



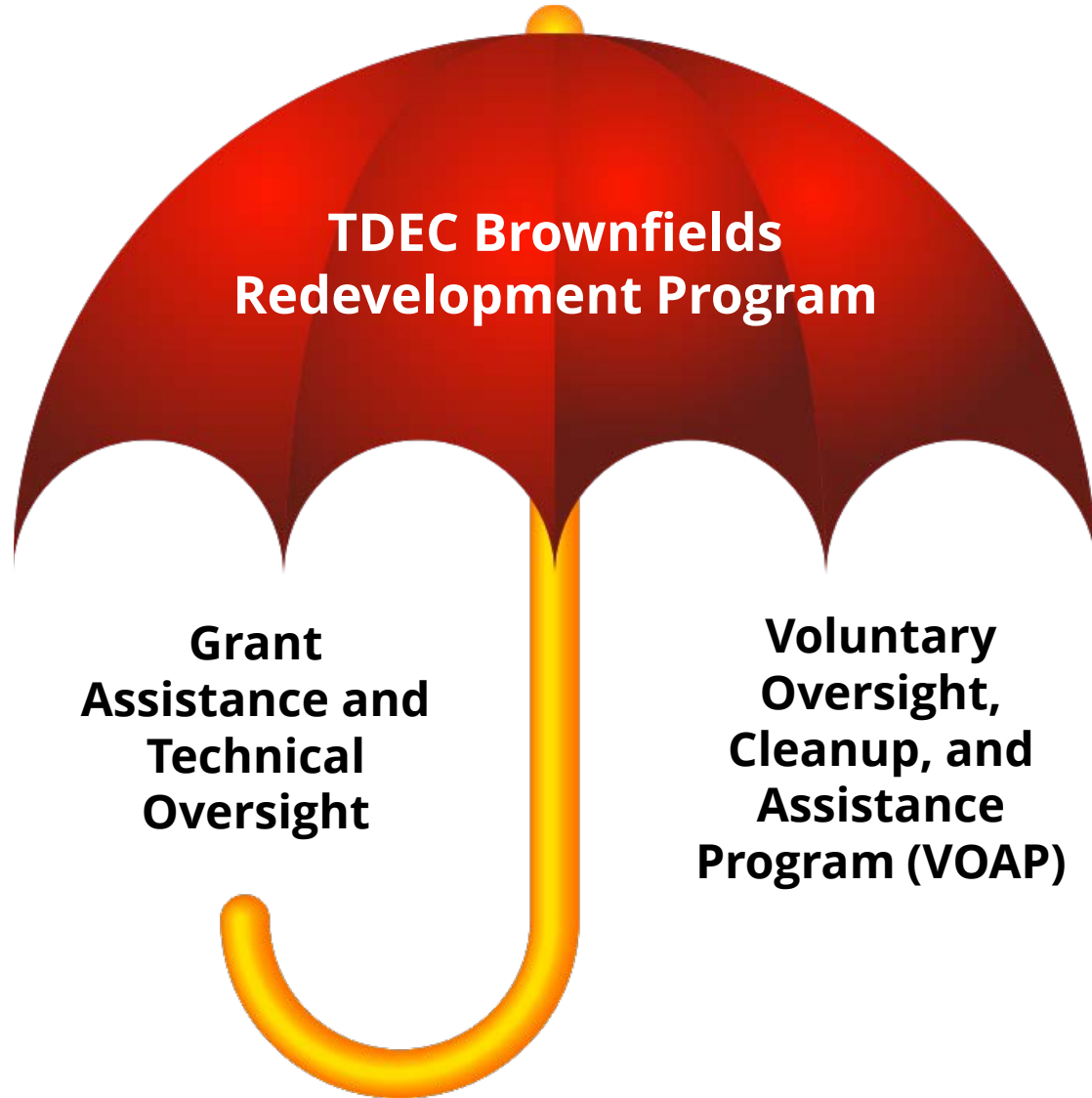
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Tennessee Brownfields Resources

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Tennessee Brownfields Program



TDEC Resources

- Outreach
- One-on-one guidance and strategy development on grants
- Grant application review
- Technical Oversight on awarded grants
- Brownfields Voluntary Program (liability protection)



