

## Chapter 7 Recommended Changes

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#### Environmentally Contaminated Sites

The Wisconsin DNR's Environmental Remediation and Redevelopment Program maintains a list of contaminated sites, or "brownfields," in the State. The DNR defines brownfields as "abandoned or under-utilized commercial or industrial properties where expansion or redevelopment is hindered by real or perceived contamination." Examples of brownfields might include a large abandoned industrial site or a small corner gas station. Properties listed in the DNR database are self-reported, and do not necessarily represent a comprehensive listing of possible brownfields in a community.

As of ~~March 2006~~ July, 2016, there ~~was one site~~ were no active sites in the Town listed in WisDNR's system. ~~There are three types of sites listed in the database: Spills, Leaking Underground Storage Tanks, and Environmental Repair Sites. The site in Herman was an environmental repair site.~~

Brownfield redevelopment programs seek to return abandoned or underused industrial and/or commercial sites to active use through cleaning up environmental contamination and encouraging redevelopment of the sites. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce and WisDNR work together to administer a grant program that funds brownfields cleanup. This program provides funds for environmental studies that determine the nature and extent of contamination as well as for the actual remediation of contaminated sites. More information on the requirements a community must meet to receive these grants is available through the Department of Commerce and WisDNR.