

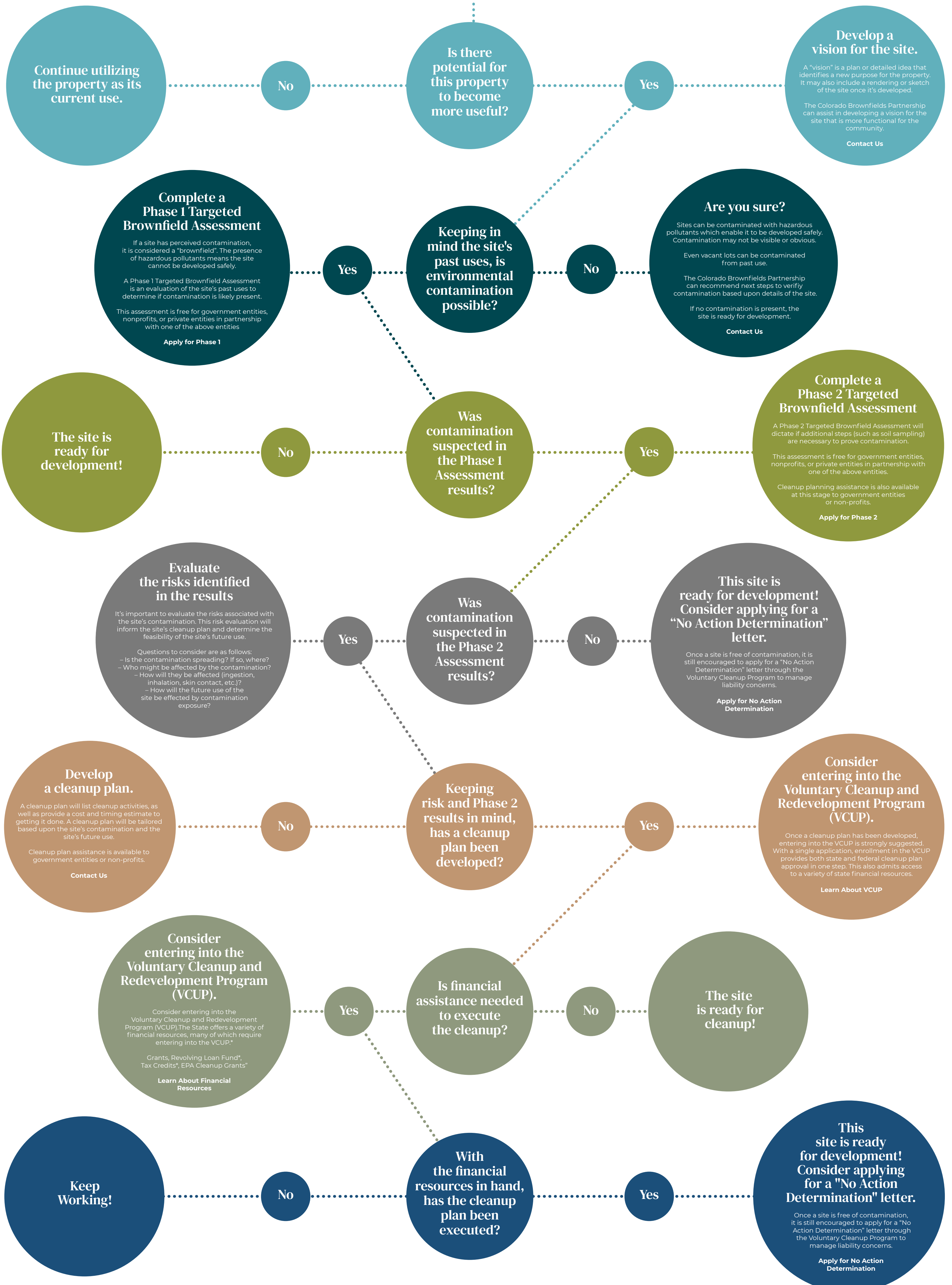


Accessing State Brownfields Resources

We at the Colorado Brownfields Partnership are experts in helping Colorado communities envision, learn, and plan for the future of their brownfields and community. But once that work is done, we know that applying for state assistance is a key step towards brownfield revitalization success. Through our process, local government entities (or private property owners in partnership with them) and non-profits can receive assistance from the Colorado Department of Health and Environment (CDPHE), such as a free Targeted Brownfields Assessment that would otherwise cost upwards of \$12,000. This process also assures CDPHE cleanup plan approval and liability relief to brownfield property owners.

