

# Leveraging Resources for Green Infrastructure on Brownfields



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# Overview of Remarks



- \* U.S. EPA Focus on Leveraging Resources for Green Infrastructure & Brownfields Revitalization
- \* Tools & Guides
- \* Key Resources
- \* Positioning for Funding Success

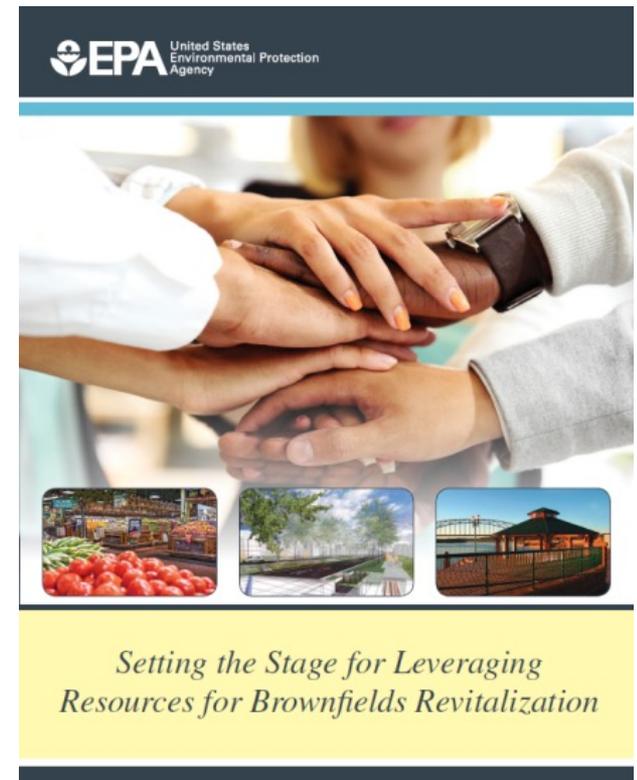
# U.S. EPA Focus on Leveraging Resources

- \* In 2015 at the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the national Brownfields Program, U.S. EPA launched the “Next Generation Brownfield Initiative”
- \* **Key focus areas**
  - Leveraging Resources Guide
  - “Meet the Funders” webcast series
  - Brownfields Federal Funding Guide
  - Guide to Resource Roundtables
  - Green & Climate Smart Brownfields



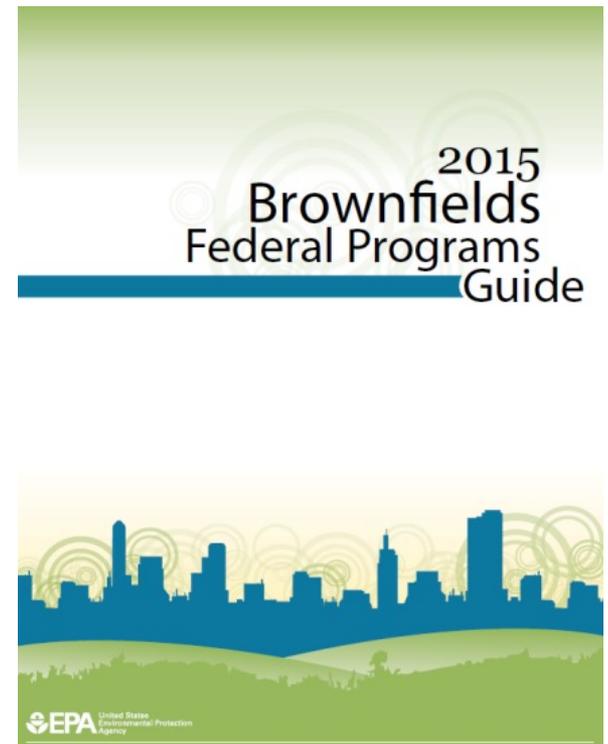
# EPA Brownfields Leveraging Guide

- \* EPA provides step-by-step guide & case studies on leveraging resources for brownfields & community revitalization
- \* [www.epa.gov/brownfields/setting-stage-leveraging-resources-brownfields-revitalization](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/setting-stage-leveraging-resources-brownfields-revitalization)



# EPA Brownfields Federal Funding Guide

- \* Guide provides robust info on 30+ grants, low-cost loans, tax incentives and other resources from a variety of agencies
- \* [www.epa.gov/brownfields/2015-brownfields-federal-programs-guide](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/2015-brownfields-federal-programs-guide)



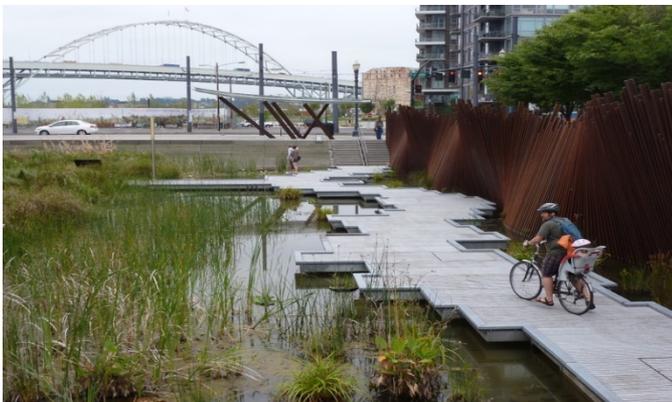
# U.S. EPA Water Infrastructure & Resiliency Finance Center

- \* Tools, best practices & technical assistance on funding:
  - \* Sustainable Water Infrastructure
  - \* Green infrastructure
  - \* Stormwater management
  - \* Urban Waters
  - \* Smart Growth
  - \* State Revolving Funds
- \* Guide on Community-Based P3s & Market-Based GI Approaches
- \* [www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter](http://www.epa.gov/waterfinancecenter) and [www.epa.gov/green-infrastructure/green-infrastructure-funding-opportunities](http://www.epa.gov/green-infrastructure/green-infrastructure-funding-opportunities)
- \* Also see EPA Environmental Finance Centers, including EPA Region 3's Local Government Stormwater Financing Manual



# Funding for Green Infrastructure on Brownfields

- \* EPA Clean Water SRF
- \* SRF Green Reserve
- \* EPA **Brownfields** Area-Wide Planning, & Assessment grants
- \* **NOAA** Coastal Ecosystem Resiliency & Regional Coastal Resilience Grants
- \* Army **Corps of Engineers**, Section 7001 Proposals, Section 206 Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration, Section 1135 Environmental Restoration, Section 22 Planning Assistance
- \* U.S. **DOT** & State DOT infrastructure funds
- \* **The Funders Network** for Smart Growth & Livable Communities, Partners for Places grant
- \* **National Endowment for the Arts** – Our Town & Art Works
- \* **National Park Service**, Land & Water Conservation grants
- \* **Chesapeake Bay** funds



# 15 Keys for Leveraging Brownfields Success



# Keys to Leveraging Funding Success

1. Strong Project Team with Designated Leaders
2. Clear Community Vision & Priorities
3. Stakeholder & Citizen Support
4. Break Down Projects into Components & Phases
5. Confirm Project Costs
6. Match Project Needs to Best Funding Sources
7. Create a “Resource Roadmap”
8. Find the Match
9. Assess Debt Financing



# Keys to Leveraging Funding Success

10. Create Project Briefing Sheets
11. Seek State Backing
12. Collaborate with Federal Agency Officials
13. Prepare for Grant Writing
14. Hold a “Revitalization Roundtable”
15. Celebrate Success



# Q&A / Discussion



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