Board of County Commissioners

Durham Place Green Reuse Area ROCC: Redeveloping Orange County Communities (ROCC) Applicant: Durham Place, Ltd.

District 3

July 30, 2024



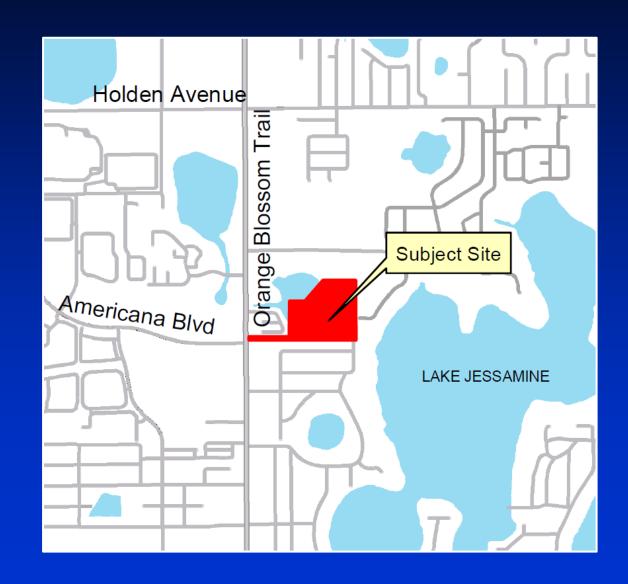
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- Owner/Applicant: Durham Place, Ltd.
- Parcel Identification Number:15-23-29-0000-00-020
- 5215 South Orange Blossom Trail
- **20.81** acres
- Seeking liability protections and sales tax credits for building materials





Durham Place Project Overview

- BCC approved development for 102 affordable housing units
- Conservation Area Determination (CAD) completed
- Conservation Area Impact (CAI) permit approved
- Development is complete, residences are occupied
- Current operation provides amenities/services for residents





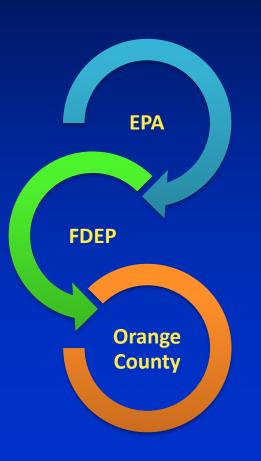


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Purpose and Background of Brownfields

Brownfields provide economic benefit and invigorate communities.



U.S. EPA's Brownfields program:

- Incentivizes redevelopment of economically challenged areas
- Removes liability for purchases of sites that may be contaminated
- Helps return contaminated sites to beneficial use

Florida Brownfields program criteria -- Florida Statutes 376.77-85

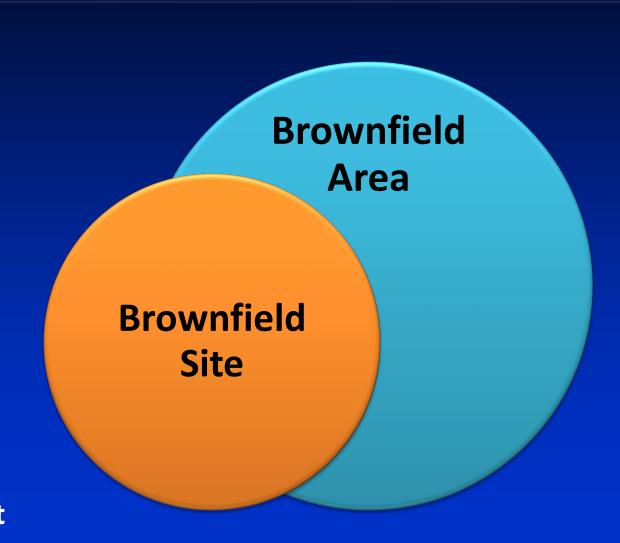
F.S. 376.80 directs local governments to adopt resolutions for applicants able to demonstrate that they meet the Florida Brownfield criteria

EPD administers the Brownfields program for Orange County – "ROCCs"



