



**Office of Planning
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Brownfield Opportunity Area Program

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Brownfield Opportunity Areas Program (BOA)

Program provides assistance to communities to develop area-wide community-based plans to redevelop brownfields and abandoned sites, transforming them into catalytic properties that revitalize the area.



What is a Brownfield?



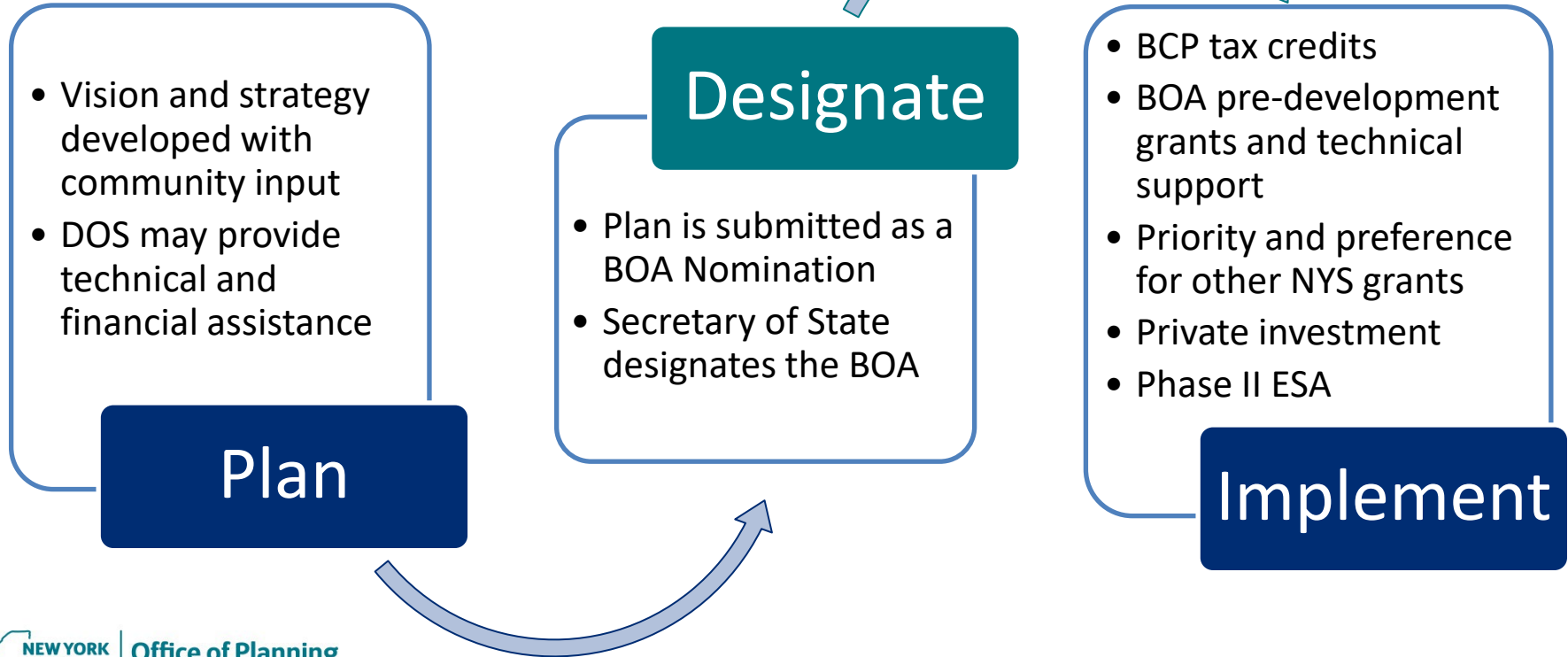
BOA Program Empowers Communities

- To address a range of problems posed by multiple known or suspected brownfield sites;
- To build community consensus on the future uses for the area with an emphasis on strategic sites that are known or suspected brownfields;
- To establish sustainable goals and objectives for area-wide revitalization and for redevelopment of strategic sites;
- To identify and establish the multi-agency and private-sector partnerships necessary to leverage assistance and investments to revitalize downtowns, neighborhoods, and communities;
- To address environmental justice concerns and promote environmental equity in areas that may be burdened by negative environmental consequences; and
- To engage in activities to implement the community's vision after BOA designation by Department of State.

