# Operation Revitalize, Redevelop, & Restore BROWNFIELDS

# FROM ZERO TO HERO: BE A CATALYST FOR CHANGE



Please introduce yourself in the chat! Include your:

- Name
- Organization
- Community

"Hi! My name is Super Bucky and I work with Mid-Atlantic TAB. I live in Morgantown, WV. My superpower is how much I love helping my community!"

# UNTRODUCTION

- Superpower (Optional)





I am a team of one (or two or three). I don't have the capacity to redevelop a community on my own.

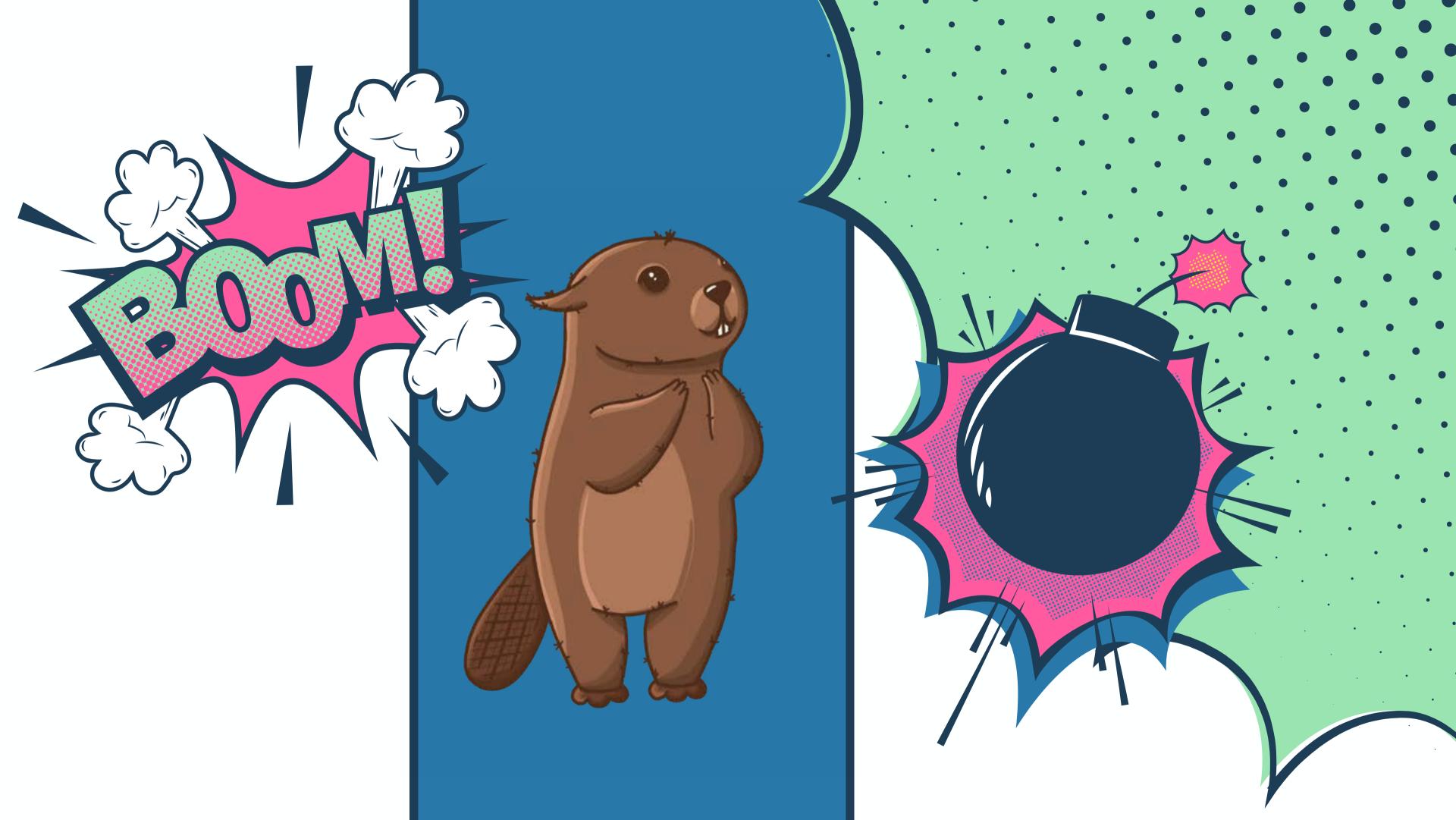
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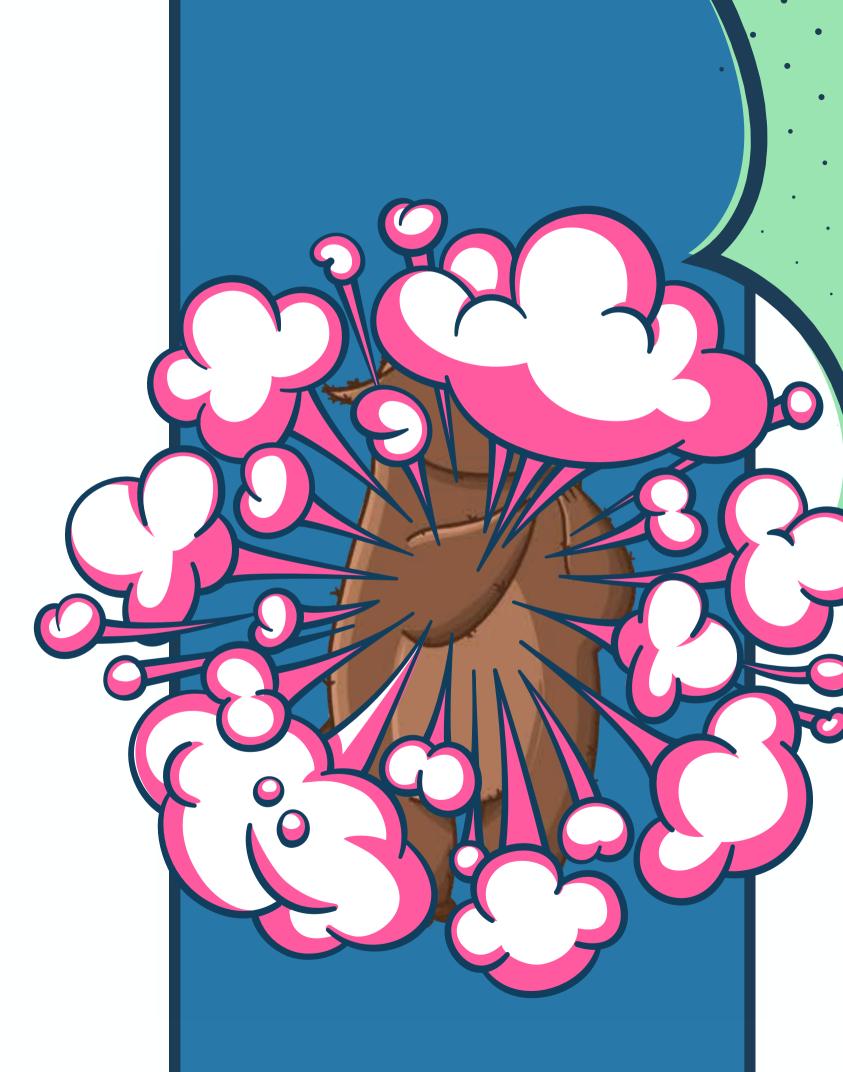


