



# City of Tigard Press Release

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## **Public Encouraged to Discuss the Future of Contaminated Sites**

The City of Tigard is hosting a public meeting on Oct. 7, open to anyone who wants to learn more about the Tigard Brownfields Initiative. The program is supported by a \$400,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The discussion will focus on how the city plans to identify potentially contaminated sites in the community for cleanup, development and reuse through this federally funded program.

A second meeting, on Oct. 28, will also be open to the public, but is intended to provide information for property and business owners in Tigard. Both meetings will take place from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Public Works Auditorium (8777 SW Burnham St.).

Brownfields redevelopment can help Tigard residents and communities in many ways.

Cleanup and redevelopment of the sites can encourage higher property values and create jobs and improve the local economy by creating a safer, healthier place for businesses and residences.

Brownfields properties citywide are underutilized. The presence or potential presence of contamination makes reusing properties more complicated and time consuming.

The brownfields initiative can potentially shorten this process by providing assistance to businesses and landowners, prospective buyers, community members and/or community-based and nonprofit organizations.

As part of the initiative, the city convened Community Engagement Team (CET) meetings to provide input about how sites will be ranked. The CET includes Tigard citizens from environmental groups, businesses and community organizations.

*To learn more about the initiative, contact Tigard Redevelopment Project Manager Sean Farrelly at 503-718-2420, [sean@tigard-or.gov](mailto:sean@tigard-or.gov) or visit [www.tigard-or.gov/brownfields](http://www.tigard-or.gov/brownfields).*