# Welcome!

# New Brownfield Grantees

2023 REGION 4 NEW	/ BROWNFIELD GRAN	ITEE MEETING
SESSION	Pelham, AL September 21-22, 2023	Knoxville, TN October 18-19, 2023
Welcome and Introductions	Sara Janovitz, EPA	Sara Janovitz, EPA
Brownfield Process Overview	Sid Patel, EPA	Esmeralda Vargas, EPA
Terms and Conditions (Reporting)	Matthew Simone, EPA	David Hayes, EPA
QAPPS (Generic and Site Specific)	Freddie Wilson, EPA	Pepa Sassin, EPA
Community Engagement	Sid Patel, EPA	Jayvion Crawl, EPA
Community Engagement Speaker	Debra Love, E3 Solutions	Tim Hendrick, ETDD
Workplans – Assessment (AAIs, site eligibility, Phase Is and IIs)	Matthew Simone, EPA	Austin Gilly, EPA
Workplans – Cleanup (Eligible costs, cleanup completion reports)	Freddie Wilson, EPA	David Hayes, EPA
ACRES and ASAP	Freddie Wilson, EPA	Jayvion Crawl, EPA
Closeouts	Alyssa Kuhn, EPA	Austin Gilly, EPA
Grantee Speaker	James Johnston, Natchez, MS	Dwan Austin, City of Chattanooga & Sam Saieed, SETD
Other Resources	Sara Janovitz, EPA	Sara Janovitz, EPA



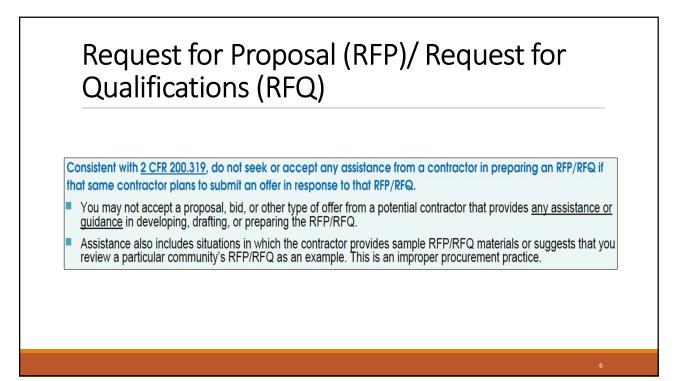


## **Contractor Procurement**

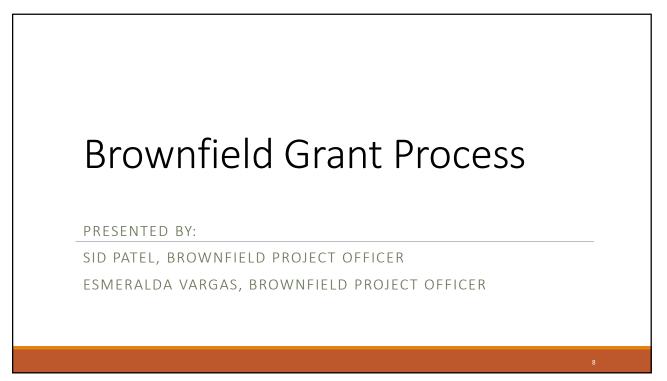
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#### § 200.318 General procurement standards.

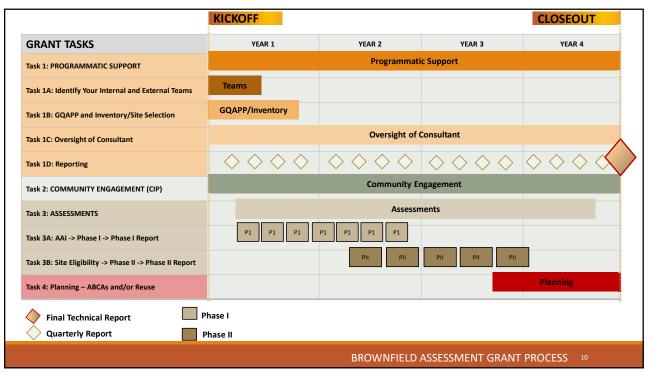
(a) The non-Federal entity must have and use documented procurement procedures, consistent with State, local, and tribal laws and regulations and the standards of this section, for the acquisition of property or services required under a Federal award or subaward. The non-Federal entity's documented procurement procedures must conform to the procurement standards identified in §§ 200.317 through 200.327.



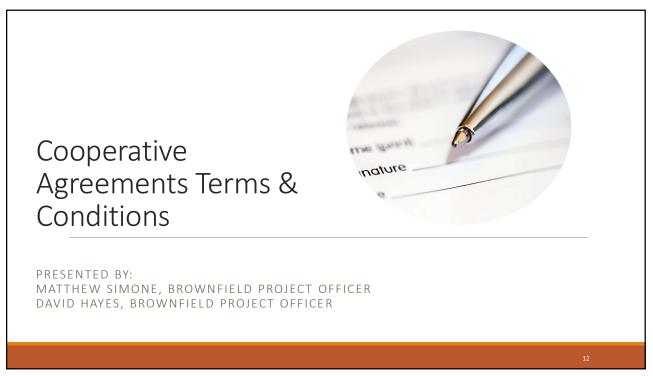
	Maximum Maximum		Total Per Grant Type		
Grant Type	Project Period	t Amount Per	Estimated # of Awards	Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funds	Regular Appropriated Funds
Multipurpose	5 yrs	\$1,000,000	20		\$20.01
Assessment (State/Tribal)	5 yrs	\$2,000,000	25	\$50.0 M	
Assessment Coalitions	4 yrs	\$1,500,000	26.67		\$40.0 I
Assessment (CW) - New	4 yrs	\$500,000	30		\$15.0 I
Assessment (CW) - Existing	4 yrs	\$500,000	30		\$15.0 I
Cleanup	4 yrs	\$500,000	40	\$20.0 M	
Cleanup	4 yrs	\$2,000,000	17.50	\$35.0 M	
Cleanup	4 yrs	\$5,000,000	8	\$40.0 M	
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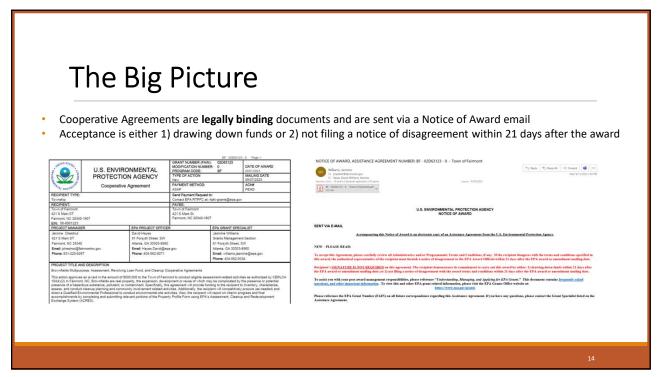
Programmatic S	Support			
Continuous project involvement and oversight by the grantee	Community En Regular and	gagement Assessments o	r Cleanup	
	ongoing solicitation of stakeholder input	Flexible and well-timed completion of environmental work on brownfield	Planning	
			Strategic visioning for the best reuse of brownfield	
		site(s)	site(s)	

