

# "Reclaiming the Past, Building the Future: Brownfields Basics"

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CENTER FOR CREATIVE  
LAND RECYCLING

RECLAIM. CONNECT. TRANSFORM.

# AGENDA

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# Center for Creative Land Recycling

(CCLR or “see clear”)

**Our mission** is to promote the sustainable, equitable, and responsible reuse of underutilized and environmentally impacted properties. We educate, advocate, assist and convene stakeholders to revitalize communities through land recycling.

*CCLR is U.S. EPA’s Technical Assistance to Brownfields Provider (TAB) for 8 states (including Alaska) and numerous territories around the country.*

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# Center for Creative Land Recycling (CCLR or “see clear”)

## What we do

- One-on-one technical assistance
- National and regional webinars
- Workshops and conferences
- Newsletters and online resources



*Buckner Building, Whittier AK*

## How we can help you

**CCLR works with communities in response to their brownfields needs. We can help you through the entire process!**

### **Getting you started**

Assistance applying for a grant (EPA MARC grants and STRP proposals), planning next steps, etc.

### **Helping you stay on track**

Understanding requirements of the grant, completing the work plan, procurement, and other grant administration tasks.

### **Getting the job done**

Providing examples of documents and introducing you to peers, experts, and other resources.





# CCLR's Menu of Services

## Brownfields Trainings and Resources

- Providing training for those who have never worked with brownfields.
- Understanding liability including CERCLA and the Brownfields Law.
- Training on EPA grants and other funding opportunities.
- Providing custom educational workshops or training on topics like grant writing, procurement, grant reporting, etc.
- Online resource center with readily available information, webinar recordings, and documents.

## Redevelopment Planning

- Identifying, inventorying, and prioritizing brownfields for redevelopment.
- Creating strategic plans, work plans, and setting goals for property reuse.
- Helping assess and analyze existing plans and conditions to inform area-wide redevelopment plans.
- Evaluate the potential reuse of existing infrastructure; and identify sites that can help spur revitalization and economic development.

## Redevelopment Financing; Grant Prep/Management; Procurement

- Identifying funding opportunities and creative financing approaches.
- Developing redevelopment roadmaps and funding matrices.
- Providing guidance and review during brownfields grant application preparation.
- Supporting grant management and programmatic activities including quarterly/annual reporting.
- Assisting with and navigating the procurement process.
- Developing *RFPs* and *RFQs* including evaluation criteria and process of selecting contractors or consultants.

## Environmental Support

- Interpreting environmental technical reports.
- Assistance with the development of next steps, including brainstorming scope of work for environmental tasks.
- Navigating and interpreting regulatory requirements by facilitating conversations with DEC.
- Help understand the cleanup process.

## Stakeholder Engagement

- Facilitating and planning community involvement activities and developing community engagement plans.
- Help with communicating the reuse process, risks, and benefits to community stakeholders.
- Connecting and convening the community with other relevant stakeholders and practitioners including agency officials, consultants, attorneys, and more.
- Assisting with marketing sites, including developing Property Profile Sheets, to third parties interested in purchasing properties.



# WHAT IS A BROWNFIELD?

**A vacant/underutilized property with potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant, complicating reuse.**



## **Environmental Injustice:**

Disproportionate burden of brownfields in disadvantaged, low-income communities.

## **Pollutants of brownfields are...**

- ☐ uncontrolled wastewater disposal
- ☐ leaking fuel tanks
- ☐ asbestos, lead paint, PCBs

## **Brownfields could be...**

- ☐ oil drilling sites
- ☐ closed dry cleaners
- ☐ old civilian federal facilities such as schools and hospitals
- ☐ any site with an unknown use history





# BROWNFIELD IDENTIFICATION ACTIVITY



# Abandoned gas station in Fairbanks





# Old canneries and fish processing facilities



Wrangell, AK

# Abandoned Home



# Old Oil Drums, Inactive Dump Sites





# WHAT DO BROWNFIELDS MEAN FOR YOUR COMMUNITY?

**Reduces  
community  
capital**

**Diminishes  
quality of life  
for neighbors**

**Creates public  
health issues due to  
potential pollution**

**Increase in  
illegal activity**



Chignik Bay



Chignik Lagoon

# From Vacant Property to Community Benefit

## Brownfield reuse can...

- **Mitigate climate change** by conserving open space and increasing climate resilient infrastructure
- **Provide housing**, public parks, and space for people to live and play
- **Clean up contamination** that could impact public health
- **Create jobs** to keep residents in the community



# Why Utilize CCLR? | FREE!





# Why Utilize CCLR? | Bench of Experience



# Why Utilize CCLR? | Fill Capacity and Funding Gaps

**We know many of you wear many hats for your communities.**

TA Providers can help fill capacity and funding gaps by lending experience and in-depth knowledge and providing pro-bono support.



# Learn More and Stay Connected!

- ★ Watch CCLR's [About Us video](#)
- ★ [Subscribe to our newsletter](#)
- ★ Explore our [online resource library](#)





# Upcoming Events!

EPA is on the road!



## REGIONAL ROADSHOW

*Breakfast & Lunch  
will be provided!*

*SAVE THE DATE!*

**Wed. June 26, 2024**

**9 a.m. - 3 p.m. AKDT**

Anchorage, AK  
4000 Ambassador Drive  
COB Rooms 1 & 2

***REGISTER TODAY!***



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