Outreach



- Workshops
- Meetings
- Presentations



Grant Assistance

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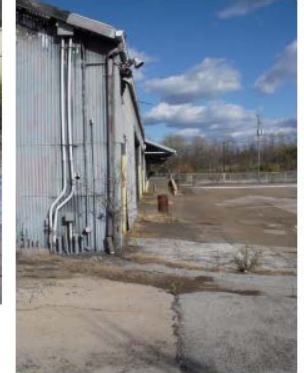
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Technical Oversight on awarded grants

Brownfield Redevelopment Toolbox

- Step 1: Site Identification and Project Planning
- Step 2: How to Determine if you have Contamination on your Site
- Step 3: Cleaning up your Site
- Step 4: How the Tennessee Brownfields Program can help when a Site is Contaminated
- Step 5: The End of the Line – Redevelopment of your Brownfield



Tennessee Brownfields Redevelopment Toolbox



Prepared by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) and in cooperation with the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials
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South Knoxville Waterfront



2008: Applied for EPA Brownfields Grants (petroleum and hazardous substance assessments)

2009: Awarded \$400,000 for both types of assessments

What was done:

- Conducted an inventory to identify sites
- Community outreach – Newsletter, media releases & coordination with property owners
- Selected 12 properties for further environmental assessment

Former Baptist Hospital, Knoxville

- ✓ 23 acre site
- ✓ Vacant since 2008
- ✓ Phase I and Phase II Assessments:
 - 6 Phase I reports (there were 6 parcels)
 - 3 Phase II reports
 - Lead based paint & asbestos surveying
 - Some parcels entered into the VOAP
 - Developer purchased property. Soon to be.....



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Brownfields Voluntary Program

AKA: The VOAP

(Voluntary Cleanup, Oversight and Assistance
Program)...

or the Voluntary Program...

or the Voluntary Brownfields Program.



VOAP

- State Program
- Allows contaminated properties to return to safe re-use
- Provides liability protection



VOAP Process

1. Apply to enter the Program
2. Perform Environmental Assessments
3. Negotiate a Brownfields Voluntary Agreement
4. Complete requirements:
 - public notice
 - actions agreed upon in the Voluntary Agreement
5. Receive a letter of concurrence



Founder's Park, Johnson City

Property: Former Young's Warehouse property

Historic uses: Gas station, tire retreading facility, bulk petroleum storage, and a drycleaner



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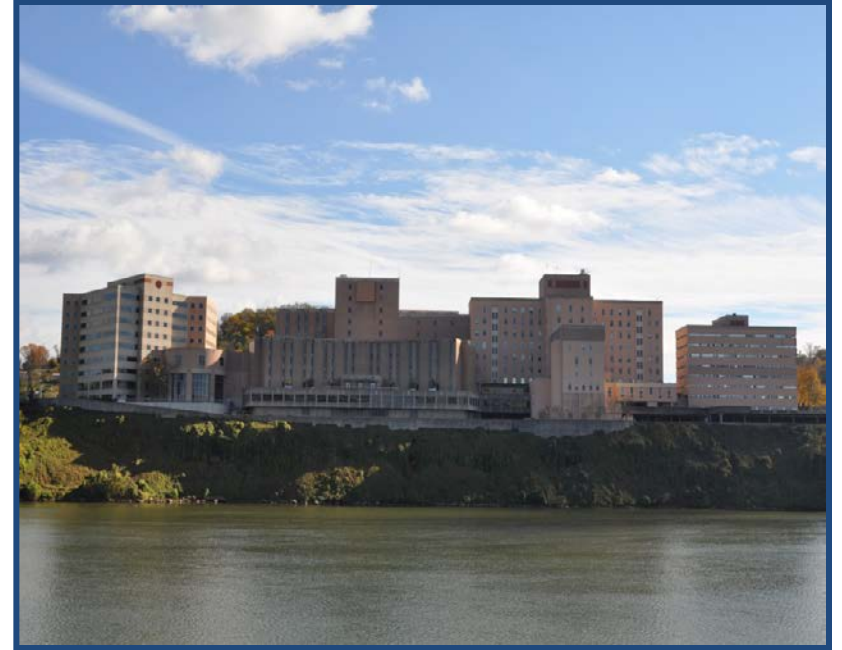
- Intent: Provide relief for flooding and greenspace in downtown Johnson City
- Today: 5-acre greenway and park along the new creek bank with a 200-seat amphitheater for outdoor and educational activities