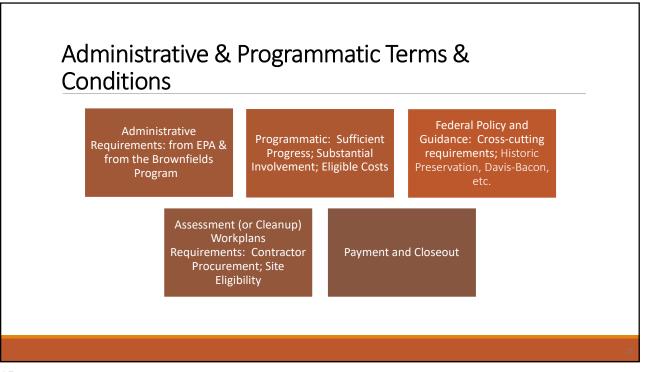


	KICKOFF			CLOSEOUT
GRANT TASKS	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	YEAR 4
Task 1: PROGRAMMATIC SUPPORT		Programmati	c Support	
Task 1A: Identify Your Internal and External Teams	Teams			
Task 1B: State Brownfield Program?	State BF Program			
Task 1C: Oversight of Consultant		Oversight of (	Consultant	
Task 1D: Reporting	$\diamond \diamond \diamond \diamond$	$\diamond \diamond \diamond \diamond$	$\diamond \diamond \diamond \diamond$	$\diamond \diamond \diamond \diamond \checkmark$
Task 2: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT (CIP)		Community E	ngagement	
Task 3: CLEANUP		Clean	ир	
Task 3A: Additional Sampling?				
Task 3B: Institutional/Environmental Controls				ICs/ECs
Task 4: Planning – Cleanup with reuse in mind	Planning			
Final Technical Report AND Cleanup Completion Report	Sampling Quar	terly Report		
		BROWNFIELD	CLEANUP GRANT	PROCESS 11









## Sufficient Progress: Assessment Grants

#### 18 months:

- at least 25% of funds have been drawn down/dispersed
- a QEP(s) has been procured;
- sites are prioritized or an inventory has been initiated;
- community involvement activities have been initiated;
   and/or
- other documented activities have occurred that demonstrate to EPA's satisfaction that the CAR will successfully perform the cooperative agreement.

For Cleanups: Ensure an appropriate cleanup plan is in place.

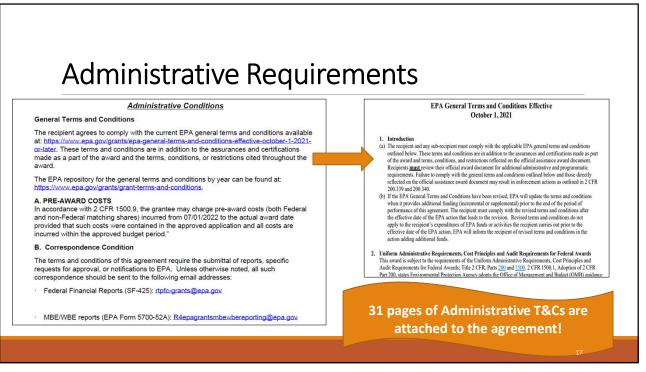
#### Uso months:

- at least 45% of funds have been drawn down/dispersed;
- assessments on at least two sites have been initiated; and/or
- other documented activities have occurred that demonstrate to EPA's satisfaction that the CAR will successfully perform the cooperative agreement.

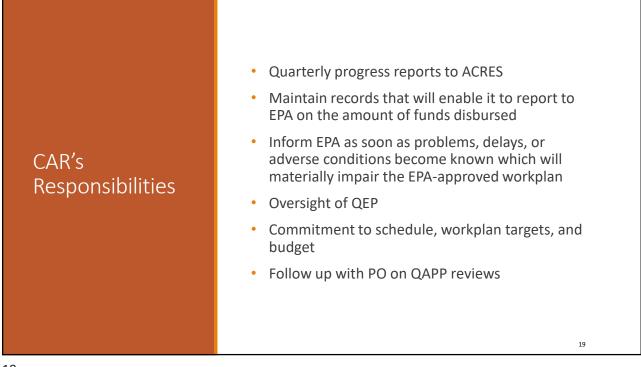
Failure to meet Sufficient Progress will require a Corrective Action Plan EPA can terminate a Cooperative Agreement before the end date

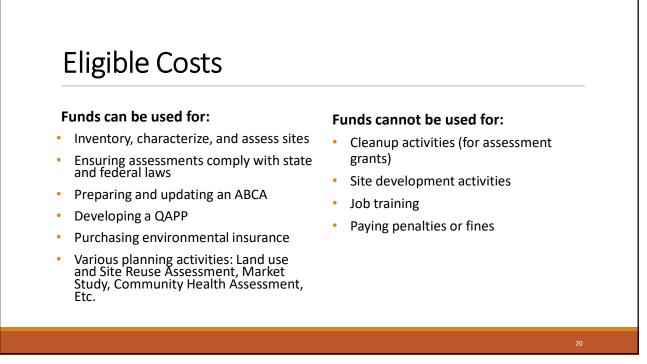
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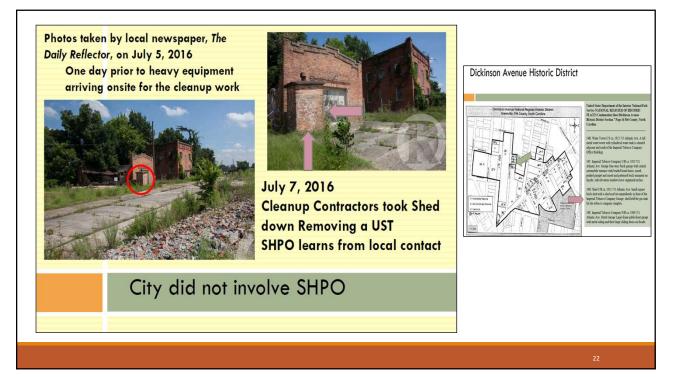
# Federal Cross Cutting Requirements

Compliance with requirements for other federal programs such as:

- MBE/WBE/DBE "requirements"
- OSHA "requirements"
- Uniform Relocation Act
- Endangered Species Act
- CWA Section 404 permits (for impacts to wetlands)
- National Historic Preservation Act



