



Brownfields Sustainability Pilot Fact Sheet

Gas Station Conversion into a Community Center

EPA Brownfields Program

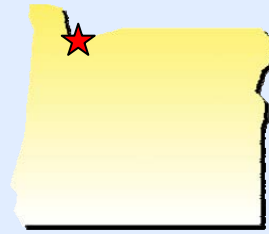
EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

EPA's Brownfields Sustainability Pilots provide technical assistance to support communities in achieving greener, more sustainable assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment at their brownfields projects. These pilots will also serve as models for other communities across the country.

Project Description

EPA has selected Delta Sigma Theta Sorority to receive a Brownfields Sustainability Pilot. Delta Sigma Theta Sorority—a nonprofit organization of college educated women performing public service that benefits the African-American community—will receive EPA assistance to help convert an abandoned gas station in Portland, Oregon into a community center with transitional housing. The property was originally assessed under the Brownfields Showcase Communities Initiative and needs additional evaluation for sustainability features.

EPA will provide technical support for design plans associated with infrastructure reuse and recycling, green building features, stormwater management, and greenspace enhancements. The sorority owns the property and is committed to making it a clean, habitable space. The transitional housing will be constructed using surplus cargo containers, which is a creative reuse of industrial materials.



Technical Assistance: Recycling/Reuse, Green Building Design, Stormwater Management, Greenspace Enhancements

Technical Assistance Recipient:

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

Project Focus:

Technical support for design plans associated with infrastructure reuse and recycling, green building features, stormwater management, and greenspace enhancements at a former gas station in Portland, Oregon

Funding Amount:

\$25,000

Contacts

For further information, including additional technical assistance information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site at: www.epa.gov/brownfields.

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