## **Brownfields** Program

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's (SRPMIC) Brownfields Program was recently awarded an \$800,000 Brownfields Multipurpose Grant for the Roadrunner Lake Resort Trailer Park (RLR). SRPMIC will be completing Phase I and Phase II assessments of the RLR beginning Fall of 2021. SRPMIC's Brownfields Program anticipates that funding will also be available to do Phase I investigations and Phase II assessments for other priority sites outside of the RLR. Sites must be located within the SRPMIC Community boundaries and be determined eligible "potential" brownfield sites.

## What is a brownfield site? Is there a difference between an illegal dump site and a brownfield site?

A Brownfield site is any property such as land or an abandoned building that is undeveloped and unused due to perceived or actual contamination. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) defines a brownfield as a "real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant." A site that is victim to illegal dumping may be a brownfield site. An illegal dump site could have solid waste, such as household material and/or commercial waste. Amongst this solid waste, there could be hazardous materials, used oil buckets or drums, roof shingles containing asbestos, or many other potential contaminants. Once an illegal dump site is determined to have hazardous waste and not *only* solid waste, it may fall into the category of a potential brownfield site.

For more information about the Brownfields Program and site eligibility, please e-mail the Brownfields Program Manager, Lily Bermejo, at Lily.Bermejo@srpmic-nsn.gov.

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