93 Listings on the National Register of Historic Places – Duval County, FL





## Construction

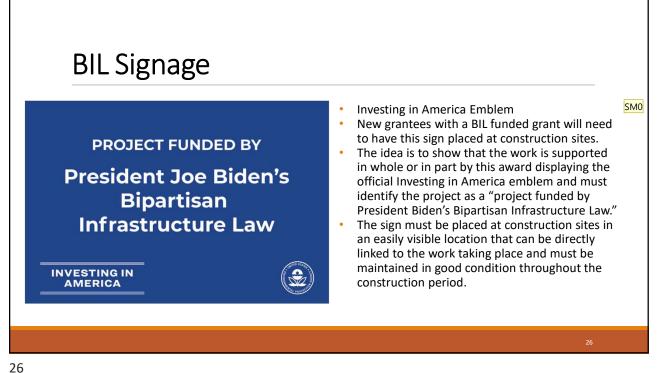
EPA's Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) rule located at 40 CFR 33.103 defines **construction** as "erection, alteration, or repair (including dredging, excavating, and painting) of buildings, structures, or other improvements to real property, and activities in response to a release or a threat of a release of a hazardous substance into the environment, or activities to prevent the introduction of a hazardous substance into a water supply."

## **Construction Costs**

- Construction costs include costs for the erection, alteration, or repair (including dredging, excavating, and painting) of buildings, structures, or other improvements to real property, and activities in response to a release or a threat of a release of a hazardous substance into the environment, or hazardous substance into a water supply
- Construction costs must be included in the budget for brownfield cleanup and multipurpose grants
- The EPA expects recipients will need to modify budgets and work plans throughout the life of the grant
- Recipients with construction costs are subject to Davis Bacon Act requirements

## Common Construction Costs Examples

- Just pulling the tank (without installing a concrete cap) will not trigger Davis-Bacon because there is no
  improvement to the real property and therefore would not fall under "construction."
- Dredging and excavation of real property falls under the 40 CFR 33.103 definition of Construction even if the site does encompass a structure such as a building.
- EPA considers "site preparation work" as physically preparing the site, not rendering the designs, so site preparation work would also be considered "contractual."
- Oversight costs from a QEP would fall under "contractual."
  - building or repairing facilities and related demolition and site preparation work or for remediating contamination are to be classified as "Construction";
  - architectural and engineering services are to be classified as "Contractual"; and
  - construction activities carried out by the applicant's own employees are to be classified as "Personnel."



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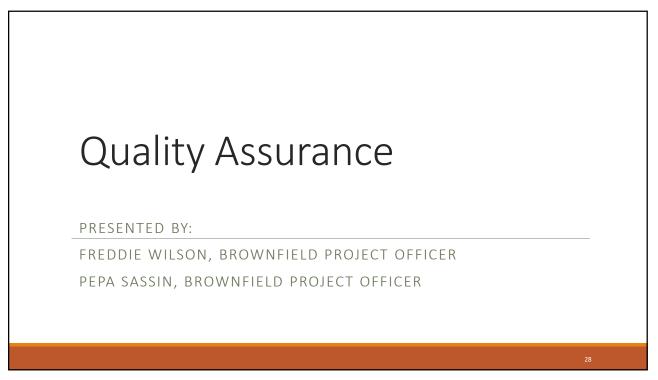
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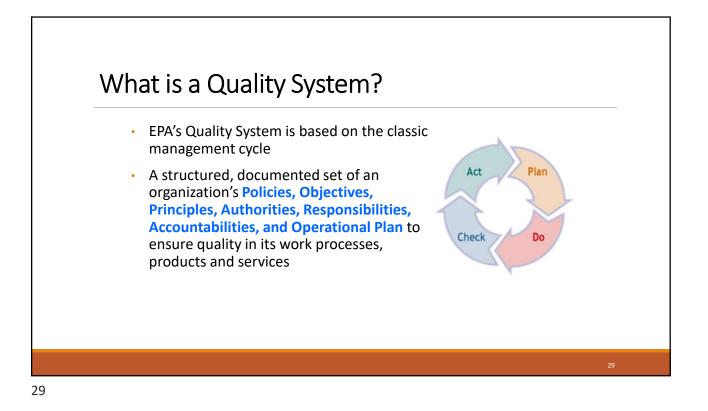
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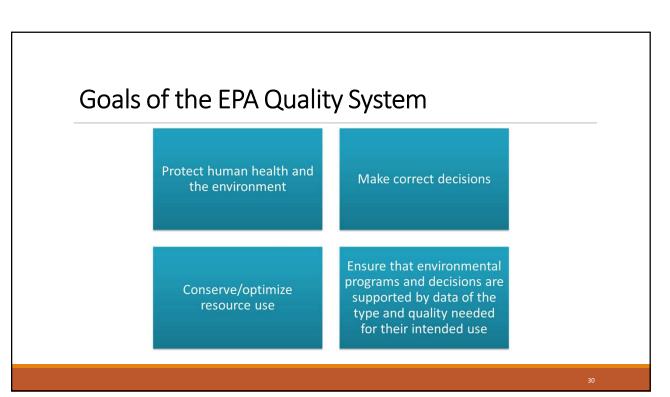
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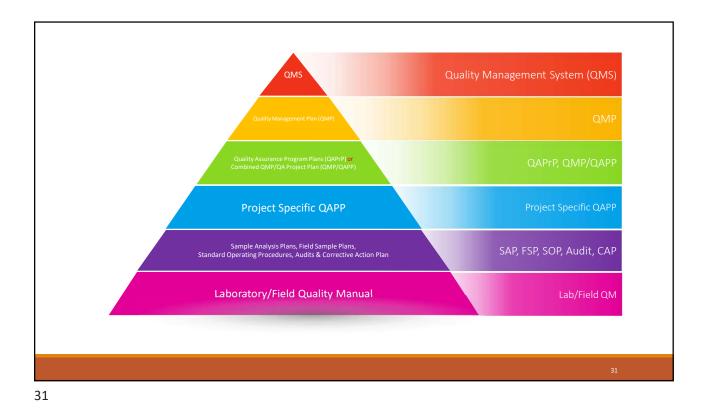
J(0 0 [@Simone, Matthew] this is fine; and yes,, only applies to BIL funded grants. assessment coalition and cwagst grants are bil funded and have the sign verbiage, but they don't really have construction sites...i think the language as is works Janovitz, Sara (she/her/hers), 2023-09-14T12:12:15.371