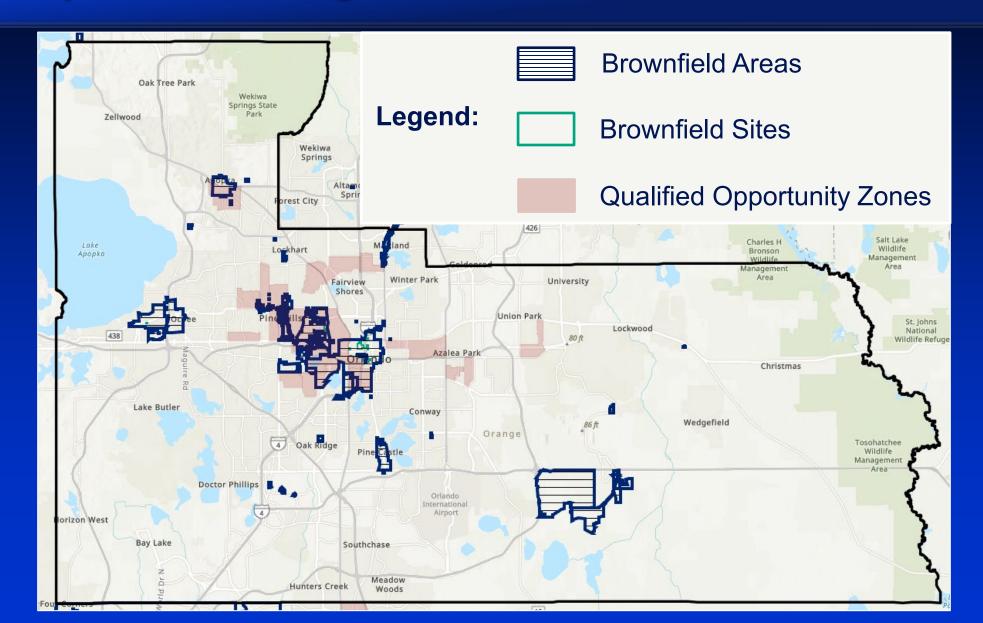
Purpose & Background of Brownfields

- Defined in Florida Statute 376.79
- Brownfield Site
 - Real property
 - Actual or perceived environmental contamination
- Brownfield Area
 - One or more Brownfield sites
 - May or may not be contaminated
 - Designated by resolution
 - Examples: Community redevelopment areas, enterprise zones, empowerment zones, etc.





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- Some Benefits of Brownfields
 - Cleans up contaminated sites
 - Incentivizes redevelopment
 - Helps curb urban sprawl
 - Creates affordable housing opportunities, jobs, parks, conserves land, etc.
 - Provides some relief from liability if contamination is discovered
 - Opens economic incentives in the form of tax credits
- Contamination can be perceived, and not actual





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Brownfield Designation Qualifications

Florida Statute 376.80(2)(c) establishes five criteria:

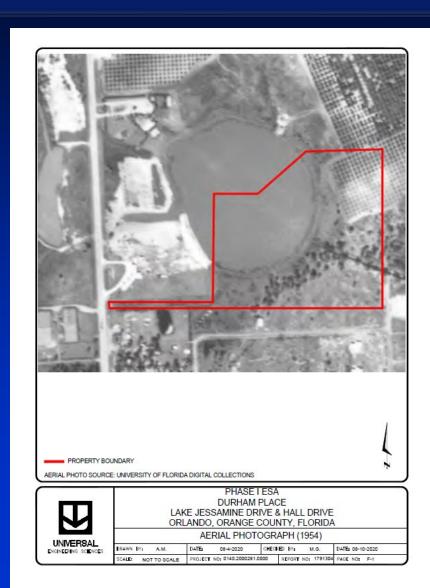
- 1. Person agrees to rehabilitate and redevelop the property
- Redevelopment will provide economic benefit and 5 permanent, full-time jobs
 OR provide affordable housing OR create recreational areas, conservation
 areas, or parks
- 3. Redevelopment is consistent with the local comprehensive plan and is a permittable use under the applicable local land development regulations
- 4. Neighbors and nearby residents are noticed per Florida Statutes requirements and provided opportunities to comment
- 5. Applicant provides reasonable assurance of sufficient financial resources



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- Northeast portion: former citrus grove
 - Farmed 1950s through 1990s
 - Citrus farms used pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers
 - Property undeveloped until 2022
 - Limited soil assessment revealed no contamination at levels exceeding state remediation requirements per 62-777, F.A.C.
 - Historic activities make the site eligible for Brownfields (perceived contamination)
- Remainder of parcel: undeveloped









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- Application and project meets the following five Brownfield criteria:
 - **✓** Applicant redeveloped the property
 - Redevelopment provides affordable housing
 - ✓ Development meets Orange County comprehensive plan and is a permittable use
 - ✓ Project was properly noticed in accordance with F.S. 376 and F.S. 125.66, and public hearings were conducted in the area of the project
 - May 18, 2022 Holden Heights Community Center
 - June 6, 2024 Holden Heights Community Center
 - July 30, 2024 Board of County Commissioners
 - **✓** Applicant has demonstrated financial resources to complete the redevelopment



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Approval of a Resolution of the Orange County Board of County Commissioners regarding designating certain land within unincorporated Orange County Parcel ID 15-23-29-0000-00-020, as Durham Place Green Reuse Area: ROCC (Redeveloping Orange County Communities) and as a brownfield area for the purpose of environmental remediation, rehabilitation and economic development. District 3.