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# Where to Begin

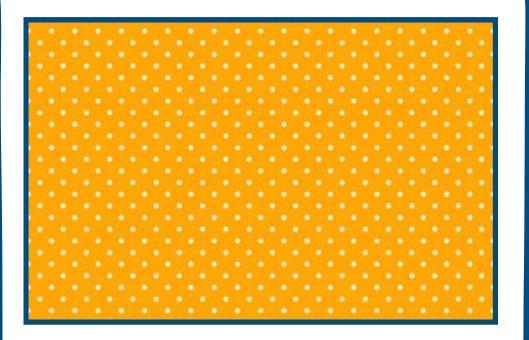
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• Assemble Your Team









# BROWNFIELDERS

- Mid-Atlantic TAB
  - We are available to help at each stage
- State Environmental Agency
- EPA

# **STAKEHOLDERS**

- Local & Regional Governments
- Community Groups
- Non-Profits
- Local Redevelopment Agency
- Property Owners
- Developers
- Lenders
- Insurers
- Investors
- Potential Buyers

# **OTHER**

- Peer Communities with Brownfield Redevelopment Experience
- Qualified Environmental Professionals (QEP)

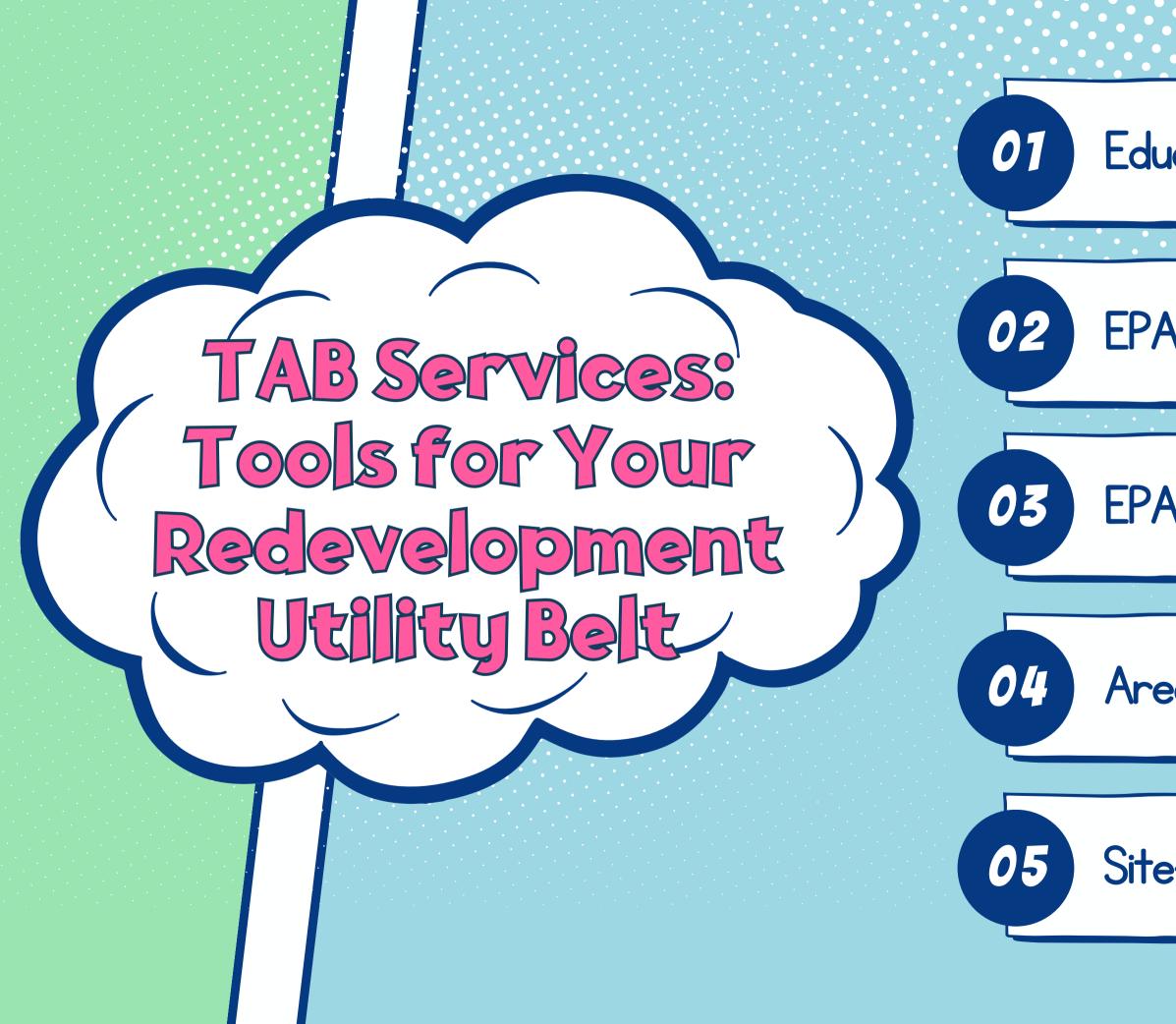


### Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB)