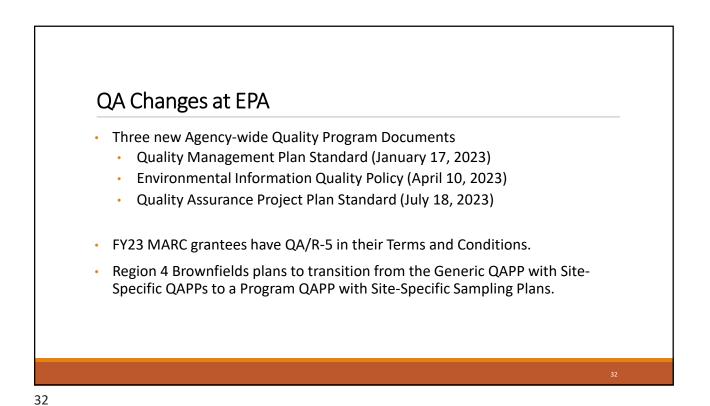
	Frequency	Documents/Forms
	Quarterly	Narrative Report in ACRES or via email to Project Officer     Budget information, accomplishments, updated schedules, etc.     Make sure information in ACRES is correct
	Annually	DBE* (EPA Form 5700-52A) by October 30th     FFR** (SF-425) by July 30th
	Beginning of Cooperative Agreement	Community Involvement/Engagement Plan (EPA will not approve this document)     Generic QAPP following EPA template
Deliverables	Per Site	Phase I Environmental Site Assessment report <u>and</u> All Appropriate Inquiry Form (signed by CAR)     Input information into ACRES     Site eligibility determination sheet (if spending CA funds beyond a Phase I)     Site Specific QAPP (for any data collection activities beyond a Phase I EAA)     Phase II Environmental Site Assessment report     Input information into ACRES     Before and after photos/success stories
	As Needed	Amended workplan     Amended budget     Key contact updates
	Cooperative Agreement Close Out	Final technical report     Final technical report     Final DBE* (due December 30 <sup>th</sup> )     Final FFR** (due October 30 <sup>th</sup> )     Final FFR** (due October 30 <sup>th</sup> )     Final payment request/refund remaining CA funds     Ensure ACRES is accurate
	Post-Close Out Data Collection	<ul> <li>Funds leveraged information (non-EPA funds)</li> <li>Redevelopment funding from other federal agencies, states, tribes, local governments, private entities, <u>etc.</u></li> </ul>











## Program QAPP - Combined QMP/QAPPs:

- · Level of detail is based on graded approach
- Mainly intended for grantees and programs
- Must be reviewed, approved and signed by RQAM
- Good for up to 5 years; must be reviewed annually
- · Contains organizational and program specific elements
- Must include QMP elements and program elements from planningimplementation-to assessment



## What is a "QAPP"?

- A QAPP is a formal document describing the necessary quality assurance, quality control, and other technical activities needed to ensure that the results of the work (environmental assessments and cleanups) performed will satisfy the stated performance criteria
  - Problem or question to answered
  - Systematic planning process used
  - Type, quality and quantity of environmental data or information needed to resolve the problem or answer the question
  - Collection, analysis, assessment and reporting of environmental data and/or information
- Applies to all EPA-funded assistance agreements that involve environmental data collection, production or use
- Ensure quality data for decision-making and reproducibility of data

≈≈ THINK: WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE, WHY & HOW ≈≈

## QAPP: Generic and Site Specific

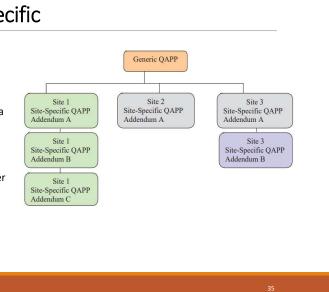
#### Generic QAPP:

- required for all community-wide assessment grants
- prepared by the Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP) and specific to the grant & QEP
- Generic QAPP needed for each QEP working on a grant •

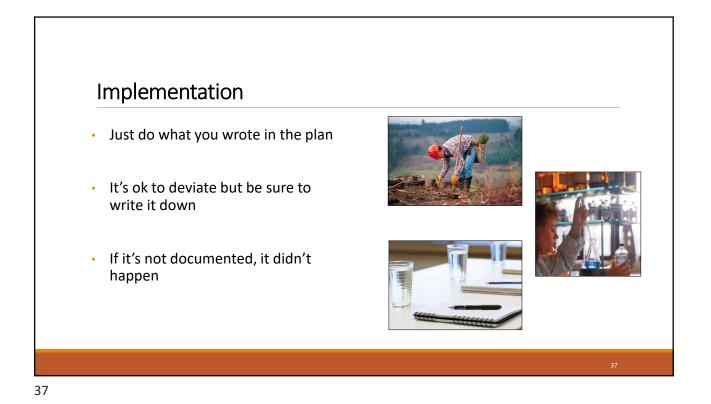
#### Site-Specific QAPP Addendum:

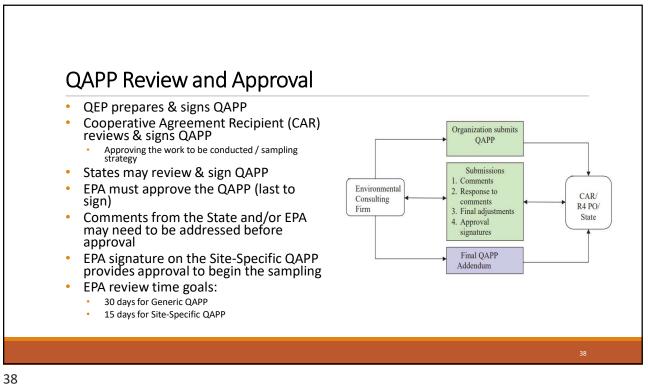
- project sampling / analysis plan prepared for each site assessment
- developed after Generic QAPP approval and after EPA has signed a Site Eligibility Form

For Cleanups: single QAPP needed for one site being addressed



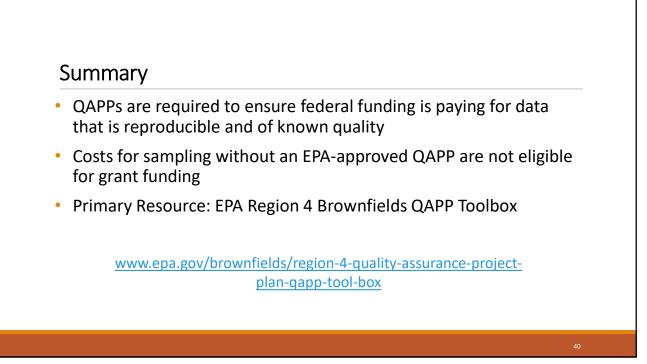
QAPP Required Elements					
Group A: Project Management How you will organize and run the project	Group B: Data Generation and <u>Acquisition</u> How you will collect and report data	Group C: Assessment and Oversight How you will check that all activities are completed correctly	Group D: Data Validation and Usability How you will review and interpret the data		
A1 Title and Approval Sheet	B1 Sampling Process Design (Experimental Design)	C1 Assessments and Response Actions	D1 Data Review, Verification, and Validation		
A2 Table of Contents	B2 Sampling Methods	C2 Reports to Management	D2 Verification and Validation Methods		
A3 Distribution List	B3 Sample Handling and Custody		D3 Reconciliation with User Requirements		
A4 Project/Task Organization	B4 Analytical Methods				
A5 Problem Definition and Background	B5 Quality Control				
A6 Project/Task Description	B6 Instrument/Equipment Testing, Inspection, and Maintenance				
A7 Quality Objectives and Criteria	B7 Instrument/Equipment Calibration and Frequency				
A8 Special Training/ Certifications	B8 Inspection/Acceptance of Supplies and Consumables				
A9 Documentation and Records	B9 Non-direct Measurements				
	B10 Data Management				

