Brownfields 101

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What do we all have in common?
Examples of Brownfield Sites
Terms and Definitions

- Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA)
- All Appropriate Inquiries
- Phase II ESA
- Cleanup
- UST
EPA Brownfield Program

- Address Liability Concerns created by CERCLA/Superfund Act
  - Bona Fide Perspective Purchaser
  - Adjacent Property Owner

- Provide resources to support the assessment and cleanup of Brownfield sites

Goal: Facilitate the Reuse of Vacant/Underutilize Properties for a Community Benefit
One Piece of the Puzzle
Why is Brownfield Redevelopment Important?

- Addresses perceived or real contamination
- Land has economic value
  - Access to existing infrastructure (roads, sewer)
  - Additional tax revenue
- Availability of existing buildings
- Reduces sprawl
- Removes stigma of blight
- Can spur further revitalization
- Job creation
- Create community assets
Why are Brownfields Challenging?

- Cleanup costs can be uncertain
  - Difficulty accessing redevelopment funding
- Long term liability is a concern
- Perception of contamination can be a hurdle
- Unsure of how to proceed through the environmental process
Good Candidates for Brownfields Assistance

- Vacant or Underutilized
- Redevelopment is for a Community Benefit/Economic Development
- Owner is on board
  - Flexible Timeline
  - Community Input
  - No Enforcement Orders
  - Reuse Potential
  - Project Champion

Contamination preventing your redevelopment?
LDEQ’s Brownfields Program Provides Funding & Support
Steps in the Brownfield Redevelopment Process

- Site Identification/ Planning/ Community Involvement
- Secure Site Access
- Environmental Investigation
- Environmental Remediation/ Cleanup
- Redevelopment & Reuse

Not always/ almost never a linear process
Brownfield Resources for Planning & Assessment

- Local Brownfield Programs
  - Apply for funding through a national competition
    - Timeline
  - Target Areas
  - Public or Private Entities
Brownfield Resources for Planning & Assessment

- State Brownfield Program
  - Subawards for Planning Activities
  - Targeted Brownfield Assessment Program
  - Technical Assistance
  - Coordinate with other DEQ Programs

Good Amount of Funding Right Now!
Brownfield Resources for Planning & Assessment

- EPA Brownfield & Land Revitalization Program
  - Targeted Brownfield Assessment Program
  - Connections to other Federal Resources
  - Technical Assistance
Brownfield Resources for Planning & Assessment

- KSU Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Program
Resources for Brownfield Cleanups

- EPA Cleanup Grant
- EPA Multipurpose Grant
- LDEQ Brownfield Program - Gov’t & Nonprofit Entities
- Brownfield Cleanup Revolving Loan Funds
  - South Louisiana Brownfield Coalition
  - LDEQ (Loans & Subgrants)
Resources for Redevelopment

Stay tuned for our upcoming speakers!
Questions?
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