

# PAUL AVENUE BROWNFIELD REVOLVING LOAN FUND

The City of Atlanta Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Program provides loans to private property owners or grants to non-profit organizations for remediating brownfields.

This program, supported with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grants, provides funding to cleanup known contamination and meet the State of Georgia's regulatory cleanup standards. Invest Atlanta, the Atlanta's Development Authority, administers the loans and grants.

A Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) under contract with the City of Atlanta provides oversight of all cleanup activities to ensure the cleanup is conducted in accordance with all applicable regulations and approved EPA work plan.



## What is a Brownfield?

A brownfield is a real property whose expansion, redevelopment, or reuse may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

The Conservation Fund submitted a BRLF subgrant application to the City of Atlanta/Invest Atlanta for the cleanup of contaminated soil at 0 Paul Avenue (Parcel No. 17 025300100717). This 0.2 acre parcel has been undeveloped since at least the late 1930s.

As part of the due diligence for purchasing the site, the Conservation Fund conducted a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment which included the collection and analysis of soil samples from the site. This analysis identified heavy metal contamination in the soils above Georgia Environmental Protection Division's (EPD) Risk Reduction Standards. The suspected

source of heavy metals in the soil is believed to be from fill that was placed on the property at an unknown time. The Conservation Fund entered the property into the Georgia Brownfield Program prior to the purchase of the property and has an EPD approved Correction Action Plan (CAP) for the site. The site will be remediated by excavation and off-site disposal of contaminated soils.

This parcel, along with other adjoining parcels on Paul Avenue, will become a 10 acre park in the Riverside Neighborhood of NPU D and Council District 9. In the future, this new greenspace will provide access to the Chattahoochee River multi-use trail along the Chattahoochee River. This is also the first demonstration project for Groundwork Atlanta, a partnership between the City of Atlanta and Groundwork USA, a national non-profit formed by EPA and the National Park Service that is focused on revitalization of underserved communities through projects that focus on environmental, social and economic outcomes.

## Cleanup Documents

As part of BRLF process, the City of Atlanta's QEP, Cardno, is preparing several documents required by EPA for the

Brownfield Revolving Loan. They will be posted at [www.atlantaga.gov/brownfields](http://www.atlantaga.gov/brownfields).

These are the:

- Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA),
- Cleanup Work Plan, and
- Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP).

## Cleanup Costs

The estimated cost to remediate the contaminated soil and other EPD requirements is \$100,000. A subgrant of up to \$80,000 will pay 80% of the remediation costs and The Conservation Fund will pay 20% of the costs.

## Get Involved

Comments and questions regarding the BRLF subgrant to The Conservation Fund for Paul Avenue can be sent to Jessica Lavandier at [jlavandier@atlantaga.gov](mailto:jlavandier@atlantaga.gov) and at 404-450-6442. The official 30-day public comment period is from April 27 to May 26th, 2020.

A community meeting to discuss this project will be held in May 2020.

For more information, visit [www.atlantaga.gov/brownfields](http://www.atlantaga.gov/brownfields)

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