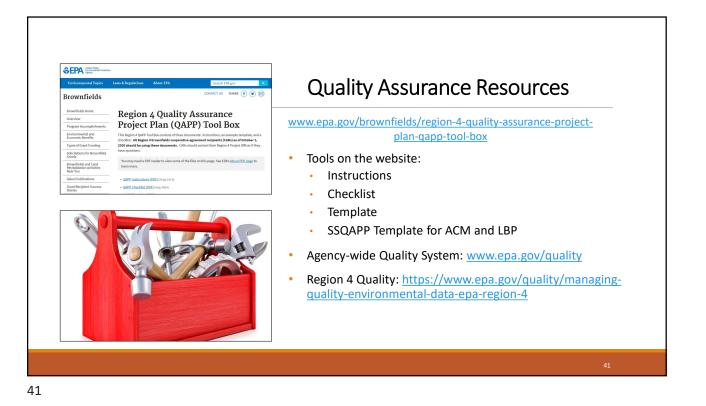












## Community Engagement

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# Community Involvement Plan: Key to a Successful Community!

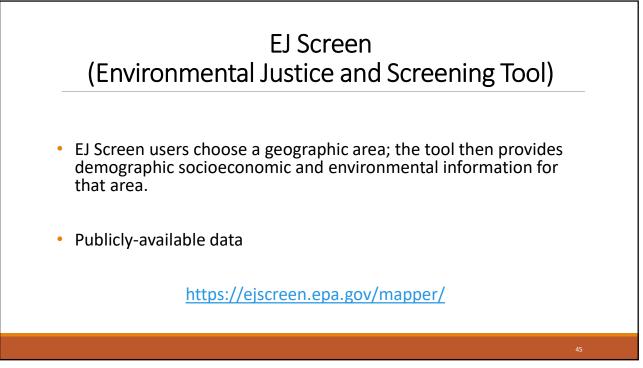


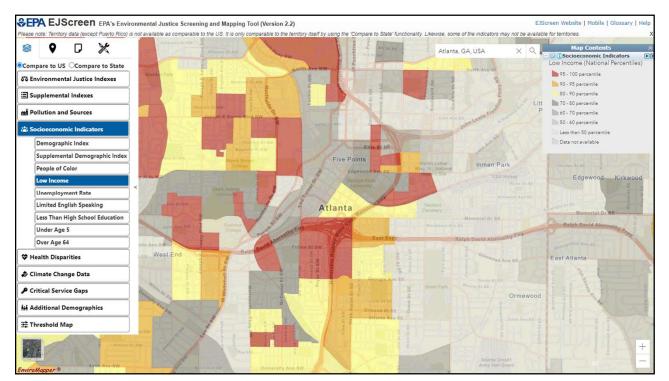
### Start With Target Community

#### Review Community Concerns and Interests by contacting

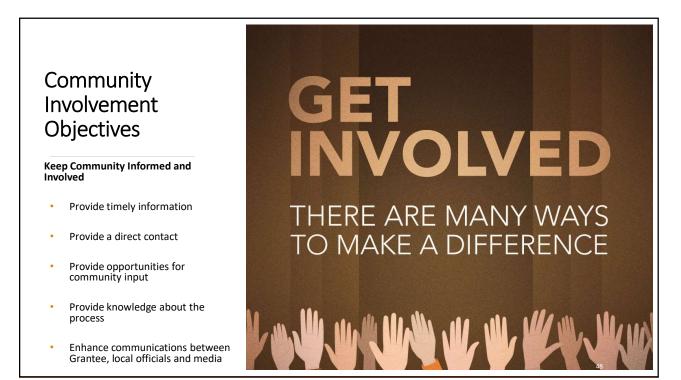
- Neighborhood groups
- Churches
- Community based organizations
- Chamber of Commerce
- Businesses
- Look at demographics
  - EJ Screen







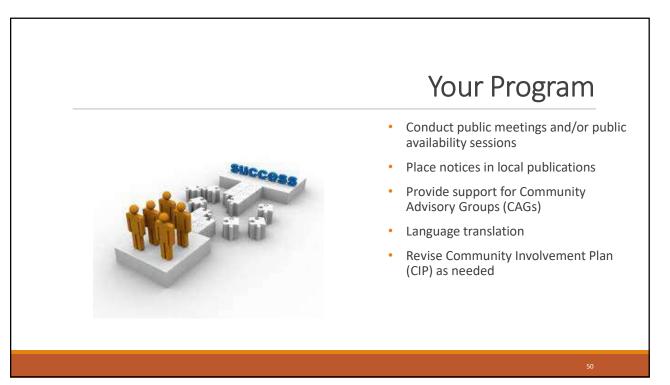




### Community Involvement Activities

- Assign a spokesperson
- Describe your Brownfields Program
- Describe EPA's role
- Describe the Community's role
- Describe the role of the State
- Prepare and distribute fact sheet to residents and interested parties
- Develop and maintain a mailing list





## Site Selection

- Site description
- Site contamination
- Site priority
- Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) (if planned)









