

## THE LAND REVITALIZATION TEAM

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## TOOLS AND RESOURCES

The Land Revitalization Program's investments in community projects also lead to development of many useful tools and guides that other communities can use, including:

### Tools

- PREPARED Workbook and Web-Based Tool
- The Community Reuse Property Prioritization Tool
- Public Infrastructure Coordination Assessment and Planning Tool
- Economic Development and Climate Resilience Planning Tool
- Urban Agriculture and Aquaculture Tools
- Residential Demolition Tool
- Deconstruction Rapid Assessment Tool
- Deconstruction Tools for Tribes and Rural Communities

### Fact Sheets

- Building Healthier Communities by Increasing Access to Health Care
- Revitalization Along Historic Highways
- Urban Agriculture
- Revitalization in Auto Sector Communities
- Revitalization in Tribal Communities
- Sustainable Recovery After Natural Disasters
- Land Banking
- Green Infrastructure
- Improving Demolition Practices
- Improving Urban Soils
- Recreational Reuse: Cleveland Velodrome

### Guides

- Brownfields Federal Programs Guide
- New Manufacturing on Old Brownfields
- Setting the Stage for Leveraging Resources for Brownfields Revitalization
- Brownfields Stakeholder Forum Kit
- Climate Smart Brownfields Manual

### Success Story Reports

- Land Revitalization Success Stories
- Green Infrastructure: Land Revitalization Success Stories



## VISIT THE LAND REVITALIZATION WEBSITE:

<https://www.epa.gov/land-revitalization>

Office of Land and Emergency Management's

## LAND REVITALIZATION PROGRAM



## LAND REVITALIZATION PROGRAM MISSION

*Restore land and build sustainable community assets. Maximize community opportunities for economic redevelopment and vibrancy. Promote ecological restoration. Ensure protection of human health and the environment. Revitalize communities.*

### EPA'S LAND REVITALIZATION PROGRAM

EPA's Land Revitalization Team works in partnership with other federal agencies, state and local governments, and the private sector to support communities in their efforts to promote the reuse of formerly contaminated properties. Removing barriers to the reuse of formerly contaminated lands facilitates their redevelopment and enhances their economic viability. This often leads to significant environmental and economic benefits that transform communities into more sustainable and livable places.

We develop, test, and share new approaches for sustainable redevelopment that promote valuable reuse alternatives for formerly contaminated properties. The Land Revitalization Team can unlock the potential value of underused properties through creativity and close collaboration with public and private partners. Successful land revitalization strategies can stabilize a distressed community, spur economic development, stimulate job growth, and produce healthy, livable communities.

The Land Revitalization Program's small investments of targeted technical assistance to promising community projects often result in the development of replicable models and useful tools that can help communities implement sustainable redevelopment strategies that enhance economic development and quality of life.

### OUR APPROACH

#### *Create a New Norm*

The sustainable remediation and revitalization of contaminated lands must become the norm throughout EPA's cleanup programs. The implementation of sustainable cleanup and development techniques must be incorporated into standard practices, guidance, codes, ordinances, and laws at all levels of government. We will encourage and facilitate the reuse of formerly contaminated sites as a way to promote economic development and job creation in communities throughout the country.

#### *Develop and Enhance Federal Partnerships*

We will develop effective working relationships with our federal partners to leverage our expertise and available resources to promote community revitalization. Working in partnership with other federal agencies is an efficient and effective way to craft solutions and share information and resources that benefit our communities.

#### *Identify and Remove Barriers*

We are dedicated to identifying and addressing the legal, financial, and information barriers that may discourage communities from making progress toward the cleanup and reuse of contaminated properties.

#### *Work Closely with Public- and Private-Sector Stakeholders*

We will foster strong partnerships with local stakeholders to address environmental issues and promote meaningful involvement in area-wide planning efforts, job creation, and other strategies that will maximize the efficiency of site cleanup efforts while helping to reuse contaminated lands and revitalize communities.

#### *Assist Communities in Efforts to Promote the Reuse of All Contaminated Lands*

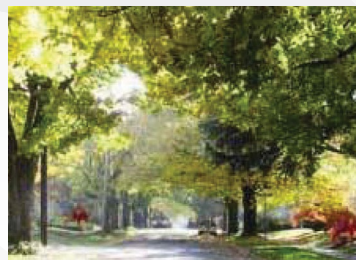
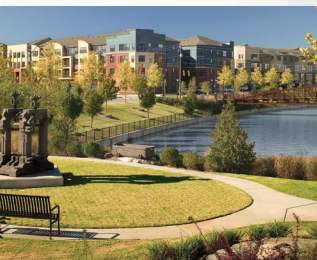
We will provide technical assistance to communities to promote the sustainable reuse of contaminated lands. We will support community projects that offer opportunities to test new technologies and methods for sustainable reuse and redevelopment, identify successful approaches, and share lessons learned.

#### *Share and Track Success Stories*

We will share success stories and lessons learned through targeted outreach and educational efforts.

#### *Develop and Share Land Revitalization Tools and Replicable Models*

We will use our experiences and lessons learned to develop and share useful tools, guides, and replicable models that communities across the country can use to address their land revitalization challenges.



*Photos (cover): Waypoint Farmers Market on former brownfield, VT; (this page, left to right): Art Foundry Commons Park, Atlanta, GA located at former Atlantic Steel mill; an abandoned home in Baltimore, MD; urban tree canopy; native plants featured on the green roof of SUNY College of Environmental Science & Forestry's Gateway Center, Syracuse, NY; Stafford Hill Solar Farm at closed landfill in Rutland, VT; and green roof above the main entrance of the South Side Soapbox facility, Chicago, IL.*