

## FY 2011 EPA Brownfields Community-Wide Grant



The City of Flagstaff's Brownfields Land Recycling Program, part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Program, encourages the reuse of previously developed land and buildings. Land recycling helps create jobs, revitalize neighborhoods, potentially increase property value, and reduce potential human health risks. It also decreases the development pressure on open land and reduces urban sprawl by providing development opportunities within the City.

The City promotes the redevelopment of Brownfields by facilitating private party transactions, and through the assessment and cleanup, of environmentally challenged real estate. There are also federal tax incentives available for businesses to redevelop Brownfield sites.

One relatively new Brownfields grant is the Coalition grant, which is a Community-Wide Assessment grant awarded to a partnership of three or more governments. This grant can greatly facilitate environmental cleanup, redevelopment, economic development, and historical preservation within target areas.

The City of Flagstaff and Coconino County, along with several communities along the Route 66 corridor, have formed a coalition to apply for the Fiscal Year 2012 Brownfields Coalition Assessment grant. The purpose of the coalition is to assist in the application process of the Brownfields Coalition Assessment grant and to assist in assessing properties along the historic Route 66 within the County's boundaries

Application for the Fiscal Year 2012 Brownfields Coalition Assessment grant is in process. The FY2011 EPA Brownfield Community-Wide Grant application is due November 28, 2011 and will be awarded March 2012. If awarded, the grant will further the economic redevelopment and environmental cleanup in this area.

A critical part of the grant application process is to solicit comments from the public and identify possible sites that may need assessment. We encourage community members from the City of Flagstaff and unincorporated Coconino County (including the City of Williams) to attend one of the upcoming meetings to learn more about this exciting grant possibility.

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#### Community Meeting Notice co-hosted by the City of Flagstaff and Coconino County

##### **Meeting 1: Sustainability Commission**

4:30 pm, November 9, 2011  
Applied Research and Development (ARD) Building  
Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff

##### **Meeting 2: Heritage Preservation Commission**

4:00 pm, November 16, 2011  
Staff Conference Room, City Hall  
211 West Aspen Avenue, Flagstaff

Call 928.213.2914 for information about how to qualify for a Brownfield project or if you are interested in purchasing Brownfield property or you have more questions about development incentives.

