

Community Brownfield Development Discussion



American Planning Association



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Meeting Agenda

12:00	Arrival and Lunch
12:15	Welcome and Introductions
12:30	Presentation
12:45	Small Group Discussion
1:15	Groups Reconvene and Report Out
1:30	Open Discussion and Wrap-up

Today's meeting is scheduled to last two hours. After introductions and a short presentation, participants will divide into small groups. You will have 30 minutes to discuss the questions provided below. We will reconvene as a whole, and each group will present their ideas.

Discussion Questions

- 1. When you first worked with brownfields, what do you wish you had known?*
- 2. What format should the workbook take?*
- 3. Name some topics you would like to see covered in the workbook*
- 4. What tools would you like to see in the workbook and training program?*
- 5. What did you like about other workshops and trainings you have attended?*

Learning More

For any questions about outcome of today's meeting or to learn more about the APA/Bethel New Life project please contact::

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To learn more about brownfields and/or the APA/Bethel New Life Project please visit our website at www.planning.org/brownfields.

What are Brownfields?

“Brownfields” are vacant, unsightly, and potentially contaminated pieces of property. However, they can also provide great sites for developing new parks, housing, and employment opportunities in your neighborhood.



Unfortunately, community groups are frequently left out of the redevelopment process. By creating a workbook and training program specifically for community groups, APA and BNL hope to encourage community groups to actively and effectively participate in brownfields redevelopment as well as understand how different development strategies will effect their communities.

We need your ideas and input to educate and empower other people here in Chicago and across the country who are also dealing with underused properties. Your ideas will help create the workbook and training materials and your participation will be formally acknowledged in the finished product. **You will be invited back next fall to test out the workbook and training program before they are finalized and released nationwide!**

Examples of Brownfield Sites



Vacant Lots



Former Gas Stations



Paved Lots



Abandoned Buildings



Former Manufacturing Plants



Former Industrial Lands