



Action Plan

Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization



EPA's Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR) empowers community revitalization and the sustainable redevelopment of contaminated properties by providing financial and technical assistance for the clean up and reuse of contaminated properties. Our mission is to revitalize communities by promoting sustainable reuse and leveraging green jobs.

2009 Calendar and Events

- **Brownfields Conference**
New Orleans, LA
Nov 16–18
www.brownfields2009.org
- **NBA Leadership Summit**
Washington, DC
May 6–7
- **River Rally 2009**
Baltimore, MD
May 29–June 1
- **Reclaiming Vacant Properties Conference**
Louisville, KY
June 1–3
- **NADO Annual Conference**
Chicago, IL
Aug 29–Sept 1
- **ICMA Annual Conference**
Montreal, QC
Sept 13–16
- **IEDC Annual Meeting**
Reno, NV
Oct 4–7
- **ASTSWMO Annual Meeting**
Washington, DC
Oct 2009
- **New Partners for Smart Growth Conference**
Seattle, WA
Feb 4–6, 2010

Land Revitalization

Restore land and other natural resources into sustainable community assets that maximize beneficial economic, ecological, and social uses, ensure long-term stewardship, and protect human health and the environment.

Green Jobs

Promote viable employment opportunities by funding job training grants that promote education and training for occupations in sustainable community planning, property assessment and cleanup, building design and construction, and renewable energy development.

Stakeholder Outreach

Engage all stakeholders in the cleanup and revitalization of contaminated lands by developing and delivering training, publications, and public forums. Promote a national brownfields and land revitalization agenda by hosting a national conference — **Brownfields 2009 will be held in New Orleans, November 16–18, 2009.**

Brownfields Grants

Enhance the economic and environmental health of communities by funding direct assessment and cleanup activities at brownfield sites through assessment, RLF and cleanup grants; promote green jobs and a sustainable workforce in brownfields communities through job training grants; increase the communities' capacity to address brownfields in their backyards through training, research and technical assistance grants.

State and Tribal Response Programs

Support State and Tribal response programs to ensure contaminated properties are cleaned up in a protective manner. Work with States and Tribes to improve communication with communities, identify potentially contaminated sites, enforce laws and regulations established to protect human health and the environment from exposure to harmful substances, and encourage the cleanup and sustainable reuse of properties.

Environmental Justice

Increase outreach and technical assistance to environmental justice communities. Conduct workshops with community-based organizations to educate communities on the resources and legalities of undertaking a Brownfields project. Promote community involvement in brownfields



redevelopment projects. Conduct environmental site assessments with the Community Action for a Renewed Environment program (CARE). Identify, with disadvantaged communities and other interest groups, priority environmental justice issues.

Public Health

Partner with communities, state and tribal governments, and private sector stakeholders in education, health monitoring, and research programs to better understand and address the public health threats of brownfields. Promote model approaches to cleanup and reuse that improve public health. Support education and outreach to public health agencies on land revitalization and long term stewardship priorities.

Sustainable Reuse

Promote efforts to sustainably clean up and reuse properties through green planning, design and construction, reuse and recycling of construction and demolition materials, stormwater management, and renewable energy development. Provide targeted support and technical assistance for greener and more sustainable reuse projects.

Federal Partnerships

Build strong partnerships with federal agencies to provide funding and technical support for brownfields and land revitalization projects. Hold multiagency meetings to coordinate activities and establish agendas to address challenges to the sustainable redevelopment of brownfields.

Brownfields Finance

Develop tools and policies to encourage financial investment in brownfields and land revitalization projects. Work with private sector stakeholders to encourage market support for redevelopment.

Measuring Our Success

Ensure continual investment in brownfields and land revitalization programs by measuring the benefits and promoting the success of on-going outreach, training, and technical and financial assistance programs.



Additional Information:

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