HOW TO PARTICIPATE

We encourage you to participate in Kalispell’s Brownfield Program by attending public meetings and by visiting our website at www.kalispell.com/economic.

For additional information to determine whether your property is potentially eligible for assessment, or to be added to our Brownfield mailing list, please contact:

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In 2009, the EPA awarded the City of Kalispell a Brownfield Community-Wide Assessment Grant in the amount of $400,000 to revitalize the core of Kalispell. At no cost to the property owner, the City may conduct Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments and develop cleanup plans on sites potentially contaminated with petroleum or hazardous substances. Any site where the redevelopment or reuse is complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance may be eligible for funding. Typical sites include former gas stations, auto repair shops, dry cleaning facilities, refineries, or buildings containing asbestos and/or lead-based paint.

GOALS OF KALISPELL’S BROWNFIELD PROGRAM

The goals of Kalispell’s Brownfield Program are to conduct site assessments to remove environmental uncertainty and to facilitate revitalization of properties in the City. Assessments may be done throughout the City with a focus on Kalispell’s Core Revitalization Area adjacent to the historic BNSF railroad tracks that once carried the Galloping Goose. Prior to completing assessments, the City with its economic development partners and the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, will inventory and generally rank sites in the Revitalization Area. Assessments will be completed on properties having the greatest potential for revitalization and community support. The City hopes to complete up to sixteen Phase I and six Phase II assessments by November 2012.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATING IN THE BROWNFIELD ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

There are numerous benefits to participating in Kalispell’s Brownfield Program. The information generated may be used by the property owner to satisfy purchaser concerns, regulatory agency requirements, or simply to evaluate whether or not environmental contamination exists on the property. There is no cost to the property owner for this service, as the City uses its grant funds to complete the assessments. To participate, the owner must voluntarily grant access to the site, and on completion of assessment, the owner is provided a copy of the environmental data. Sites assessed with current EPA funds are also potentially eligible for additional state and federal Brownfield funds for site cleanup that the City may wish to pursue.