

# CITY OF PETALUMA

## Community Wide Environmental Assessment

Federal Grants Awarded to the  
Petaluma Community Development  
Commission  
(The Redevelopment Agency)

# Purpose of this Presentation

- Describe Brownfields Grant Funding
- Present the Goals and Scope of Brownfields Project Work
- Describe the Benefits of Environmental Assessment
- Inform Interested Community Members about how to participate

# What are Brownfields?

Brownfields properties are real property where the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse may be complicated by the presence or *potential* presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.



## U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

# Brownfields Cleanup and Redevelopment

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Public Law 107-118 (H.R. 2869) - "Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act"



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# An Exciting Opportunity!

- The EPA has awarded two Brownfields Assessment Grants to the Redevelopment Agency
- The total grant funding is \$400,000 to be used over the next three years for a community-wide assessment of potentially contaminated sites
- Results will be used to select properties for additional assessment and possible redevelopment assistance

# Do we have Brownfields in Petaluma?

- Long rich history of industrial and commercial land use (particularly along the Petaluma River)
- Gasoline stations, or other fuel storage
- Coal gasification/power generation plants
- Wrecking yards, auto repair shops
- Tanneries
- Shipyards
- Dry Cleaners

# So what are We going to Do?

- We started with the big picture
  - We did a community wide survey based on public records
  - Developed a GIS based system to map properties
  - Mapped out the areas of interest
  - Next we will conduct in depth assessment of at least ten properties
  - We will investigate soil and groundwater conditions of at least four properties

# Why is this Important to You?

- If you are interested in the welfare of your neighborhood and have property that may qualify for Brownfields assessment OR if you are aware of a potential Brownfields property in your neighborhood
  - You own property with redevelopment potential
  - You have property development interests
- ...But, there may be contamination-related barriers

# Opportunities for Property Owners

- Partnership with Redevelopment Agency
- Receive grant funded property assessment
- Enhance eligibility for future grant funding
- Address and potentially remove contamination-related barriers to redevelopment
- Increase marketability and resale value

# Opportunities for the Community

- Establish City of Petaluma Brownfields program
- Funnel federal dollars towards community enhancement and sustainable growth
- Provide citizens a voice to prioritize and select redevelopment opportunities
- Develop a better understanding of the City's environmental conditions
- Position City for additional EPA and other federal grants

# We are Currently Looking for Ten Properties

With:

- Multiple community benefits
- Owners who are interested in redeveloping their property and receiving grant-funded services

**Questions?**

**Contact Andy Rodgers, Brownfields**

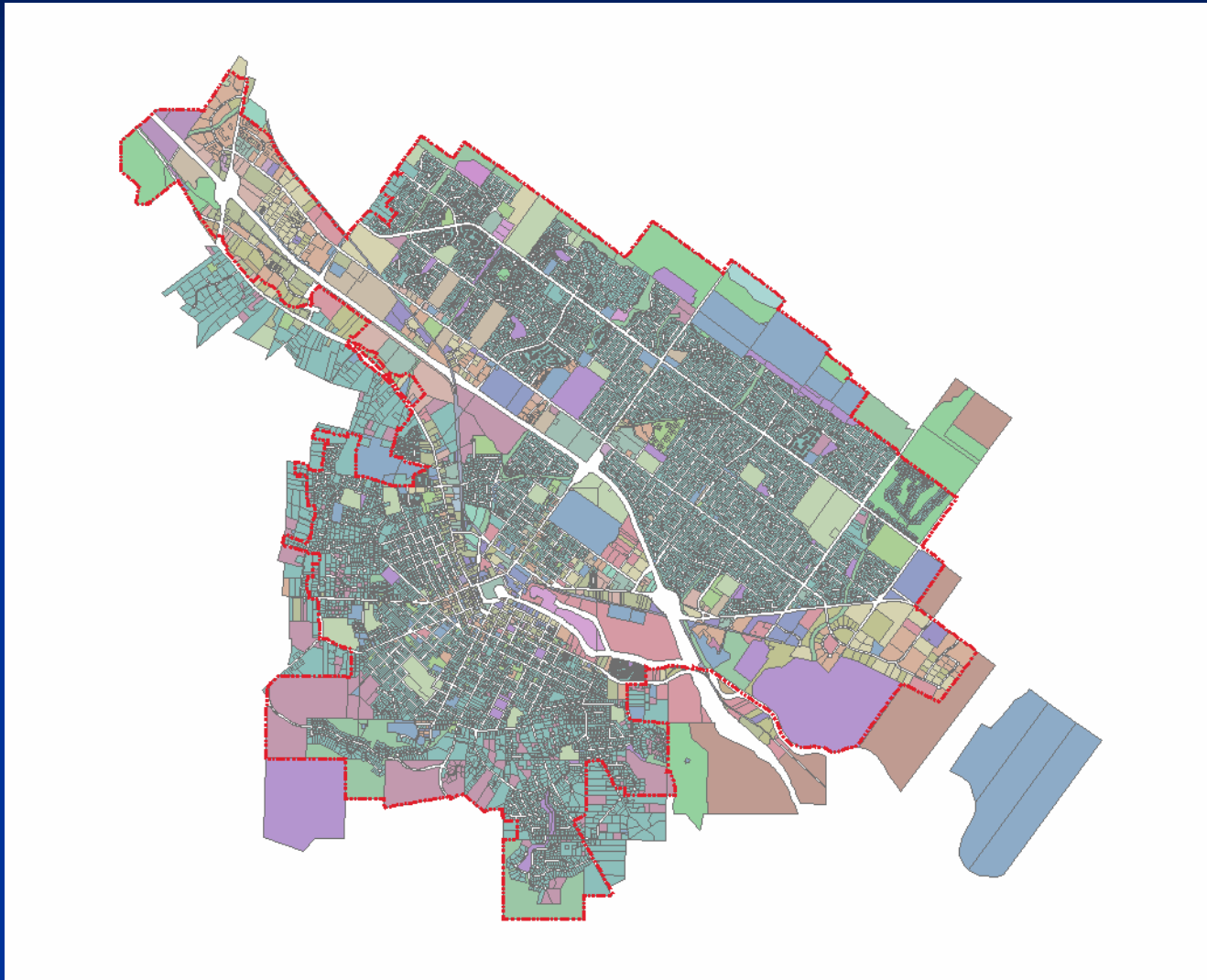
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**Thank You!**

# Petaluma Parcels



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