The flowchart below is a visual process that communities will go through with CDPHE to get brownfield sites cleaned and ready for use.

Let's Get Started!



Continue utilizing the property as its current use.

No

Is there potential for this property to become more useful?

Yes

Develop a vision for the site.
A "vision" is a plan or detailed idea that identifies a new purpose for the property. It may also include a rendering or sketch of the site once it's developed.
The Colorado Brownfields Partnership can assist in developing a vision for the site that is more functional for the community.
Contact Us

Complete a Phase 1 Targeted Brownfield Assessment
If a site has perceived contamination, it is considered a "brownfield". The presence of hazardous pollutants means the site cannot be developed safely.
A Phase 1 Targeted Brownfield Assessment is an evaluation of the site's past uses to determine if contamination is likely present.
This assessment is free for government entities, nonprofits, or private entities in partnership with one of the above entities.
Apply for Phase 1

Yes

Keeping in mind the site's past uses, is environmental contamination possible?

No

Are you sure?
Sites can be contaminated with hazardous pollutants which enable it to be developed safely. Contamination may not be visible or obvious.
Even vacant lots can be contaminated from past use.
The Colorado Brownfields Partnership can recommend next steps to verify contamination based upon details of the site.
If no contamination is present, the site is ready for development.
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The site is ready for development!

No

Was contamination suspected in the Phase 1 Assessment results?

Yes

Complete a Phase 2 Targeted Brownfield Assessment
A Phase 2 Targeted Brownfield Assessment will dictate if additional steps (such as soil sampling) are necessary to prove contamination.
This assessment is free for government entities, nonprofits, or private entities in partnership with one of the above entities.
Cleanup planning assistance is also available at this stage to government entities or non-profits.
Apply for Phase 2

Evaluate the risks identified in the results
It's important to evaluate the risks associated with the site's contamination. This risk evaluation will inform the site's cleanup plan and determine the feasibility of the site's future use.
Questions to consider are as follows:
- Is the contamination spreading? If so, where?
- Who might be affected by the contamination?
- How will they be affected (ingestion, inhalation, skin contact, etc.)?
- How will the future use of the site be affected by contamination exposure?

Yes

Was contamination suspected in the Phase 2 Assessment results?

No

This site is ready for development! Consider applying for a "No Action Determination" letter.
Once a site is free of contamination, it is still encouraged to apply for a "No Action Determination" letter through the Voluntary Cleanup Program to manage liability concerns.
Apply for No Action Determination

Develop a cleanup plan.
A cleanup plan will list cleanup activities, as well as provide a cost and timing estimate to getting it done. A cleanup plan will be tailored based upon the site's contamination and the site's future use.
Cleanup plan assistance is available to government entities or non-profits.
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No

Keeping risk and Phase 2 results in mind, has a cleanup plan been developed?

Yes

Consider entering into the Voluntary Cleanup and Redevelopment Program (VCUP).
Once a cleanup plan has been developed, entering into the VCUP is strongly suggested. With a single application, enrollment in the VCUP provides both state and federal cleanup plan approval in one step. This also admits access to a variety of state financial resources.
Learn About VCUP

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Grants, Revolving Loan Fund*, Tax Credits*, EPA Cleanup Grants*
Learn About Financial Resources

Yes

Is financial assistance needed to execute the cleanup?

No

The site is ready for cleanup!

Keep Working!

No

With the financial resources in hand, has the cleanup plan been executed?

Yes

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