



# BROWNFIELD Program



## Margate Economic Enhancement District

In January 2011, the City of Margate designated the Commercial and Industrial properties in the Margate Community Redevelopment District as a Brownfield area, in accordance with Florida Statutes 376.77- 376.86. The Brownfield Area was named the Margate Economic Enhancement District (MEED).

The Florida Brownfield Program was created by the Florida Legislature in 1997; it is primarily administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and supported by several other key agencies. It is intended to assist local governments and commercial property owners with any necessary clean up and revitalization of contaminated, abandoned, or under utilized sites with actual or perceived environmental contamination—a significant barrier to redevelopment.

There are many types of businesses that may leave behind hazardous substances, creating contamination including: bus facilities, gas stations, dry cleaners, manufacturing facilities, auto repair shops, junk yards, etc. Clean-up is only part of the solution. The most successful brownfield reuse occurs when economic and community redevelopment issues are addressed along with contamination concerns.

To assist communities with this significant undertaking, the Brownfield Program has many incentives, grants, and tax credits available on the federal, state, and local level to facilitate clean-up and redevelopment which are available to participating businesses. Redeveloping the MEED offers both environmental and economic benefits including:

### Improvement of the environment and quality of life

- Creates environmentally safe and market ready sites
- Reduces public health and environmental hazards
- Reduces crime

### Economic enhancement

- Capital investment and greater return on investment
- Job creation
- Broadens the tax base and increases tax revenue
- Encourages inner city investment
- Reduces suburban sprawl

### Better utilization of community resources

- Restores or replaces dilapidated buildings and facilities
- Promotes voluntary clean-up
- Encourages community revitalization

For more information about the MEED please contact the Margate Community Redevelopment Agency at 954-935-5324.