

# **Kent Grant to help ID hazardous property**

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Potentially hazardous land sitting idle in the city of Kent could instead be identified with the label "potential for development" after a brownfield assessment process begins this year, with help from a \$200,000 U.S. EPA grant.

The city must first create a list of properties in the city, and officials will host a series of public meetings in late July and early August inviting residents to nominate and identify brownfields.

Brownfield sites exist where there is the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance or pollutant that could complicate the reuse of such property, according to the U.S. EPA. Car repair lots and former gas stations are two examples.

The city will compile a list and select six properties for inspection. Up to four of those will be selected for a phase two inspection.

City Manager Dave Ruller said the grant and assessment process are a definite push to prepare land in the city for redevelopment.

A link to a Web site where residents may nominate sites is available on Ruller's Web log site, [www.Kent360.com](http://www.Kent360.com).