



Small Town, Big Success – Wilson, NC Brownfields Program 3rd Annual SE Brownfield Conference

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North Carolina



- Established in the early 1800s
- Incorporated 1849
- Located in Wilson County
- Population ~50,000
- Once the worlds largest bright leaf tobacco market
- Home to the world famous Vollis Simpson (American Folk Artist)

Wilson Brownfields Program

q Four Community-wide Assessment Grants – Total: \$900,000

- ü Inventory
- ü Prioritization
- ü Assessment
- ü Re-Use / Redevelopment Planning



Brownfield Cleanup RLF

- ✓ Partnered with City of Greenville
- ✓ FY2014 RLF Funding Capitalization Total: \$1,000,000
 - ü Sub-grants
 - ü Loans

A redevelopment puzzle

Redeveloping brownfield properties can be a puzzling experience. These properties, often overlooked for redevelopment, can be difficult due to the presence or perceived presence of environmental contamination. In these circumstances, traditional funding may not be available or appropriate for those working to put brownfields back to meaningful reuse. The Eastern North Carolina Brownfields Coalition (ENCBC) was formed to help redevelopment efforts through an Environmental Protection Agency funded Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). The RLF is an incentive to help facilitate redevelopment of brownfield sites by making low-cost funding available through low interest loans to finance environmental cleanups. Properties located in Nash, Edgecombe, Halifax, Northampton, Wayne, Lenoir, Craven, Wilson, Pitt, and Greene Counties are included in the ENCBC region.

What does that mean to me?

The ENCBC RLF was designed to be flexible. As each property is different in type and severity of environmental issue, so is the funding used to solve this portion of the puzzle. The RLF team will work with you to design a funding program to meet the needs of your specific challenge.

What can you do with RLF funds?

Many different types of cleanup efforts are eligible with RLF funds including:

- Contaminated soil removal and disposal
- Removal of hazardous wastes
- Engineered caps
- Vapor intrusion mitigation
- In-situ remediation of soils
- Asbestos and lead based paint abatement

How successful is the RLF program?

There are numerous RLF programs in place across the country that are helping piece together successful brownfield redevelopments. For example, an EPA RLF was put to use at an old textile mill in Ware Shoals, South Carolina. Here, the RLF helped with an engineered cap for the former fly ash landfill after it was discovered there was too much source material to remove. In North Carolina, a RLF was utilized to help the redevelopment of a former furniture manufacturer in Concord into a transportation hub for the region.

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North Carolina
Brownfields
Coalition



Helping solve the
brownfields
redevelopment
puzzle.

DOWNTOWN REDEVELOPMENT



Whirligig Park



Brew Works



Whirligig Station Apartments



Historic Cherry Hotel





QUESTIONS / COMMENTS



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Our core values represent who we are, the way we work and who we want to be.

SAFETY

INTEGRITY

PEOPLE

EXCELLENCE

Making a difference.