

# Indiana Brownfields Program Fact Sheet

The Indiana Brownfields Program (Program) provides free governmental assistance to address environmental issues and encourage investment in the redevelopment of brownfield properties by providing educational, financial, technical, and legal services to identify and mitigate environmental barriers that impede local economic growth. The Program utilizes state and federal funding to provide financial assistance for environmental investigations and cleanups State-wide. The Program also works in partnership with U.S. EPA, utilizes IDEM's Risk-based Closure Guide to issue closure and liability clarification documents for prospective purchasers and communities. For more information please visit: <https://www.in.gov/ifa/brownfields/>.

## Program by the Numbers

Program Sites: ~2,580

Active Sites: ~390

Total State \$ Awards since Nov. 2009: \$37,948,928

Total Federal \$ Awards since Nov. 2009: \$20,211,892

Letters Issued in 2023: 206

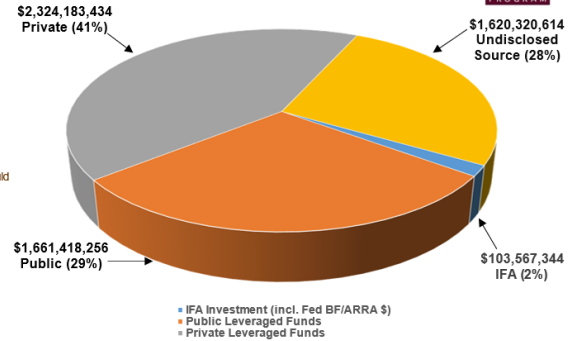
## Best Practices, General Procedures, and FAQs

- In most instances, without current analytical data, the Program cannot provide accurate guidance or the best next steps for redevelopment.
- Our letter review process generally takes a minimum of 120 days; in the instance a 'rush' review is requested, please provide details why that particular timeframe is needed.
- The Program recommends following our Backfill Spreadsheet. Any soil or backfill brought on a Site for redevelopment should be from a verified clean source or sampled prior to being brought on-Site.
- Not every letter issued by the Program is a 'closure' letter that provides closure of environmental conditions at a Site. Most letters issued are liability clarification letters.
- The Program recommends a prospective purchaser obtain an all appropriate inquiry compliant Phase I ESA prior to purchasing any property.
- A cover letter should be submitted with all letter requests. Similarly, if letter requests are missing pertinent information, the review process will not start until all documents are provided.



## Project Funding Mix 1997 – 2023

Actual Funds Leveraged for All Projects



ROI\* \$54:\$1

\*Calculated ROI does not include large publicly funded infrastructure projects that would skew results

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## Petroleum Orphan Site Initiative Outcomes

### 2014 – 2023

- Typically assist communities/municipalities and owners with an inability to pay determination from IDEM.
- 167 sites \$23.8 million spent in 104 communities State-wide
- 303 underground storage tanks (USTs) removed (20 closed in place)
- 15 fuel oil USTs removed
- 23 hydraulic lifts removed
- 46 aboveground storage tanks (ASTs) removed
- 114,193 tons of petroleum-impacted soil removed (roughly equivalent in weight to the USS Abraham Lincoln aircraft carrier)
- 574,006 gallons of liquid/sludge removed (60,000 gallons more than an Olympic sized swimming pool)

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