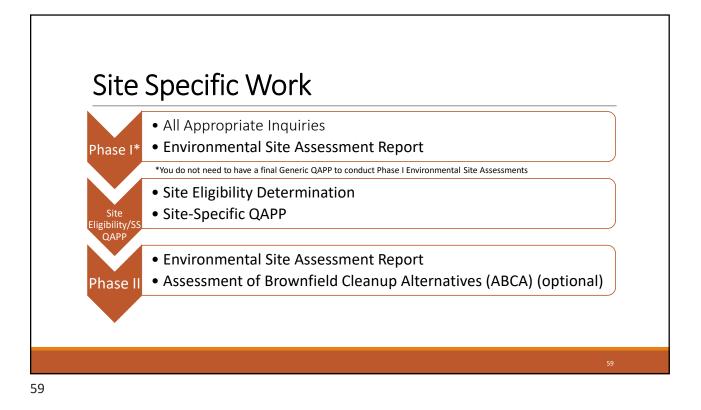
	TABLE OF CONTENTS         1.0 PROJECT OVERVIEW
Outline of an Assessment Workplan	1.1       Project Description         1.2       Project Team Structure and Responsibilities         1.3       Measuring Environmental Results: Outputs and Outcomes         1.4       Budget         1.5       Pre-Award Costs (if applicable) <b>2.0 PROJECT TASK DESCRIPTIONS</b> (These descriptions are examples and should be modified as needed for your project.)         Task 1 Project Management and Reporting (Including Final Report)         Task 2 Community Involvement/Engagement         Task 3 Site Inventory and/or Characterization         Task 4 Cleanup Planning and Institutional Controls         Task 5 Area Planning         *Additional Tasks (if needed) <b>3.0 SCHEDULE</b>
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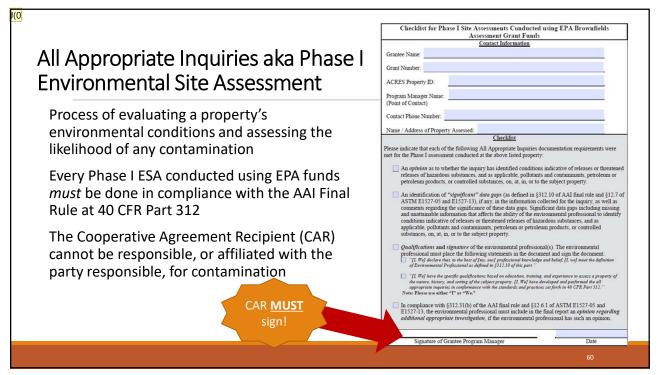
# Workplan Budget

Categories	Task 1:	Task 2:	Task 3:	Task 4:	Task 5:	Total
	Project Management and Reporting	Community Involvement/ Engagement	Brownfields Site Identification and Assessments	Cleanup Planning	Area Planning	
Personnel						
Fringe Benefits						
Travel						
Equipment						
Supplies						
Contractual						
Other – specify						
Total						









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#### we need to mention this!

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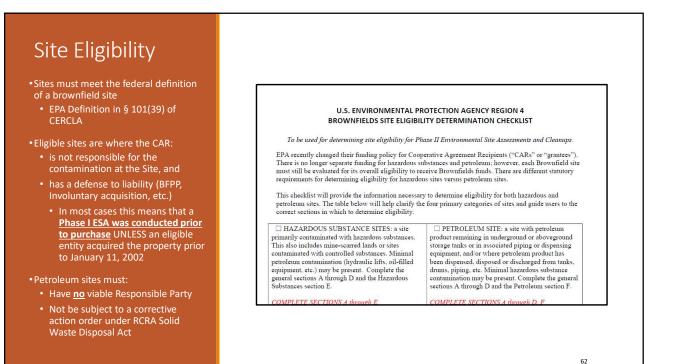
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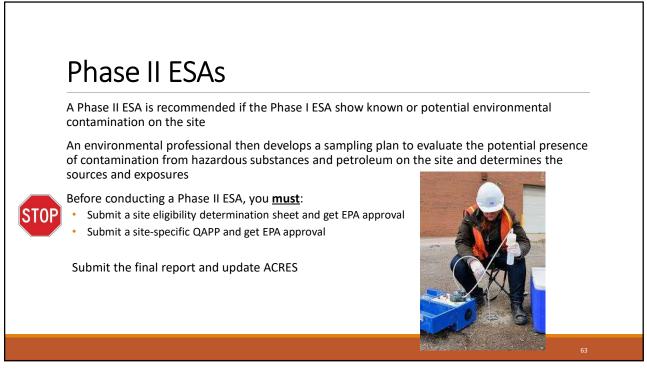
Uses existing information to understand the property conditions by examining current and historical uses of the site and potential threats to human health or the environment

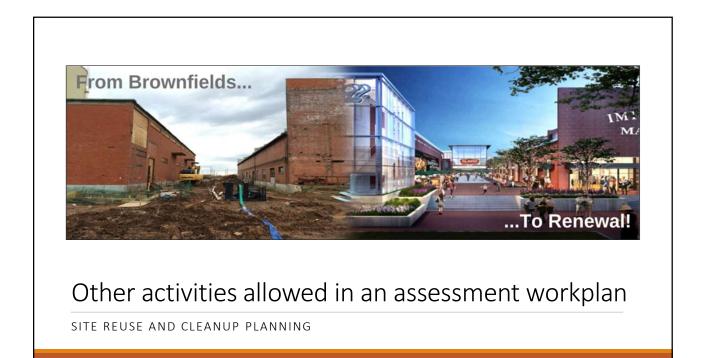
Typically the first step in conducting environmental due diligence

Done at you or your contractor's discretion if the property fits the definition of a brownfield

Submit the final report and update ACRES



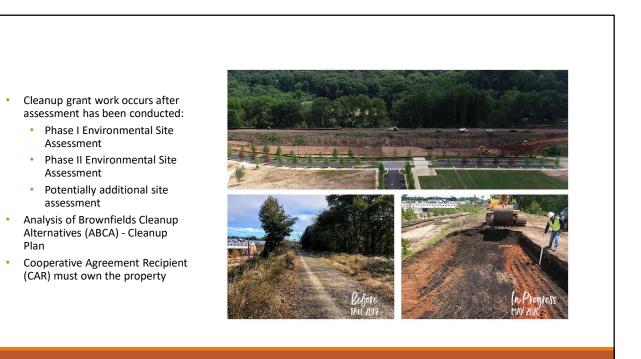


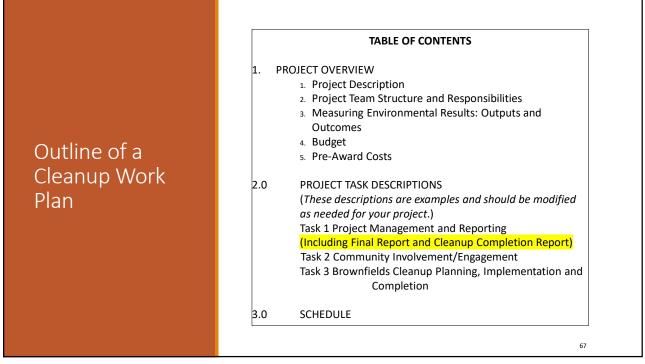


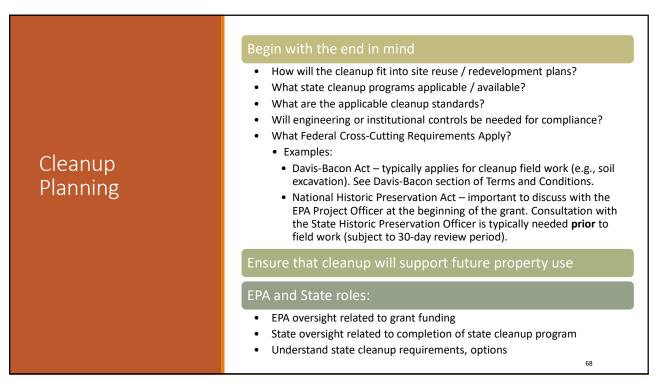
# Workplan: Cleanup Grants

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### **Cleanup Completion**

- Final technical report to EPA documenting work completed according to Workplan
- Final reporting to state\* for cleanup program approval



