



**PUBLIC NOTICE
CHEROKEE NATION
BROWNFIELDS CLEANUP GRANT
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR FY2026**

COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization has published guidance for the FY26 Guidelines for Brownfields Cleanup Grants, Funding Opportunity Number: EPA-I-OLEM-OBLR-25-07.

Cherokee Nation Natural Resources Department currently has allotted funding from EPA Brownfields for the Brownfields 128(a) Assessment Grant, Brownfields BIL Grant and the Brownfields Community Wide Assessment Grant. Cherokee Nation is applying for the Brownfields Cleanup Grant and requests community input to comment on the draft application. This grant is designed to provide cleanup grant funding to carry out cleanup activities at Brownfields Sites.

Cherokee Nation plans to apply for the multi-site grant to clean up three (3) properties:

- Markoma Property - Stucky Hall Building, located in Tahlequah, Oklahoma
- Former Lost City School Property, located in Hulbert (Lost City Community), Oklahoma
- Cherokee Nation Early Childhood Circle, located in Tahlequah, Oklahoma.

The community meeting will discuss the Brownfield Cleanup Grant, Grant Application, Comment Process and Community Engagement, Projected Budget to Apply for Funding, and Draft Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives (ABC) for the Markoma Stucky Building, Former Lost City School and the Cherokee Nation Early Childhood Circle. This public meeting will help Cherokee Nation further develop the program narrative over the grant's four-year funding cycle.

Publication of Community Development Statement

Cherokee Nation will hold two (2) public meetings to discuss the intentions of this grant on January 8, 2026.

The first meeting will be held at 9:00 AM CST in the Cherokee Nation Natural Resources Conference Room, located at the Markoma Campus. The physical address is 886 Markoma Dr., Tahlequah, OK 74464. The second meeting will be held at 2:00 pm at the Lost Community Center, located at 13251 N. Lost City Road, Hulbert, OK 74441. All interested community members are invited to attend these meetings. Community members are encouraged to ask questions and voice concerns pertaining to Cherokee Nation's Brownfields Cleanup Application.

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