Voluntary Oversight, Cleanup, and Assistance Program

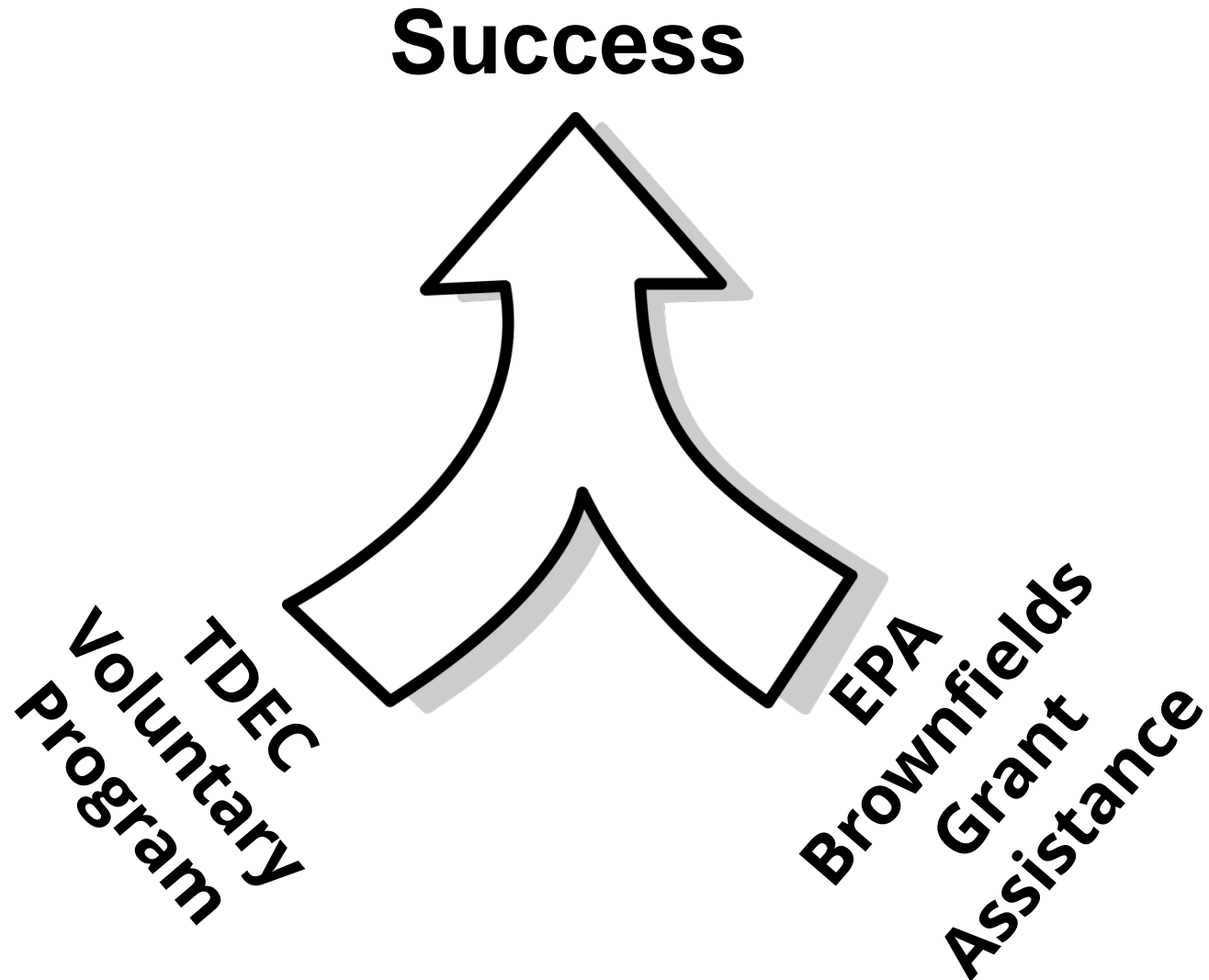
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