

Definitions

Community Redevelopment Areas

The Community Redevelopment Act provides Florida cities with the ability to designate "community redevelopment areas." Through special funding tools, such as tax increment financing and grants, the CRA is able to complete special projects that include the development of recreation and open space and streetscape improvements. The CRA is also committed to assisting businesses and developers upgrade their buildings and design developments that capitalize on our historic assets. The CRA emphasizes rehabilitation through the stimulation of private sector investment and business activity.

Enterprise Zone

An Enterprise Zone is a specific geographic area targeted for economic revitalization. Enterprise Zones encourage economic growth and investment in distressed areas by offering tax advantages and incentives to businesses locating within the zone boundaries. Florida has Enterprise Zones located throughout the state in both rural and urban areas. Enterprise Zones may also include Brownfield sites offering additional financial incentives for businesses. Go to www.floridaenterprisezone.com for more information and maps.

Empowerment Zone

An area designated by the state or federal government as economically depressed and can qualify for federal and state funding initiatives, tax credits or grants to improve housing, employment opportunities, to revitalize and renew a community.

EPA Brownfields Pilot Project Area

EPA is funding assessment demonstration pilot programs to assess brownfields sites and to test cleanup and redevelopment models. These pilot programs are intended to provide EPA, states, tribes, municipalities, and communities with useful information and strategies as they continue to seek new methods to promote a unified approach to site assessment, environmental cleanup, and redevelopment.

Brownfields Site Rehabilitation Agreement

An agreement entered into between the person responsible for brownfield site rehabilitation and the FDEP or a delegated local program. The BSRA shall at a minimum establish the timeframes, schedules, and milestones for completion of site rehabilitation tasks and submission of technical reports, and other commitments or provisions pursuant to Section 376.80(5), F.S., and Chapter 3676, F.S. State economic incentives and regulatory benefits depend on the execution of the BSRA.

Brownfields Advisory Committees

An advisory committee is established or an existing advisory committee that has formally expressed its intent to address redevelopment of the specific brownfield area for the purpose of improving public participation and receiving public comments on rehabilitation and redevelopment of the brownfield area, future land use, locals employment opportunities, community safety, and environmental justice. The advisory committee should include residents within or adjacent to the brownfield area, businesses operating within the brownfield area, and others deemed appropriate.