## **REUSE MATTERS**

Considering reuse throughout the Superfund cleanup process can:

- Build partnerships and strengthen working relationships.
- Engage communities, address local concerns and build capacities.
- Align cleanups with community priorities.
- Protect remedies.
- Deter vandalism and trespassing.
- Foster long-term stewardship.
- Identify opportunities for faster and lower-cost cleanups.
- Inform effective land use controls.
- Help leverage cleanup dollars.
- Provide environmental and smart growth benefits.

These benefits matter. Nationally, one in four Americans lives within three miles of a site on the Superfund program's National Priorities List.





EPA's Superfund Redevelopment Program has Redevelopment Coordinators responsible for a specific geographic

area including tribes, states and territories. Redevelopment Coordinators are available to provide information about Superfund cleanup and reuse and connect communities and other stakeholders with tools and resources for redevelopment.



Find EPA's Regional Redevelopment Coordinator for your area on our website: epa.gov/superfundredevelopment/regionalredevelopment-contacts

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# SUPERFUND REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

EXPLORING REUSE OPTIONS THROUGHOUT THE CLEANUP PROCESS





## EPA's SUPERFUND REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Helps communities affected by Superfund sites return land to safe and beneficial use.

EPA's Superfund Redevelopment Program works nationwide, helping people realize the redevelopment potential of Superfund sites, transforming formerly contaminated lands into valuable community resources.

Thinking about reuse from start to finish of the Superfund cleanup process makes sure future uses will be safe and compatible with site remedies. It also helps remove barriers that have kept areas vacant or underused for decades.

Sites across the country are home to a wide variety of uses. The revitalization of places affected by contaminated lands is a key part of Superfund's mission, meeting community needs for thriving economies and improved environmental and public health outcomes.



## **TOOLS & RESOURCES FOR EXPLORING REUSE OPTIONS**

#### PROSPECTIVE PURCHASER INQUIRY SERVICE

EPA can conduct meetings and calls to provide critical information to prospective purchasers, sellers, lessees and other interested parties involved in the redevelopment of properties at Superfund sites.

#### **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND REUSE PLANNING**

EPA's Superfund Redevelopment Program provides technical assistance to help parties consider cleanup and reuse alongside each other. Technical Assistance can include:

- Redevelopment Planning
- Community Engagement
- Interagency Facilitation and Coordination
- Renewable Energy Reuse Assessments
- Owner and Prospective Purchaser Assistance
- Title Searches, Appraisals and Desktop Surveys
- Institutional Controls Research
- GIS Analysis and Maps



Services are tailored to build capacity for local residents to participate in planning and benefit from site redevelopment. These services give communities and EPA Regions the tools they need to tackle reuse obstacles and move forward.

#### READY FOR REUSE (RfR) DETERMINATIONS AND COMFORT/STATUS LETTERS

RfR Determinations are environmental status reports that clearly state how sites can be used safely. Comfort/status letters provide information EPA has about a property and can discuss liability issues and protections for prospective purchasers and site owners.

### STRATEGIES, BEST PRACTICES AND LESSONS LEARNED

EPA's Superfund Redevelopment Program develops materials that take you inside some of the nation's leading reuse projects, exploring the challenges that stakeholders faced and the solutions they found to make reuse happen. Reuse success stories provide models to pave the way for more reuse.

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUPS (CAGs)**

EPA provides assistance to equip communities to better understand technical issues around cleanup and reuse and to support communities in sharing their concerns and priorities with EPA.