The TAB Program provides technical assistance to communities and stakeholders to help address their brownfield sites and to increase their understanding and involvement in brownfields cleanup, revitalization and reuse.

The TAB Program is funded by EPA and available to all stakeholders throughout EPA Region 3 (DC, DE, MD, PA, VA, WV)





Education & Outreach

EPA Grantee Support

EPA Applicant Support

### Area-Wide Technical Assistance

# Site-Specific Technical Assistance



# Education & Outreach

Webinars
Fact Sheets
Brownfields Bootcamp
Community Trainings
Conference Presentations
General resources

TAB can help with brownfields education (webinars or inperson trainings).

The Brownfields Bootcamp is our Brownfields IOI training that can be tailored to fit your community's goals.

# Outline of Agenda

- Brownfields DefinedBenefits of Redeveloping
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- Redevelopment Ideas
- Grants & Funding Available
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- Tour a Nearby Brownfield

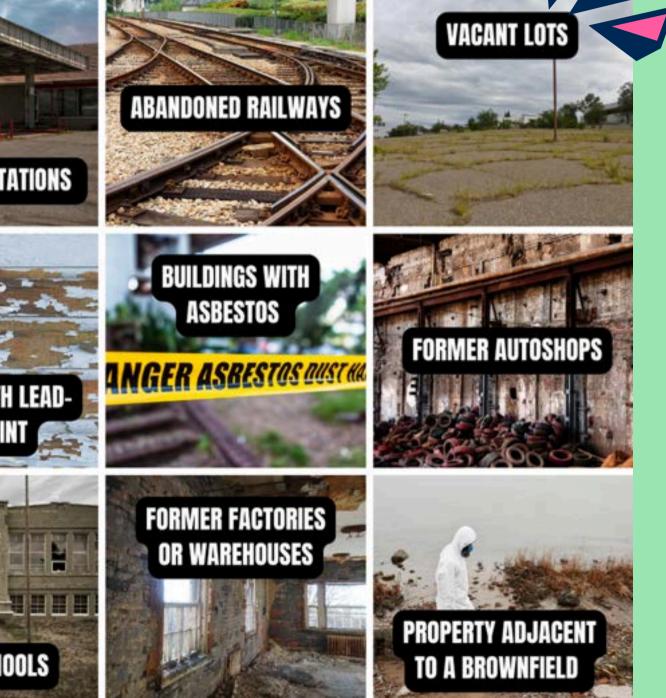
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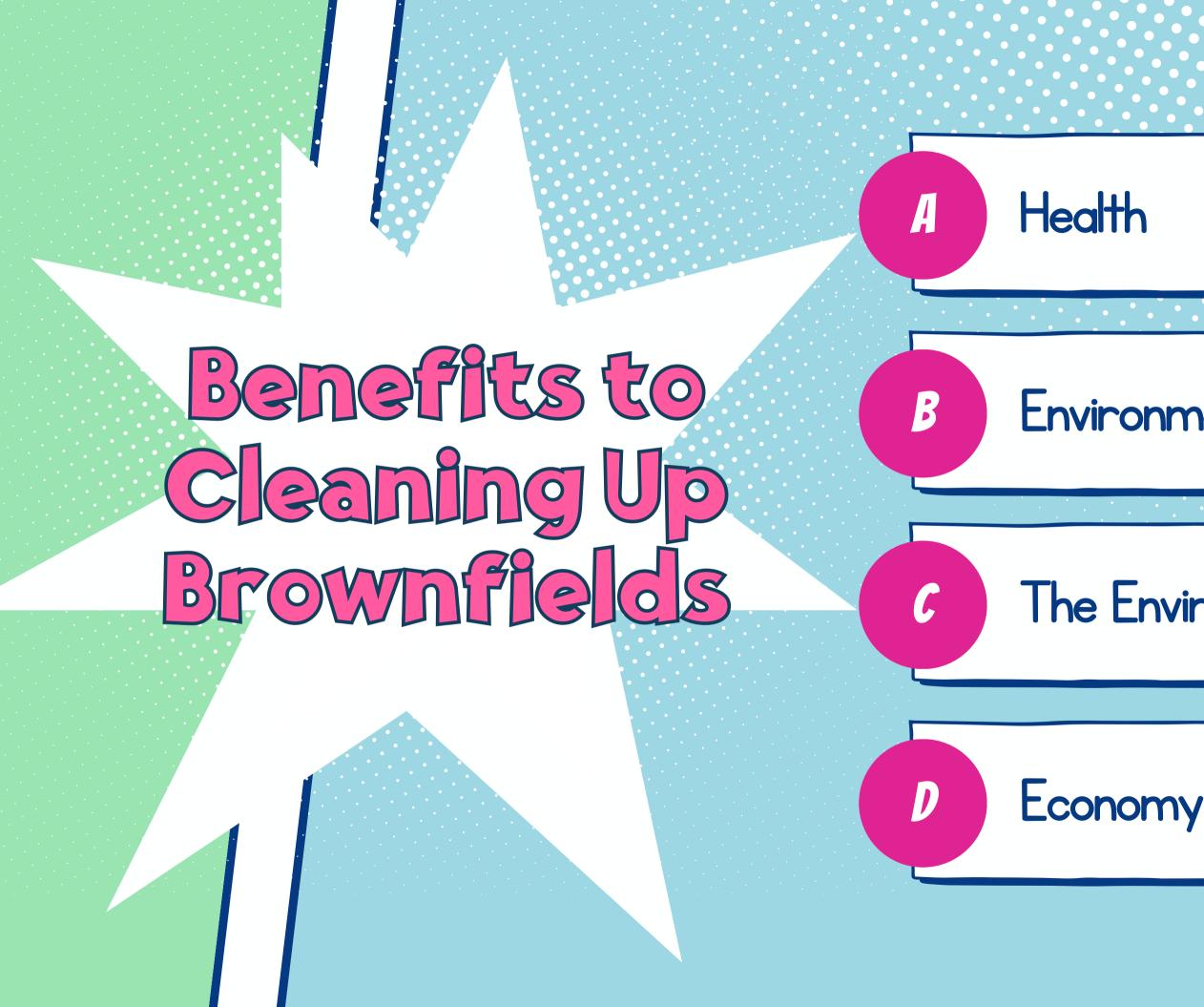
- Other Aspects of
  - Redevelopment Process

