

# Northern Arizona Healthfields Community Partnership

**Partnership:** This network of Arizona individuals, agencies, and nonprofits is dedicated to creating healthy, livable spaces for at-risk communities.

**Goal:** To improve access to healthcare and healthy food in federal “medically underserved” areas

To promote safe land reuse throughout AZ for many widespread hazardous sites

**Community and population:** 5 community areas of northern Arizona: cities of Flagstaff, Winslow, and Holbrook; counties of Navajo and Coconino all below state poverty level; Navajo County highest is at 38.5% below poverty level

Largest minority groups: American Indian/Alaska Native and Hispanic/Latino

Percentage of persons under 65 without health insurance: 9.7% to 17.3%



Image of a vacant and deteriorated auto service and gas station in Holbrook, Arizona (Source: Lloyd Degrange, 2019)



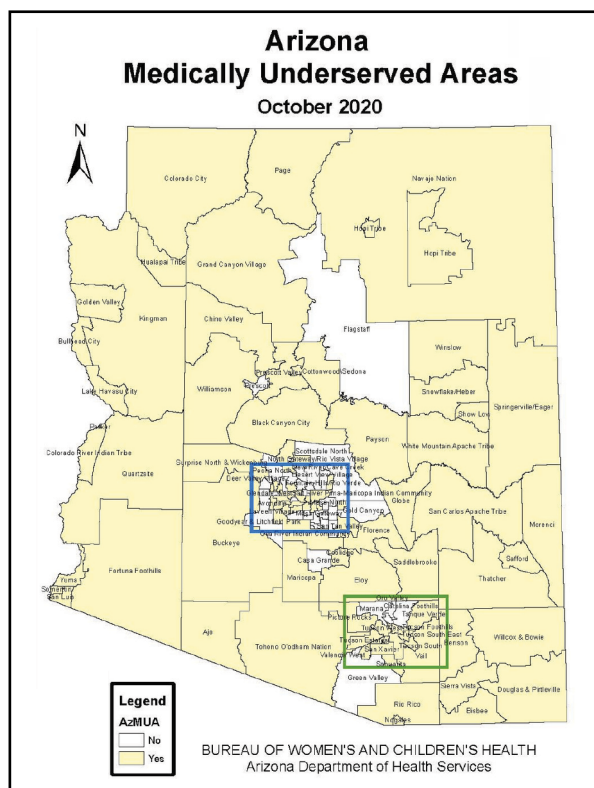
## Environmental concerns

- Brownfields and other types of potentially hazardous sites throughout rural and urban areas
- Many brownfields and land reuse sites with petroleum contamination, which must be removed to reuse the sites
- Potential for many brownfields sites to be cleaned up and reused as playlots, corner stores, and agriculture/community gardens



## Health concerns

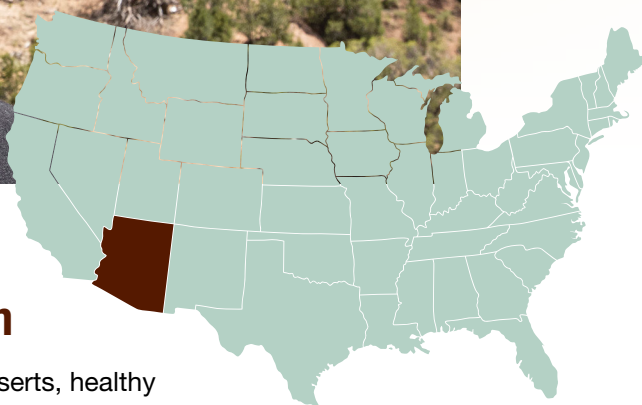
- Federal medically underserved areas (MUAs) in majority of state and large regional areas with medically underserved populations (MUPs)



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Health and Human Services**  
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and Disease Registry



Person touring a land reuse site in Navajo Nation (Lloyd DeGrane, 2019)



## BROWN assistance and collaboration

- Funding options and resources related to food (food deserts, healthy food access, community food markets)
- ATSDR soilSHOP
- \$200,000 in EPA funding awarded to Phoenix, resulting in 42 brownfield site assessments
- \$130,000 ATSDR Community Health and Land Reuse funding awarded to ADHS for health assessments and education at 42 sites
- \$95,000 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation funding awarded to AHI stakeholder to expand AHI



Sacred land sign on a land reuse site in Northern Arizona (Lloyd DeGrane, 2019).



### For more information

visit: [www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/brownfields](http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/brownfields)



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