



A message
from the
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It has been correctly observed that progress toward the goal of environmental improvement depends largely on work at the local level.

We at EPA are committed to strengthening the relationship between urban development and environmental renewal. By improving the environment, communities become stronger economically and more desirable places to live and work.

We are enthusiastic about the programs described in this brochure because they work for communities. Results confirm the benefits of actively pursuing innovation and voluntary initiatives.

Our dedication to building partnerships through collaboration is making a positive difference in the quality of life. Our team is ready to help communities explore all the possibilities.

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*...Helping
Communities*

Partnerships... *that bring results*

Thousands of properties in communities across the nation have seen new life through EPA's Brownfields Program.

After
American Airlines Center
Dallas, Texas



This \$450 Million, mixed-use development near downtown Dallas was once a heavily contaminated industrial site. The first phase, a 20,000 seat sports and entertainment venue, has been completed.



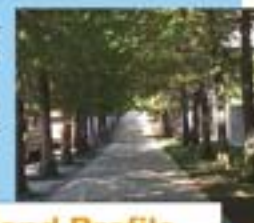
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Use of Energy Star qualified products in homes and businesses saves energy costs and helps protect the environment.

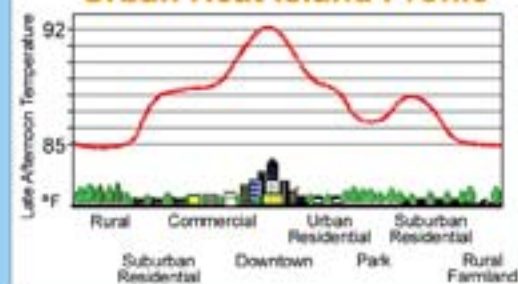


Low-impact development techniques address storm water runoff issues through the creation of hydrologically functional landscapes that mimic natural processes.

Implementation of simple heat island strategies has a positive impact on energy use, public health and the environment.



Urban Heat Island Profile



Brownfields

- returns contaminated properties to productive use
- eyesores eliminated, jobs created, tax base increased

www.epa.gov/region6/6sf/bfpages/sfbfhome.htm

Ready for Reuse

- helps enable redevelopment of contaminated properties
- ensures protection of human health and the environment

www.epa.gov/region6/ready4reuse/index.htm

Green Building

Creates resource-efficient and healthier models for...

- demolition
- construction and renovation
- operation and maintenance

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EPA partnerships designed to assist communities

Sustainable Development

- reduces environmental impacts of urban areas
- utilizes innovative strategies
- creates desirable neighborhoods

www.epa.gov/opptintr/greenbuilding/smart.htm

Energy Star

- protects the environment through superior energy efficiency
- financial savings may also be seen in government facilities, transportation, and waste management

www.energystar.gov

Heat Islands

- addresses increased urban temperatures that affect public health
- reduces the amount of energy that consumers use for summer cooling

www.epa.gov/heatisland

Low-Impact Development

- can reduce development costs and increase property values
- benefits for stormwater management, quality of life and ecosystems

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