# WHAT IS A BROWNFIELD

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency defines a brownfield as "real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant."

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# **Environmental Justice**

# The Environment

# Health

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Redevelopment turns health and safety risks posed by contaminants into community assets by creating funding opportunities to redevelop sites and revitalize neighborhoods.

There are a variety of EPA Brownfield grants that provide funding to carry out and/or assess cleanup activities at brownfield sites. Different grants are more appropriate for specific circumstances.

- Contaminants at brownfield sites can create safety risks, social and economic issues, and overall environmental health issues.
- The health and safety of people and animals can be at risk if a property presents exposure to environmental contaminants. If not addressed, contamination can spread to nearby properties as well.

# Environmental Justice

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EPA's Brownfields and Land Revitalization Program helps to educate stakeholders on the importance of integrating principles of environmental justice and equitable development into the assessment, cleanup, and reuse of brownfields.

These principles help to ensure that lowincome and minority residents in areas historically impacted by blighted properties and environmental contamination reap the benefits of environmental cleanup. Some of these principles include:

- Ensuring access to affordable housing
- Promoting community resilience against climate change
- Ensuring equitable access to amenities such as health clinics and grocery stores
- Partnering with communitybased organizations
- Reusing brownfield sites for greenspace and other healthy, safe and walkable areas (such as urban gardens and parks)

# The Environment

Redevelopment encourages environmental sustainability initiatives in a number of ways, including:

- Preserving farmland and forested areas.
- Reducing impervious surfaces (asphalt), resulting in less runoff and localized flooding. This subsequently results in better water quality.
- Brownfield redevelopment keeps developments in a central location which improves air quality. Improved air quality is associated with reduced greenhouse gas emissions from vehicle travel.

Redevelopment of brownfield sites can play a vital role in encouraging sustainable land and energy-use practices that work toward long-term climate solutions.

Brownfield sites often offer connections to existing infrastructure that can promote sustainable growth and development, including the use of renewable energy.

# Economy

- Jobs and housing can be supported on brownfield sites, which boosts the local economy.
- Reducing the need for infrastructure expansion by utilizing existing resources, which also reduces costly and unsustainable demands on local community resources and personnel.
- Redeveloping brownfields links economic vitality with environmental benefits.
- According to the EPA, II-13 % of the jobs and housing growth expected between 2013-2030 could be supported on brownfield sites

• Benefitting local communities and increasing revenue:

- Suburban sprawl promotes economic expansion outside of city limits, meaning that development does not create local revenue for city centers that maintain local infrastructure.
- Brownfield sites are typically located in or near downtown areas and directly spur local revenue and jobs.



EPA Grantee Support

- State Cohort FacilitationCooperative agreement
  - support
- Grant Kickoff
- RFP support
- Community InvolvementGrant Debriefs



# EPA Applicant Support

- Workshops & webinars
  Grant planning consultations
  SAM.gov & grants.gov support
  Grant review
- Grant debrief



# Area-Wide Technical Assistance

Inventory Support
 Business & Brownfields
 Walkabout
 State program support



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- A brownfield inventory is a list of properties and their attributes
  - Data Included: Address, Owner Information, Tax Information, etc.
- You need to know which sites are brownfields and their status before you can take steps to remediate and redevelop



# REDEVELOPMENT IDEAS

Brownfields can be redeveloped in many different ways: old industrial buildings can be turned into new real estate, new building can occur on cleared sites, and community infrastructure and aesthetics can be improved by creating more greenspace.

# FORMER BROWNFIELD SITES SHEPHERDSTOWN LANDFILL TO LIBRARY PROJECT SHEPHERDSTOWN, WV

The Shepherdstown Landfill to Library project transformed a municipal dump into a state-of-the-art, modern library serving the residents of the Town and Jefferson County. The new library was designed as a onelevel, 8,900-square-foot facility comprised of large open areas dedicated to children and youth programming on one side and adult programming on the other. The new library includes a large commons room used as a community meeting space, a media lab for creative podcasters, a quiet reading room where patrons can study local history and genealogy, and a STEAM lab for young adults to participate in coding and robotics.