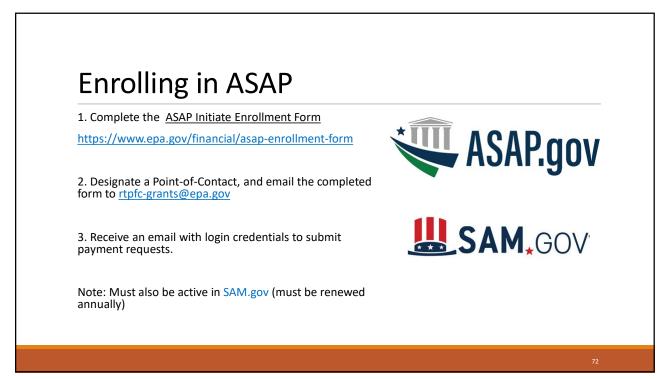
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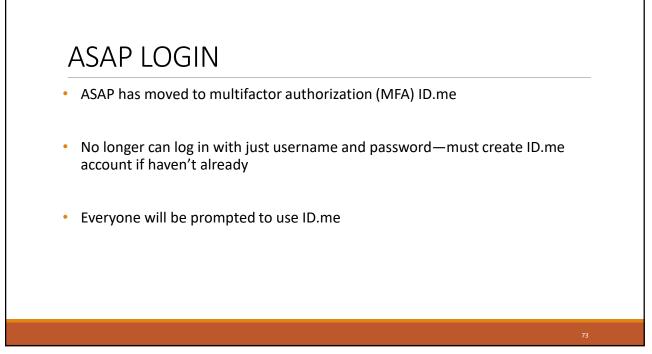
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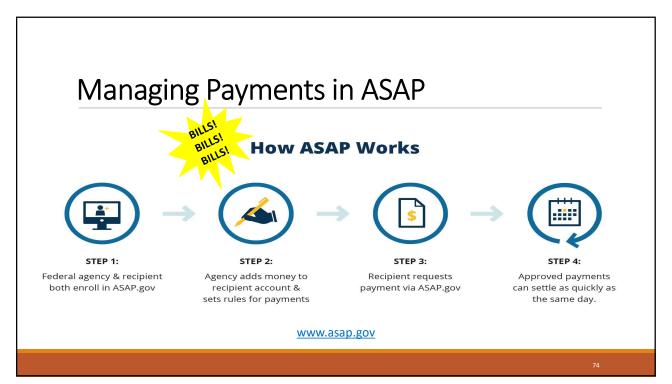


