

SALMONBERRY TRAIL BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT

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Salmonberry Trail Brownfields Grant

In December 2014, Tillamook County was awarded a \$400,000 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield Assessment Grant. This 3-year grant provides funding to develop an inventory and assessment of brownfield sites along the alignment of 62-miles of the former Port of Tillamook Bay (POTB) railroad, to support plans to develop the Salmonberry Trail. The majority of the railroad is now an idle brownfield. From the inventory, 40 sites will be selected for Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs). Of those, six will be selected for Phase II ESAs. These assessments will inform how properties along the Salmonberry Trail will be cleaned up and put back into productive use. Grant funds will also be used to inventory, assess, and plan cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields in the communities that lie along the proposed trail, including Tillamook, Bay City, Garibaldi, Rockaway Beach, and Wheeler, in order to support recreation and tourism-based redevelopment. Understanding the environmental conditions and risks, and developing cleanup and redevelopment plans is an important step in the development of the Salmonberry Trail.

The goal of the project is to understand which properties along the proposed trail will have the most benefit to trail development by being cleaned up and/or redeveloped. We are actively seeking community input into this process, and your voice matters! **A timeline with key decision points and opportunities to participate are described in more detail on the back of this page.**

Environmental Site Assessments—ESAs

Phase I - A Phase I ESA involves the review of existing records to identify recognized environmental conditions in connection with a property. Phase I ESAs must be completed by an environmental professional and are part of a property owner's and potential buyer's process of due diligence. Findings indicate whether a Phase II ESA is necessary to rule out, or gain a better understanding of, environmental contamination.

Phase II - Phase II ESAs include environmental sampling (soil, groundwater, air) and analysis (risk assessment).

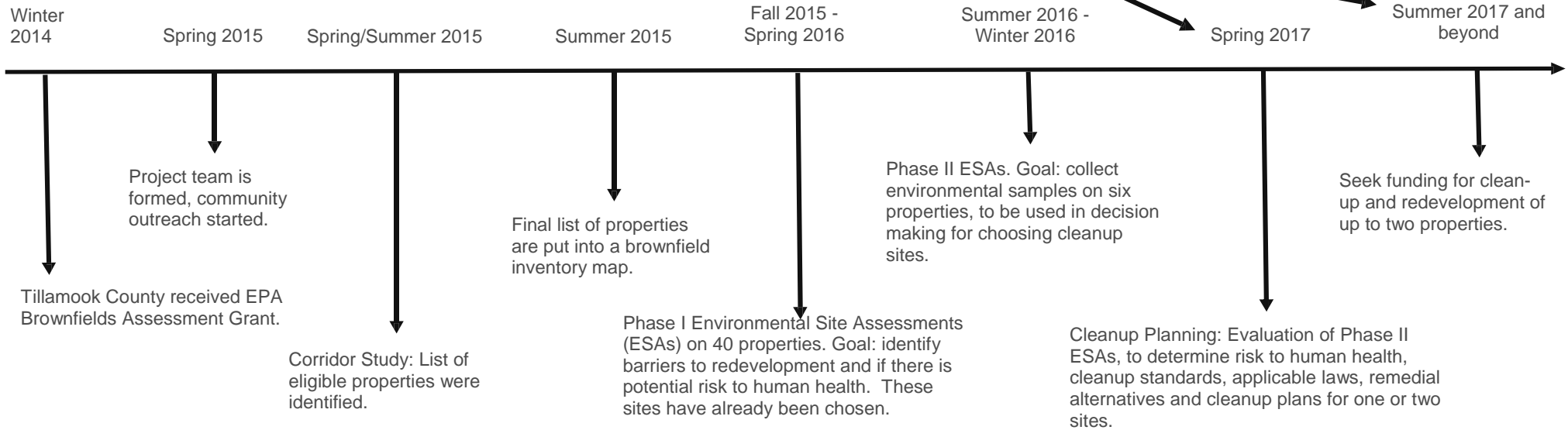


*Port of Tillamook Bay rail line in Wheeler, OR
Tillamook County, OR*

What is a Brownfield?

Brownfields are properties that are not being used to their full potential because of actual or perceived environmental pollution, such as abandoned gas stations, dry cleaners, or other industrial sites. Brownfield properties often sit unused because of concerns about the liability and expense associated with cleaning them up.

Project Timeline with Key Decision Points



Your participation can inform key decisions throughout the project. You can be part of the Community Advisory Committee, visit the project website, utilize the interactive mapping tool, or attend a public open house.

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