

TO: Legislative Revenue Office

- FROM: Annette Pampush- Tillamook County Community Health Centers Environmental Program Manager
- DATE: 6 February 2019
- RE: The Brownfields Tax Credit

Tillamook County was lucky enough to be awarded a 3-year Brownfields Grant in 2014 to assess 62 miles along an old railroad line to support plans for the development of the Salmonberry Trail. We have hopes of obtaining additional funding resources including grants to help cleanup the brownfields that were identified. Brownfields are a problem in our community as well as communities around the state. This is why the Oregon Brownfields Coalition was formed and why I believe you joined the coalition. We need a variety of tools to address the range of conditions in communities where contaminated sites exist. A state tax credit is a good investment that will yield positive returns for local communities by creating jobs and economic development, and by improving the health of communities and the environment. In turn this will benefit the state with increased income tax revenues. I encourage support of the Brownfields Tax Credit