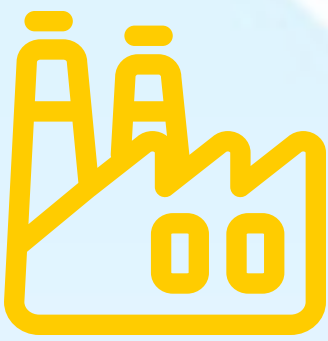


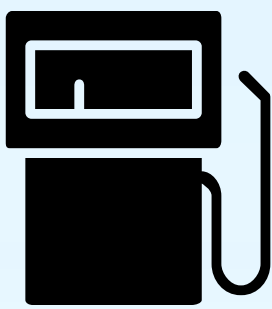
# BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT & THE PLANTERS OIL MILL SITE

The former site of the Planters Oil Mill in Rocky Mount is designated as a Brownfields Property. As the City explores potential redevelopment of the area, here is some useful information to know.



## WHAT ARE "BROWNFIELDS"?

The US Environmental Protection Agency defines a brownfield as: "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."

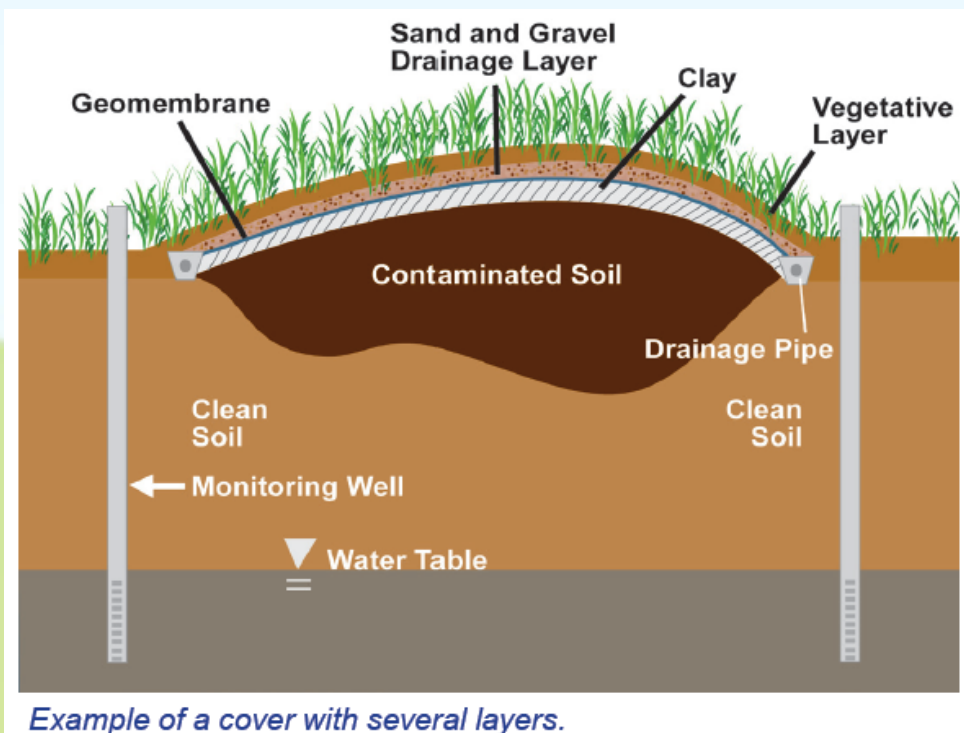


## WHAT ARE "CONTAMINANTS"?

The word "contaminant" can refer to many different substances that, unless properly handled, may cause harm to human health. Heavy metals, like arsenic, often come from commercial or industrial sites and can leach into soils and groundwater, causing contamination.

## CAN WE ADDRESS CONTAMINATION AND REDEVELOP BROWNFIELDS?

**Yes!** There are various techniques that can help to make an area safe for people to use, depending on the type of contamination at the site and the proposed uses of the redeveloped site. The technique used at the Planters Oil Mill site is called **capping**.



Capping involves placing a cover ("cap") over the contaminated soil. It does not remove the contaminants, but they are isolated and contained, which prevents them from leaching out or spreading.

## LAND USE RESTRICTIONS AT PLANTERS OIL MILL SITE

The North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Brownfields Program has created a Brownfields Agreement with the City of Rocky Mount for this site that outlines allowable uses for redevelopment of the site. For a copy of the current land use restrictions document, call the Community Development division at **252-972-1100** or visit [www.rockymountnc.gov/cd](http://www.rockymountnc.gov/cd).

For more information on successfully redeveloped brownfields, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/brownfields-success-stories>