redeveloped as a community park for the citizens of Lake City. Other local community organizations, such as the Darla Moore Foundation, also contributed to repurposing the site.



Newry Mill

Oconee County, SC



Developer: M Peters Group, Greenville, SC

Cleanup through BCRLF Loan: \$1,500,000

Redevelopment through the utilization of Historic, Textile, and Housing Tax Credits



Wellington Leisure Mill Jonesville, SC



EPA Brownfields Assessment Grant: \$78,839

Cleanup & Debris Removal Funding: \$1,077,725

- Community Development Block Grant
- Town of Jonesville
- Union County

“I will prepare and someday my chance will come.”

-Abraham Lincoln

“The best thing about the future is that it comes one day at a time.”

– Abraham Lincoln

Resources for Brownfields

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