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Brownfields and Land Redevelopment in Rural Areas

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Land Revitalization: Brownfields

A **brownfield**: often refers to land that is abandoned or underused, in part, because of concerns about contamination.

The federal government defines brownfields as “abandoned, idled or underused industrial and commercial properties where expansion or redevelopment is complicated by real or perceived environmental contamination.”



Land Revitalization: Brownfields

Brownfields may make you think of dirty, blighted, abandoned industrial property, but that image is too narrow.

Some brownfields are old industrial sites.

Others are commercial buildings with little or no environmental contamination.

Service stations, dry cleaners, parking lots, hangers, parking lots, etc.



Why Redevelop a Brownfield?

Land is idle, vacant, or less productive than it could be.

Concerns about environmental contamination.

Neighbors face environmental worries and reduced property values.

Cities see roads, sewers, and other infrastructure underused.

New businesses seek out undeveloped land, encouraging sprawl.

Brownfield owners must deal with lots of issues—from potential lawsuits to deriving too little income from their property. Programs can help avoid enforcement actions; tax credits may also be available.

Cleanups address environmental problems. Redevelopment can bring new jobs and higher tax revenues. Revitalized brownfields can breathe new life into neighborhoods.



Brownfields to Healthfields



**Planning and Construction Grants for Health Care
& Clinics on Brownfields Sites in rural Florida.**

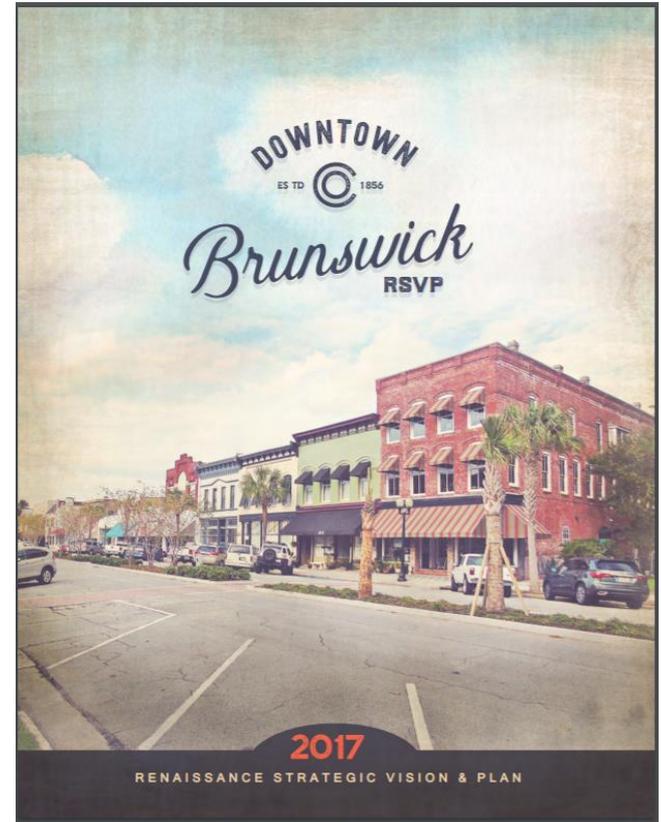
Can this happen in Georgia?



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Highway 17: Potential Brownfields Redevelopment

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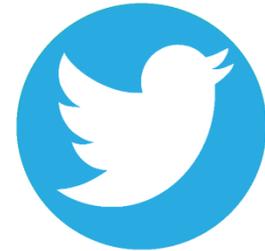
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