SHEPHERDSTOWN PUBLIC LIBRARY

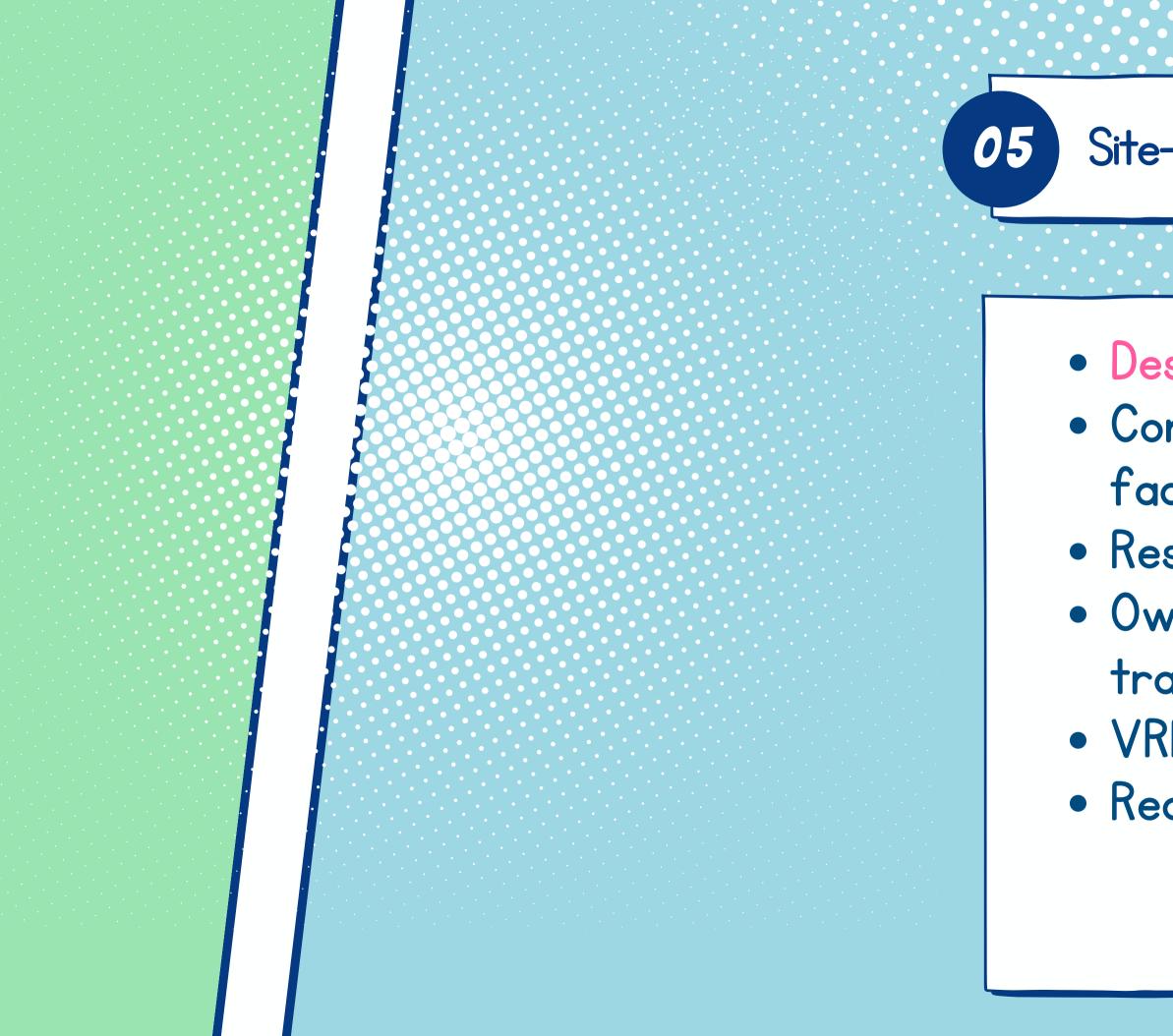
# **AFTER**

# FORMER BROWNFIELD SITES

### JOSEPH L. WILLIAMS JR. FIRE STATION HUNTINGTON, WV

The site is the former location of a dry cleaner and gas station. Environmental assessments were funded through US EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant. The site is in the WV Voluntary Remediation Program and serves as the home of a new stateof-the art fire and rescue station for the Fairfield Community of Huntington. Leveraged resources include contributions from WV Region 2 Planning and Development Council, KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission, and City of Huntington, WV.



