

Trinidad-based nonprofit, Mt. Carmel Wellness & Community Center, is working to restore the long-vacant Holy Trinity Convent and School to community use. Mt. Carmel was awarded a **\$1 million U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Brownfield Cleanup Grant** to clean up asbestos and lead paint in the building

The stately Holy Trinity Convent & School is located in El Corazon de Trinidad and consists of three interconnected buildings standing on the site of Trinidad's first public school founded by the Sisters of Charity in 1873. The buildings were built in stages from the late 1800s through 1947. The building housed a convent and school but has been vacant since 2004.

Building materials containing asbestos and lead paint will be removed by licensed abatement contractors. The cleanup is anticipated to begin in 2024 and be completed within two years.

The cleanup will support plans to bring the building back into productive use. Reuse options in consideration include housing, a hostel, and a restaurant.

Stay tuned for project updates!



## What is a Brownfield?

A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. EPA funding help states and communities around the country clean up and revitalize brownfield sites.



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