



**MINNESOTA  
BROWNFIELDS**

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Since our establishment in 2006, our mission is to promote, through education, research, and partnerships, the efficient cleanup and reuse of contaminated land as a means of generating economic growth, strengthening communities and enabling sustainable land use and development.

## We accomplish our mission by:

- facilitating interaction between interested parties at educational forums and professional networking events
  - Identifying policy barriers to brownfield redevelopment and working with government agencies and policy makers to remove these barriers
  - Administering Grant Programs
  - Recognition at our Annual ReScape Awards
  - Encouraging more people to become a part of the Brownfield Redevelopment community through emerging developers' workshops, community outreach and young professional events
  - Follow Up to this workshop, in-person grant writing in St. Cloud on August 20th
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# Brownfield Redevelopment Basics

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- **There is a path forward to successfully redevelop these sites!**
- Work with a reputable environmental consultant
- Develop strong local government relationships
- Know your MPCA project manager and communicate with that person early and often
- There are always multiple parties involved in the funding stack for Brownfield projects
- Know the liability protections that are available in Minnesota

# Today's Agenda

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- State Resources – MPCA, DEED and KSU Technical Assistance to Brownfields,
- Federal Resources – USEPA Region V
- Grant Management – Panel
- Local Government – Mankato Case Study