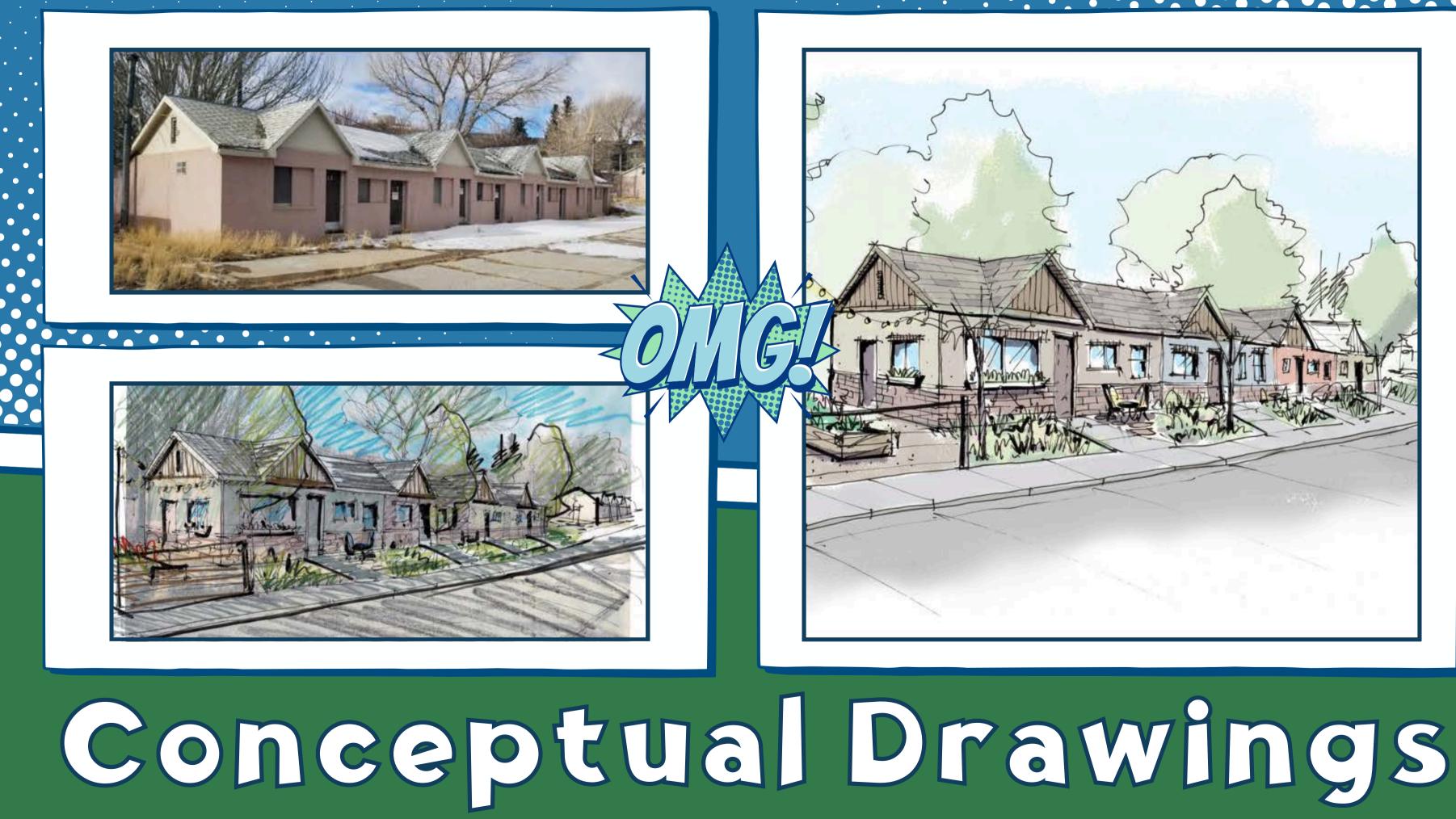


# Site-Specific Technical Assistance

# Design Assistance

Community involvement & facilitation
Resource Roadmaps
Ownership & property transfer consultation
VRP/VCP Support
Redevelopment Roundtables







# Conceptual Drawings

# What Tools Do Your Other Redevelopment Teammates Bring?







# EPA Technical Assistance (TA)

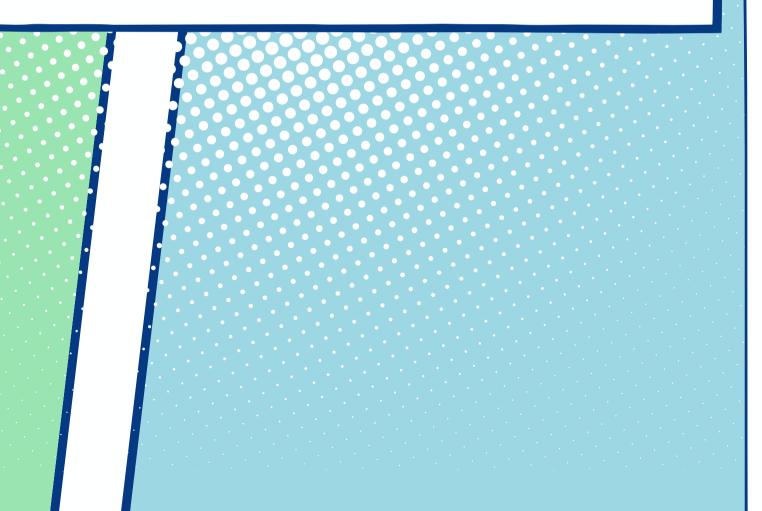
# Targeted Brownfield Assessments (TBA)

# **EPA Assessment Coalition Grant**

# EPA Technical Assistance (TA)

EPA TA aids communities in determining what type of site reuse(s) is/are feasible.

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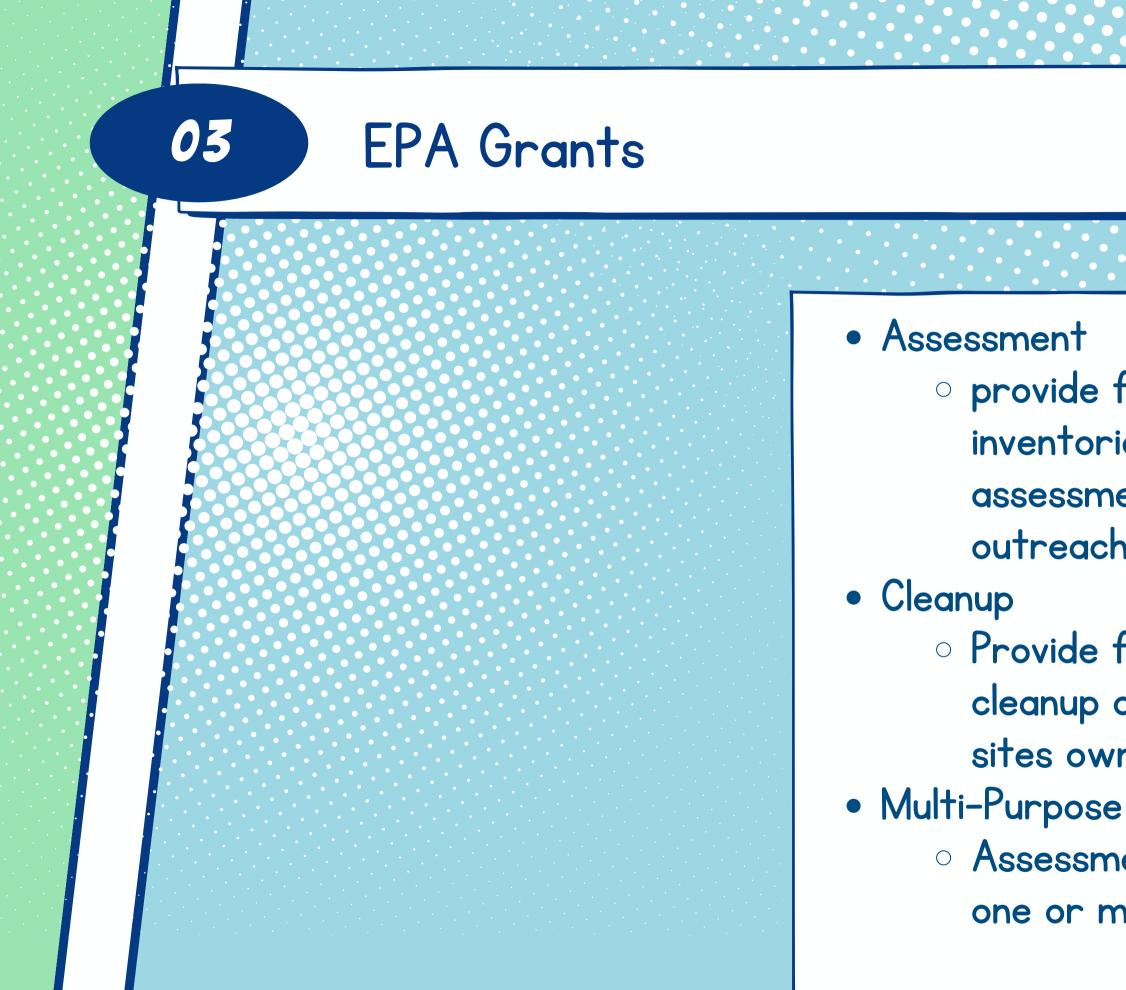
Supplements brownfields grants and other TA provided by connecting communities with EPA contractors, who deliver services at no cost. These services include:

