

# Brownfields Coalition Advisory Council Meeting 11 Assessment & Revolving Loan Fund

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## Attendees:

### In Person:

Name
1 Felicia Lloyd
2 Nicole S. Bowen
3 Paula Middlebrooks
4 Carreana Montgomery
5 Ben Ivy
6 Vivian Ekstrom
7 Nigel Roberts
8 Brih Saulskany
9 Jessica Aytchan
10 Amy Kessel
11 EMMA TURRI
12 MIMI MARCUS
13 ERIC
14 LIZZIE
15 REBECCA MATLOCK
16 QUINCY MORRIS
17 MIKE LARRUE

### Virtual:

Eric Story Neimeyer  
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Mimi Marcus  
Edward Henley III

## Minutes:

Emma Turri: Welcome, agenda and housekeeping.

Who we are: This is Memphis Brownfield coalition Advisory Council. Representatives of quasi-gov agencies, local agencies, nonprofits, developers. What is a Brownfield? The definition has changed over the years, but it is a bit flexible and simply means that it's a vacant or underutilized property, that may be complicated by contamination or the perception that there may be contamination.

These images are some examples of brownfields. These are four different sites in four different parts of town. There may be a structure but it's not occupied, there may be an old foundation or old parking lot. It may be overgrown like this one

There are two grants that kicked us off. One is a Coalition Assessment with CRA for \$1 million and the other RLF with EDGE for \$1 million. Those began in 2023. And, more recently, in 2025, CRA was awarded a \$500K BRAG award for

Jessica Aytchan: Just to start off, with the RLF, that is a loan that can be given to organizations to clean up brownfield sites, trying to get remediation done in those areas. The applicant eligibility has been a difficult threshold to get over. The issue we've been having is that entities must complete a Phase I and II prior to acquiring the property. The good news is that

we've found one that has, so we're now waiting on an official application.

This is an example of some of the places we've gone, getting out into the community, sharing information about the grant. We've received a pre-application and have site eligibility. This is exciting because we've not yet have a full official application. We are still available for introductory meetings and conversations. I've had some conversations on that front. We're up to date on EPA reporting, and we're really excited because at most of these meetings I've had the same things to present, so soon we'll have our wheels rolling and have more to share.

Emma Turri: I'm going to save my update for after this inventory activity. This inventory is important because the longer of a list we can put together, the more we can demonstrate need here going forward. We had a lot of sites added early on, but it has been a bit of a trickle more recently. Let's break up into groups of 3. Per group, you'll need one laptop or tablet and two smartphones. Here's the WiFi information. In the groups of 3, one person will be the driver, one the researcher, and one the scribe. The laptop or tablet will be the Google Street View driver (for the bigger screen). One smartphone will be the Researcher on the Shelby County Register, and the other will be the scribe using the inventory form. *[Getting roles assigned and participants logged in to webpages.]*

Ok, I'm going to give you instructions, you don't have to do anything yet, and then we'll go back to the websites and get started. You'll choose an index card and start your drive from there. Ben Ivy has the index cards. You'll find that location through Google Street View. You'll "drive" down the street until your group finds a potential brownfield. When you get to something that looks like a potential brownfield, the researcher will then look at the Shelby County Register of Deeds and find the parcel that matches. The Google address doesn't *always* match with the Register, so you might have to look around and figure it out together. Then the scribe will put it into the form.

Ok, so to demonstrate, my starting point is going to be 970 EH Crump Blvd. Here's Google Maps, I'll type in the address, it'll give me a point on the map, and over here is my Street View. I click on that, and it takes me to that. For demonstration purposes, I've chosen something easy here. I'll use my mouse to pan back and forth, and I see this location, it's something around 976 EH Crump Blvd. I'm going to try first with 976 Crump. So I'll need to try again. Something else close by. So, I've found a 1004 Crump, and now I need to work my way back to something like 976. So, now I need the scribe to record the owner's name, the address, and the parcel number.

Now, on the Brownfields webpage on the CRA website, you will see a Brownfield Form. It needs your name, your organization (or you can just put *resident*), your email, address of the site, Parcel ID, and then if you happen to know anything about it or want to include a note of why you want to include it as a potential brownfield you type that here so I'll put *vacant, parking lot, fenced*. And then you can upload a photo if you're feeling really tech savvy today, but you don't need to do that unless you want to.

So, if one person from each group will come grab an index card from Ben to be your starting point on Google Maps, and I'll navigate back to the sites you'll need, and we can get started.

Does each group have their webpages pulled up? Good. And here are the instructions.

*[Full group working on Inventory activity]*

ET: Ok, now that we have some new ones in, I want to show you what it looks like from my side. So, you can see that I have 8 new ones. It creates a task for me to research, all that information you submitted goes into this, which gets assigned to me, and I can look it up, and add it to our spreadsheet. And if anyone wants to do more, I have plenty more starting addresses.

Elizabeth Gibson: Please send those to me, so I can do my homework!

ET: Will do! And now you all know how to do it and when you're driving around, you know how to submit and you can share it with others, this is how we collect the information.

Ok, now I'll get into our update. As a reminder, these are our areas. Our grant is divided into four tasks. Task 1, Project AMnagement and compliance. WE are in compliance, and we are 90% allocated, so I'm not taking new applications. This is our budget tracking graph. You can see that we're overallocated in Phase 2s, so we may have to pull from some other categories. Task 2 is community involvement and engagement: which is what we're doing now, what we just did with that exercise. This grant ends September 2027, so we'll keep doing this at least until then. We have our Community Inovlvment Plan with copies available. The Soulsville Enviornmental Conservation Curriculum is available in digital and print format now. Demonstration of curriculum. Task 3 is Site ID & Assessments, this is the bulk of our grant. The inventory spreadsheet is available for download. The Data Viewer is the technical map that will allow you to zoom in on specific parcels. And we now have our StoryMap available. It will continue to be updated throughout the course of the grant. It's an easy, scrollable page that allows you to see all the assessments w'ere doing through the grant. You can click through pictures, look a the map, read summaries of the findings. This is the Data Viewer, it's also available and ready to use. It's more technical, there are more layers you can turn on and off, shows target areas, and it shows all the sites that have come in and been vetted. So, as we go along, the little orange boxes are all the potential brownfields we've identified. This is the Inventory Spreadsheet, what that looks like. And this is the form that you all used today that fills out that Spreadsheet. Task 4: Cleanup Planning & VOAP. There are two sites that will enroll in the State's Voluntary Program, those are Wayne's Pinball and Ibrahim (Chism Trail).

A couple other updates that we want ed to share. We were awarded the Brag for Wayne's Pinball. We applied for \$765K from EPA for Ibrahim (Chism), we should hear back on that in June. MidSouth Development District was awarded \$80K for inventory work in these four counties, and they've been awarded \$100K for Assessment for these two sites, those from TN BRAG. So we're working together to move forward in this work!

Next Advisory Council will be in June in the Klondike Target Area, with details TBD.