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Guthrie Green in Tulsa Receives Brownfield Renewal Award

The Guthrie Green project in Tulsa was recently awarded the 2013 Brownfield Renewal Award for Brownfields for Energy. Awards are presented to projects that represent development in three categories:

- Environmental impacts
- Economic impacts
- Social impacts

The George Kaiser Family Foundation purchased the property in 2008 with a vision in mind. The non-profit foundation planned to convert the contaminated truck terminal into a low impact community hub and urban green space. To cover remediation costs, the Kaiser Foundation applied for and received a Brownfield grant from the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

The Guthrie Green project, located in Tulsa's historic Brady Arts District, includes innovative geothermal technology beneath the site, which will provide for approximately 600 tons of low-cost, low-emissions heating and cooling to more than 135,000 square feet in the neighboring Mathews Warehouse and the Hardesty Arts Center. Additionally, the project includes a dynamic community park with gardens, interactive fountains, and an outdoor stage.

"The George Kaiser Family Foundation has demonstrated extraordinary leadership and dedication to the City of Tulsa for many years," said DEQ Brownfields Program Manager Lloyd Kirk. "The recent completion and development of Guthrie Green will become a model for other communities as an example of how redevelopment, reuse and renewable technology can be applied to create a vibrant downtown park."

The site was previously used for industrial and commercial purposes. Most recently, Central Freight was located at this site.

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