\*Programs and requirements vary by state

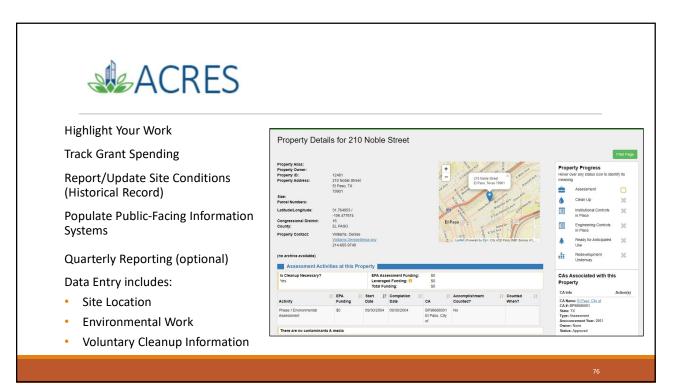


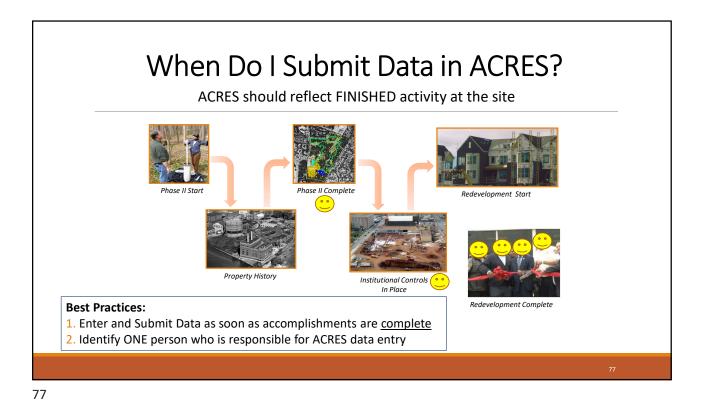


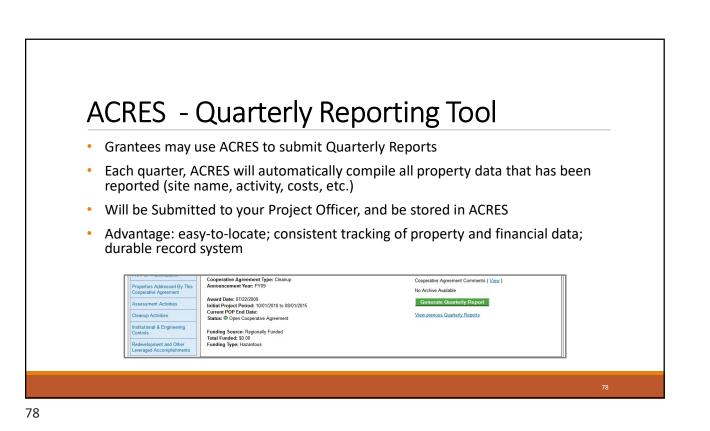


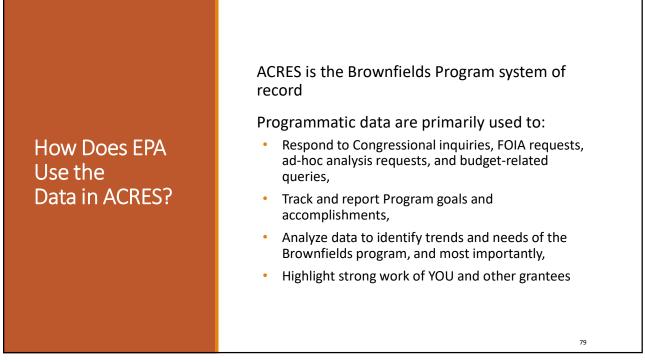


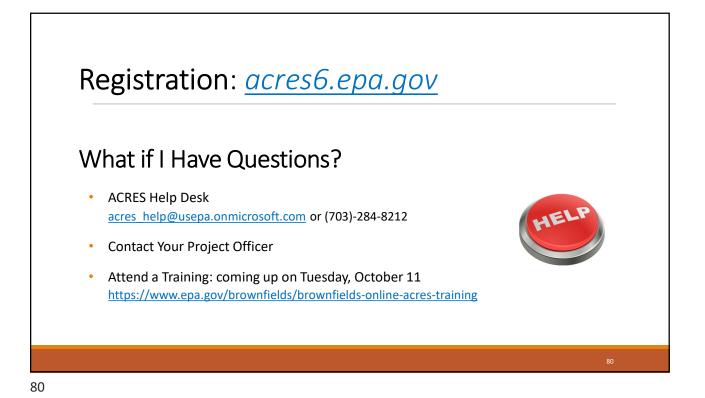
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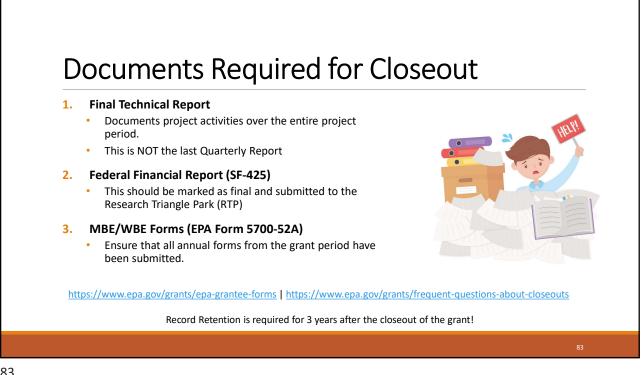






Preparing for Closeout: Assessment and Cleanup Grants

- Plan to complete all activities by your project end date
- Enter accomplishments in ACRES
  - Capture any redevelopment that has happened, leveraged jobs, site work
- Make sure copies of all final versions of deliverables have been submitted to your Project Officer and reflect what has been entered into ACRES
- Submit all quarterly reports to your Project Officer
- Continue to draw down funds as costs are incurred (on a timely basis!)
  - Quarterly drawdowns are required at a minimum even if they are nominal
  - Costs <u>incurred</u> after the project end date will not be reimbursed
- Final requests for reimbursement
- Cleanup Grants: Cleanup Completion Report









# Other Resources

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SARA JANOVITZ, BROWNFIELDS AND REDEVELOPMENT SECTION MANAGER











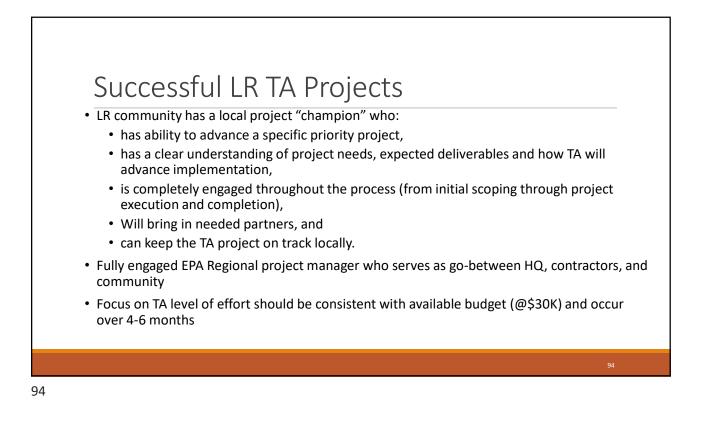
#### How EPA Selects Projects for LR Technical Assistance

 Regions may select up to 8 projects expected to support communities



- LR TA is available to any entity with a brownfield or other contaminated property challenge. It does not have to be a current/past grantee or TBA recipient. If the LR TA recipient is not the local government, that's fine-but we do want the LR TA recipient to have a relationship with/include the local government in the TA project.
- OBLR determines which TA project proposals can be done with LR resources each year.
- Talk with your Project Office if your community needs LR TA.





# Stephens County/Toccoa, GA – Historic Downtown Roadmap to Revitalization

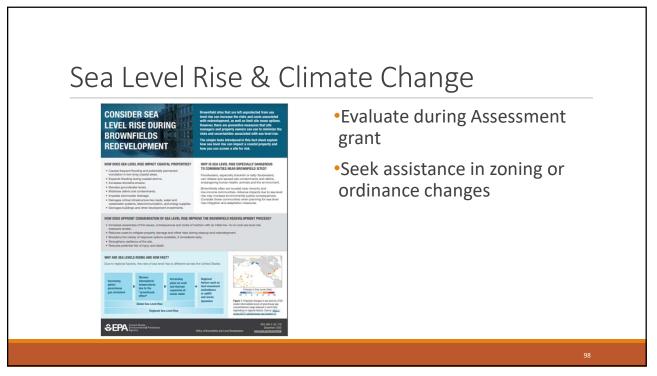
- •The Site: Stephens County/Toccoa, Georgia – "Roadmap to Redevelopment" Historic Downtown Revitalization and Targeted Brownfields Assessments.
- •Future Use: Reuse of catalyst buildings in downtown Toccoa & emphasis on downtown rail.
- •The Challenge: Needed site-specific steps to follow through on past visioning.





### Are You Interested In...

- •New Visions for Old Gas Stations?
- •Community actions for redevelopment?
- •Residential demolition?
- •Intersection of Brownfields & Real Estate Redevelopment?
- •Creating a Brownfields Redevelopment Investment Package?
- Property Prioritization Tools?
- •Urban Agriculture & Aquaculture?



## Climate Change: Mitigation, Adaptation

- Green Remediation
- Water use & impacts
- Renewable Energy
- Greener Cleanups
- Deconstruction vs demolition



CHECKLIST: How to Address Changing Climate Concerns in an Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA)

SEPA

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Our climate is changing and we need to adapt to make sure our cleanups are still protective of Our climate is changing and we need to badje to make safe our cleanups are still protective of human health and the environment now and into the future. To ensure that cleanups remain effective as the climate changes, EPA has added a new term and condition starting in the FY13 Cleanup and Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) grants that requires recipients to "evaluate the resilience of the remedial options in light of reasonably foreseeable changing climate conditions (e.g., sea level rise, increased frequency and intensity of flooding and/or extreme weather events, etc.)."

An Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) typically includes sections describing the background and current conditions of the site (maps, previous uses, assessment findings, reuse goals), applicable regulations and cleanup standards, an evaluation of cleanup alternatives and a recommended remedial action. The evaluation of cleanup alternatives is based on the effectiveness, ease of implementation and cost of each remedial action.





