



Environmental Protection Agency Brownfields Job Training Program

City of Tacoma | Community & Economic Development Department

Economic Development Committee
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Agenda



- Brownfields & Remediation
- Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfields Grants
- Outreach & Recruitment
- Training & Certifications
- Job Placements

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Brownfields

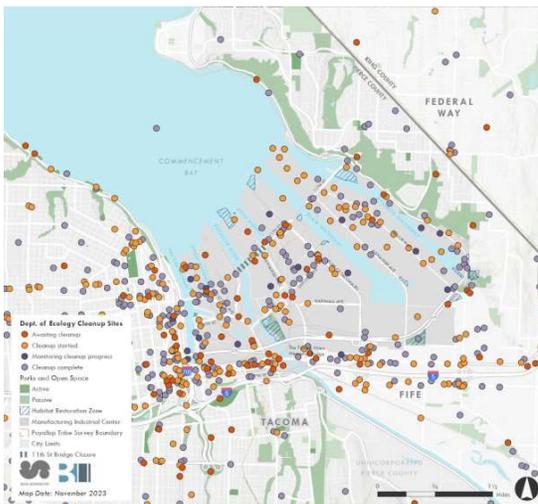


- Brownfields Defined
- Local Brownfields History
- EPA & Tacoma
- Tacoma and Redevelopment Efforts
- Remediation Jobs

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Remediation Efforts in Tacoma



CLEANUP SITES

- Awaiting cleanup
- Cleanup started
- Monitoring Cleanup Progress
- Cleanup Complete

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Source: Department of Ecology, 2023, Seva Workshop

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EPA Brownfields Awards



- Types of Competitive Funding
- History of City of Tacoma Awards
- Successes

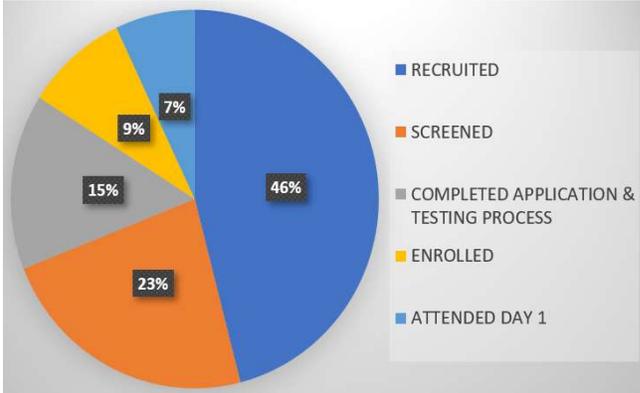
Award Year	Target Enrolled	Enrolled	Target Trained	Trained	Target Placed	Placed
2016	66	61	54	57	39	43
2018	60	73	54	67	39	47

- Contracted Partners

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Goodwill Outreach & Recruitment Cohort II

- 120 candidates interested in training
- 60+ completed preliminary screening
- 40+ willing to complete screening, testing, and enrollment tasks
- 22 completed all tasks successfully and were enrolled
- 18 present on Day One

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Goodwill Outreach & Recruitment

OUTREACH PILLARS

- Gain access to secondary paid training and employment opportunities for placements
- Access to employers willing to speak to students during the duration of the cohort
- Access to target audience that meets the needs of the program
- Biggest need to reach more participants and employers will be community involvement



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WORKING RELATIONSHIPS

LiUna Local 252	LeMay Waste Management
Korsmo Construction	Pac Rim Environmental
Work Source	BNBuilders
Pacific Ironworkers	Pierce County
Express Employment	ECOLOGY













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CPTC COURSE FACULTY

- HAZWOPER faculty
 - Enviro Sciences tenured faculty; oversees program; provides curriculum and materials
 - Former student of the Brownfields program, completed Enviro Sci AAST and now completing Bachelor of Applied Sciences

- Training includes lecture and labs
 - Hands on activities in simulated environments
 - Prep for certification testing

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CORE TRAINING

- HAZWOPER 40/OSHA 29
- OSHA 10
- First Aid/CPR/BBP
- Asbestos Worker 32hr
- Lead RRP 8hr
- Flagger Card (all 50 states)

SUPPLEMENTAL

- Confined Space
- Forklift Certification



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Goodwill Student Support & Placement



Training Cohort I – Follow up

- Nine participants enrolled
- Eight graduated
- 65% placed in jobs
- 35% receiving continued support with hiring opportunities

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 Tacoma Wrap Up 

- Next Cohort
- Graduations
- Questions?

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