- Market analysis, labor market and economic research
- Site reuse assessment; identify site assets & barriers
- Financial feasibility and/or implementation plan for site reuse

- Funding/financing options, opportunities
  - analysis, redevelopment strategy

### 02 Targeted Brownfield Assessments (TBA)

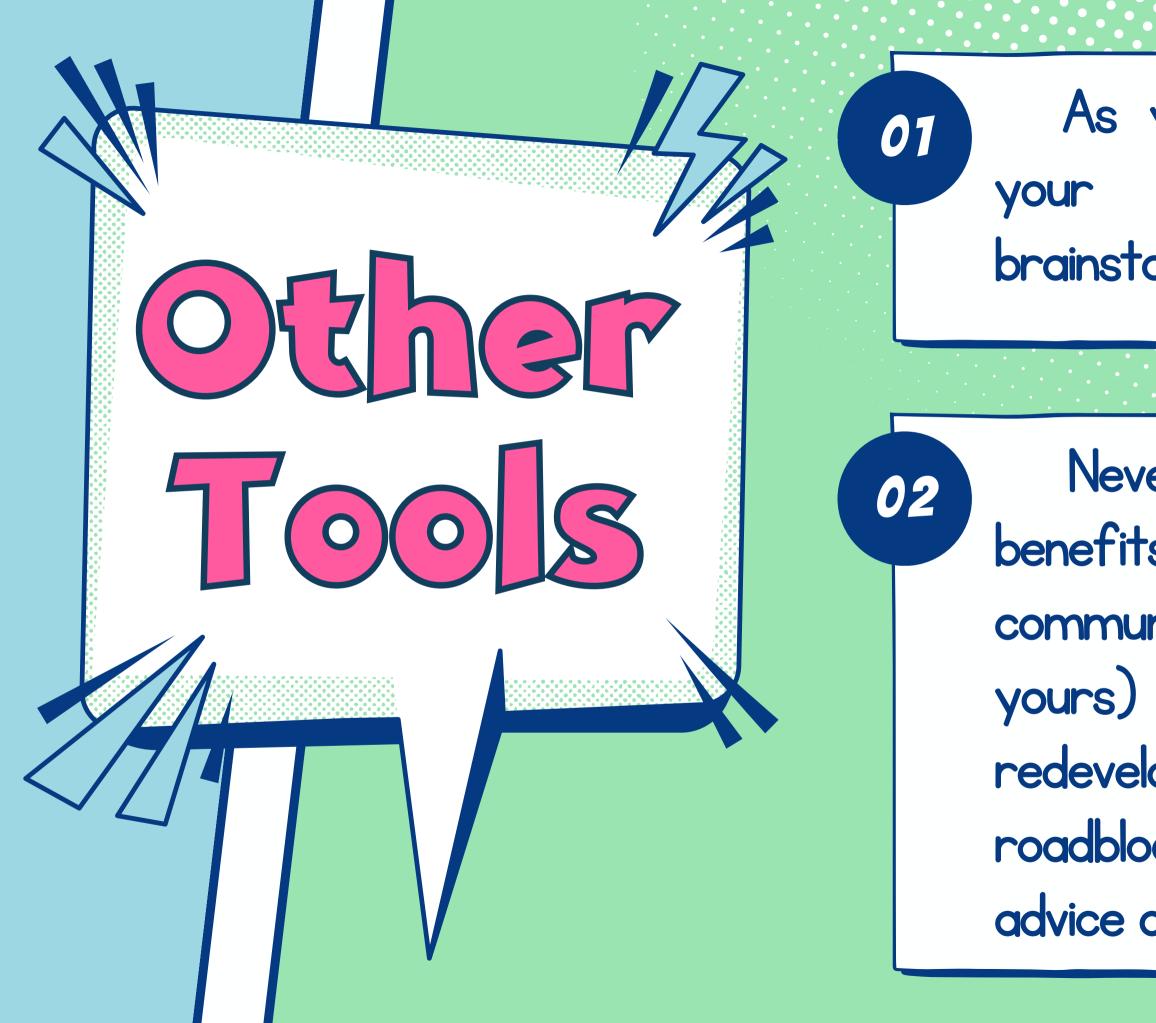
- Targeted Brownfield Assessments (TBA) are a great first step for low capacity communities Conducted by EPA contractor • Site assessment activities Cleanup planning No cost to receiving entity • Work in coordination with state
  - **VCPs**
  - Rolling application process in **Region 3**



