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On Wednesday, April 6, 2022, the City of Titusville's Office of Economic Development will host a community workshop in order to acquire input from the public on identification of potential Brownfield sites throughout the city.

The workshop, which will take place at the Harry T. Moore Social Service Center, 729 South Deleon Avenue in Titusville, will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m.

A brownfield site is a property that faces challenges to its reuse, resale, or redevelopment because of environmental contamination, or the threat of perceived contamination.

The federal and state brownfields programs seek to ensure remediation of these properties so that they can be redeveloped for their highest and best use.

In October 2021, the City of Titusville received \$300,000.00 in funding from the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a Brownfields Community-Wide Assessment Grant.

To determine if a property is contaminated with hazardous substances, this grant funding is utilized to conduct Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (ESAs), which are nonintrusive evaluations on select, identified sites, in order to verify that contamination exists.

Through the governmental process at the local level, many properties are designated as brownfields, but that does not necessarily verify that they are contaminated.

According to Titusville's economic development director, Lisa Nicholas, "The all-important first step for the city right now is to identify through meaningful public input properties that should be evaluated for contamination by Terracon, our environmental engineering consultant. Being able to obtain this insight from our citizens on the properties they believe should be analyzed is not only important to the city, but also to the Environmental Protection Agency," Nicholas said.

If a site is assessed and contamination is found to be present, the grant also provides for certain cleanup-planning (Phase II) activities.

"Our residents have the most familiarity with the locales of these blighted and unsightly properties," said Nicholas. "We are relying on them to help us identify them, and their participation is both encouraged and appreciated."

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