

FBA AWARDS

The Florida Brownfields Association honors individuals, groups, and organizations with the following awards:

Sunrise Award *for excellence in redeveloping Florida's brownfields*

This award aims to promote, recognize, and celebrate innovative and impactful brownfields redevelopment projects in the state of Florida. Awardees leverage the power of multi-stakeholder partnerships to bring about positive change to brownfield communities, where redevelopment efforts serve as catalysts for social equity, economic growth, and environmental protection.

Willa Carson Award *for excellence in promoting brownfields-to-health fields redevelopment*

This award is named in honor of Willa Carson, a retired nurse from St. Petersburg, Florida, who helped redevelop a brownfield site into a not-for-profit clinic that provides culturally sensitive quality healthcare for un-insured and underserved children and families. Awardees contribute to environmental and community health, as Ms. Carson has done, by turning Florida's brownfields into health fields.

Environmental Justice Spirit of Excellence Award *for excellence in supporting environmental justice and health equity*

This award recognizes an individual, organization, or brownfields redevelopment project that collaborates with communities experiencing environmental justice and public health challenges. Awardees demonstrate a strong commitment to equitable community revitalization and to building sustainable partnerships with stakeholders (government, industry, education, etc.) to aid underserved and under-resourced communities in Florida.

Redevelopment Award *for excellence in the revitalization of Florida's Brownfield sites*

The Redee Award honors outstanding achievements by individuals, municipal, county governments, and Brownfield practitioners who exemplify excellence in the revitalization of Florida's Brownfield sites. This prestigious recognition celebrates transformative efforts that turn once-contaminated, under-utilized, or abandoned properties into vibrant residential, commercial, or mixed-use developments that contribute meaningfully to the health, sustainability, and economic growth of communities across the state. Awardees demonstrate innovation in addressing environmental risks through effective cleanup and solution-based remediation strategies, often incorporating cutting-edge sustainable technologies. These projects not only protect public health and limit future liabilities but also engage communities, honor historic site uses, and inspire confidence in environmental stewardship.

Presented annually, the Redee Award shines spotlight on those who lead with vision, foster public engagement, and drive impactful change. The Redevelopment Award specifically

celebrates those whose projects are models of resilience, environmental responsibility, and strategic reuse—breathing new life into spaces once marked by neglect and transforming them into thriving community assets.

Nominations for all awards must be received via email to info@floridabrownfields.com by August 1, 2026. Awardees are formally recognized at the association's annual conference. You don't need to be an FBA member to be nominated, but you must be an FBA member to submit a nomination.

Applications nominating redevelopment projects must not exceed 1000 words and must include the following information: applicant name and contact information, project name and address, project size, previous use and type of contamination, remediation approach, redevelopment description and planned end use, positive outcomes, and up to four photos.

Applications nominating individuals or groups must not exceed 1000 words and must include the following information: applicant name and contact information, nominee name and title, brief biography of nominee, description of specific activities pertaining to the award description, and names and contact information for up to three professional references.