BOA by the Numbers

- 200+ BOA grants awarded
- \$55+ Million in funding allocated
- 165 BOA study areas
- 72 Designated BOAs

BOA Process



Eligible Applicants

Municipalities

- Towns/Villages
- Counties
- Local Public Authorities
- Public Benefit Corps
- School Districts
- Special Improvement Districts
- Indian Nations/Tribes

Community-Based Organizations

- Not-For-Profit
- 501(c)(3)
- Mission to promote reuse of brownfield sites or community revitalization
- At least 25% of Board of Directors reside in area
- Community has demonstrated financial need

Community Boards

Defined and described in Section 2800 of the New York City Charter.

Applicants are encouraged to work in partnership & jointly apply for funding

BOA Eligible Grant Activities

Countywide Pre-Planning

Identify, inventory, and analyze potential brownfield-affected areas within a county.

Develop BOA Plan

Develop a community-supported plan for revitalization culminating in designation by the Secretary of State

Predevelopment Activities

Targeted activities that help move projects from concept to completion in State-Designated Brownfield Opportunity Areas.

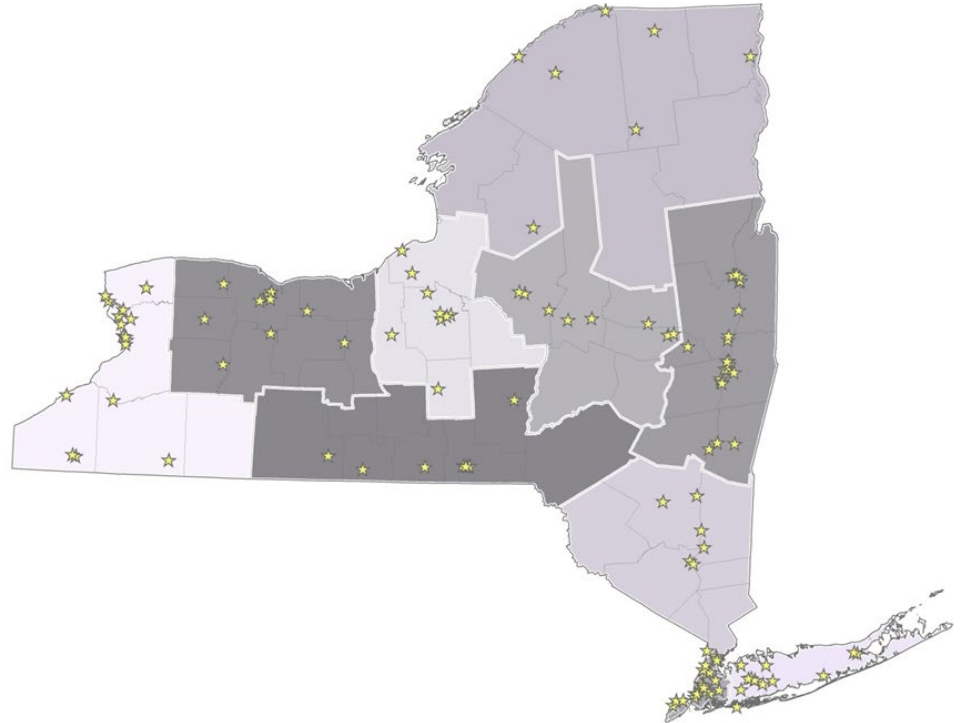
Phase II Environmental Site Assessments

Formal assessment of a property's environmental condition in order to guide future land use decisions under the BOA Program within a State-Designated BOA.

BOA Designation

Benefits of BOA Designation

- Priority and preference for other grant programs
- Eligibility for BOA Predevelopment activities and Site assessment Funding
- DOS technical support
- Brownfield remediation tax credits



Steps for BOA Designation

1. Letter of request from a BOA Program Applicant requesting consideration by the Secretary of State for a determination to designate a Brownfield Opportunity Area.
2. Public Notice and Presentation of Supporting Documentation- Documentation demonstrating required public participation has been completed. |
3. Complete BOA Nomination- A complete Nomination document submitted in a three-ring binder organized with a cover sheet and tabs delineating the required elements as per GML §970-R

Annual CFA Funding Amounts

- Approximately \$2-4 Million is awarded annually for the BOA Program through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA)
- Anticipated Maximum grant award for 2024:
 - Countywide Pre-Planning: \$500,000
 - BOA Plan- \$500,000
 - BOA Predevelopment Activities or Phase II ESA- \$500,000
(You must have a designated BOA in order to apply for Predevelopment Activities within an area)
 - Minimum State grant request: \$100,000
- Communities can apply for more than one award.
- CFA Released in early May.
- CFA Applications Due late July
- State assistance awarded and paid to a grant recipient will not exceed 90% of the total eligible project cost. Local Match is 10% of total project cost.

Thank you!

Please Email Questions to: BOA@dos.ny.gov

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