



Wisconsin Assessment Monies (WAM)

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Since 2010, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has awarded the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and its partners \$5.3 million in brownfield assessment grant funding. WAM awards include contractor services or community-managed subgrants and aid in the assessment of environmental contamination at brownfield properties.

Contractor Services Awards

WAM environmental contractor services awards fund assessment activities. The DNR contracts directly with qualified environmental professionals to complete assessment work under the DNR’s oversight. Applicants must ensure that the current owner of the property has signed a site access permission agreement authorizing the DNR and its contractors access to the property to perform the assessment activities.

Community-Managed Awards

WAM community-managed awards are subgrants to local government or tribal entities. The subgrantee selects a qualified environmental professional and oversees the work. Applicants must ensure a signed site access permission agreement is in place that authorizes the subgrantee and its contractors access to the property to perform the assessment activities.

Services available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (All Appropriate Inquiries/AAI) Phase II Environmental Site Assessments NR 716 Site Investigations Remedial action planning
Eligible applicants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractor Services Awards: Local government entities, tribal entities, prospective purchasers, property owners Community-Managed Awards: Local government entities, tribal entities
Eligible sites	<p>Properties must meet the federal definition of a brownfield.</p> <p><i>A brownfield is a property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant or contaminant.</i></p>
Selection factors	<p>Factors that may be considered in project selection include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rural or disadvantaged communities Community involvement and support Sites that are impediments to large-scale redevelopment projects Positive community outcomes (e.g., economic, health, livability) Financial need Projects with redevelopment plans consistent with local redevelopment objectives

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