- provide funding for brownfield inventories, planning, environmental assessments and community outreach.
- Provide funding to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites owned by the applicant.
- Assessment & Cleanup funds for one or more brownfield sites

### 04 **EPA Assessment Coalition Grant**

EPA Assessment Coalition Grant enables smaller community or organization to work with lead entity to learn EPA brownfield grant process while not having to manage grant administration



As you recruit members to your redevelopment team, brainstorm how they can help.

Never underestimate the benefits of reaching out to peer communities (nearby or similar to yours) with recent brownfield redevelopment experience. What roadblocks are you facing? What advice do they have?



Let TAB super-charge your efforts and increase your capacity to redevelop your community! You've got someone on your redevelopment team and some tools to get started.



# **ASSEMBLING YOUR COALITION FOR A** SUCCESSFUL ASSESSMENT GRANT

July 16th

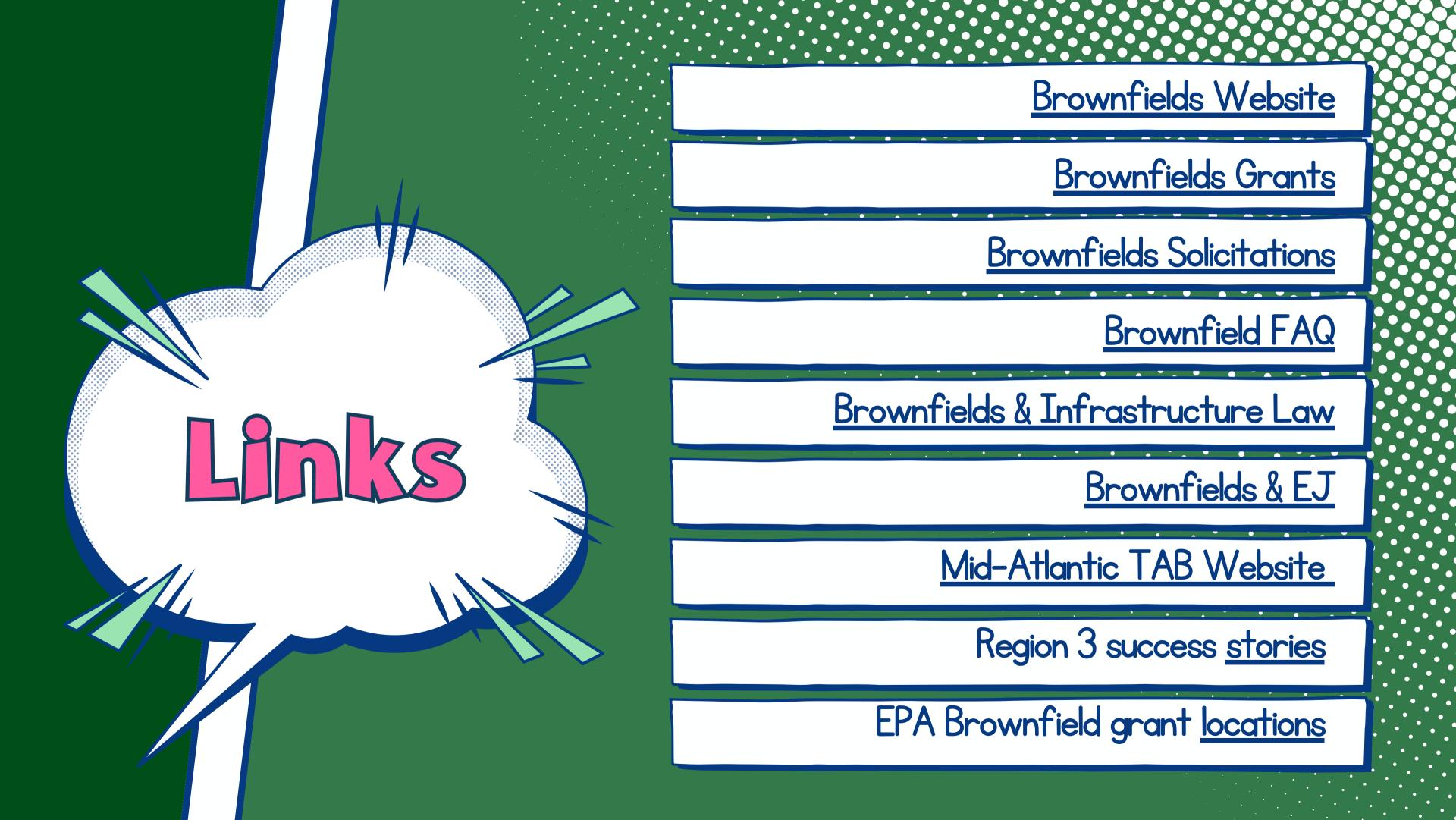




# WU MAIN STREET **& BROWNFIELDS CONFERENCE**

September 10th-12th in Summersville, WV





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# https://brownfields.wvu.edu/resources/state-epa-contacts

# Mid-Atlantic TAB: Your Regional Provider

### Mid-Atlantic TAB

• A Collaboration among Leading Programs

Independent resource providing support and guidance to help communities understand:

- Acquiring, assessing, cleaning up and redeveloping brownfield properties;
- The health impacts of brownfield sites;
- How science and technology are used for site assessment, remediation, redevelopment and reuse
- How to comply with voluntary cleanup requirements.



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### **ALL TAB services are FREE!**





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