

# The Oregon Brownfields Awards

## Recognizing the Brownfields Redevelopment Achievements of Oregon's Communities

The Oregon Brownfields Awards recognize individuals and groups who worked together to solve the critical environmental challenge of cleaning up brownfields sites into productive reuses. The Awards honor individuals and groups that have implemented innovative, yet practical, cleanup projects that stimulated economic development through job creation or retention, addressed a critical community development need, and/or resulted in significant protection of human health and the environment. The awards showcase these successes and publicize them as models for other communities around the State.

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department invite community groups, organizations, city/county officials, and individuals working to revitalize contaminated properties throughout Oregon to submit project nominations for the Oregon Brownfields Awards. The winners will be announced at a special awards luncheon during the 2007 Oregon Brownfields Conference, March 1-2, 2007, in Salem.

### Eligibility

- Any individual, group, company, organization, government body or agency that is familiar with the project may submit a nomination.
- The project:
  - Must have been completed between January 1, 2003 and December 31, 2006 (A project is deemed complete if it is in active use serving its intended end use).
  - Involved property(ies) that were impacted by petroleum and/or hazardous substances.
- Project types may include, but are not limited to, a private enterprise, a public facility, an industrial reuse of a brownfields site, or an environmental restoration project.

### Deadline

All nominations must be received by: **January 31, 2007.**

### Award Criteria

An independent panel of state, environmental, business and academic professionals will evaluate the submittals and select up to three winners. The award criteria are designed to recognize both small and large entities and projects, in both rural and urban parts of the state. Successful nominations will demonstrate how their project achieved:

- (1) A balance of economic and quality of life improvements to the local community; and/or
- (2) Significant environmental gains, such as through the removal of persistent soil/groundwater contamination, creation of greenspace, or focus on sustainability through design (i.e. LEED certification, energy efficiency, stormwater reduction).

Project descriptions should provide examples of measurable results and/or impact such as jobs created and/or retained, increased revenues to the local tax base, decreased crime rates, improved child health and safety.

Finally, the panel will select a winner of a **special award category - *The Unsung Hero***. This category will recognize that individual or organization that, through their leadership and perseverance worked through the issues, motivated and educated the community, and made the brownfields redevelopment dream a reality.

### Nomination Process for the Oregon Brownfields Awards

A complete nomination must contain:

1. Completed Nomination Application
2. A narrative description of the project (no longer than 5 pages) Must include all of the following information:
  - a. The size of the site and cost of the remediation;
  - b. How the site was cleaned up, what technologies or strategies were employed;
  - c. How the site is currently being used;
  - d. Profile description of the community (population, demographics, employment);
  - e. What the long-term environmental and economic significance/benefits are to community.

3. At least one letter of support from an individual or organization that did not directly participate in the project but is familiar with its success and explains the impact of the project – either its environmental or economic significance and/or benefits to the community.
4. A one-paragraph description of the applicant's organization or partnership.
5. Digital images suitable for reproduction, showing how the site looked before and after remediation and redevelopment.
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**Nomination Process for the Unsung Hero Category**

A complete nomination for the **Unsung Hero Category** must contain:

1. A Completed Nomination Application
  - a. Narrative description of nominee's affiliation with either a specific brownfields redevelopment project or brownfields redevelopment in general (no longer than 3 pages).
2. At least one Letter of Support from an individual or organization familiar with the nominee's efforts.
3. Digital image of the nominee.

**How to Submit the Nomination Form:**

**Send one copy of the entire application with supporting documents to:**

**The Oregon Brownfields Awards**

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 Salem, Oregon 97301  
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**Nominations and documentation must be received by January 31, 2007 to be eligible.**

Important Dates

January 1, 2003 and December 31, 2006	Dates project must be completed by to be eligible for nomination
September 5, 2006	Nominations Open
January 31, 2007	Nominations Receipt Deadline
March 1 & 2, 2007	Awards Presented at the 2007 Oregon Brownfields Conference Brown – It's the New Green

**Attachment checklist (Oregon Brownfields Awards)**

1. Narrative Description of the Project – not to exceed 5 pages in length.
2. Letter(s) of Support.
3. One-paragraph description of applicant's organization or partnership.
4. Digital images suitable for reproduction, showing how the site looked before and after cleanup and redevelopment.

**Attachments checklist (Unsung Hero Category):**

1. Narrative description of nominee's affiliation with a brownfields redevelopment project(s).
2. Letter(s) of Support
3. Digital image of nominee.