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Tips & Tricks for EPA Brownfield Grant Successes

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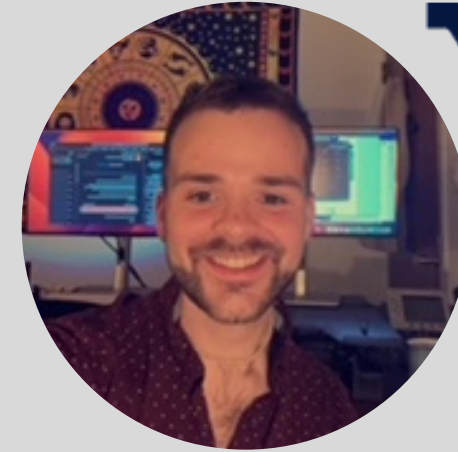
INTRODUCTIONS



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What do we do?

- WVU TAB is the Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) provider for EPA Region 3.
- Resources we offer include Brownfield Education



This includes today's EPA Grant webinar!

AGENDA

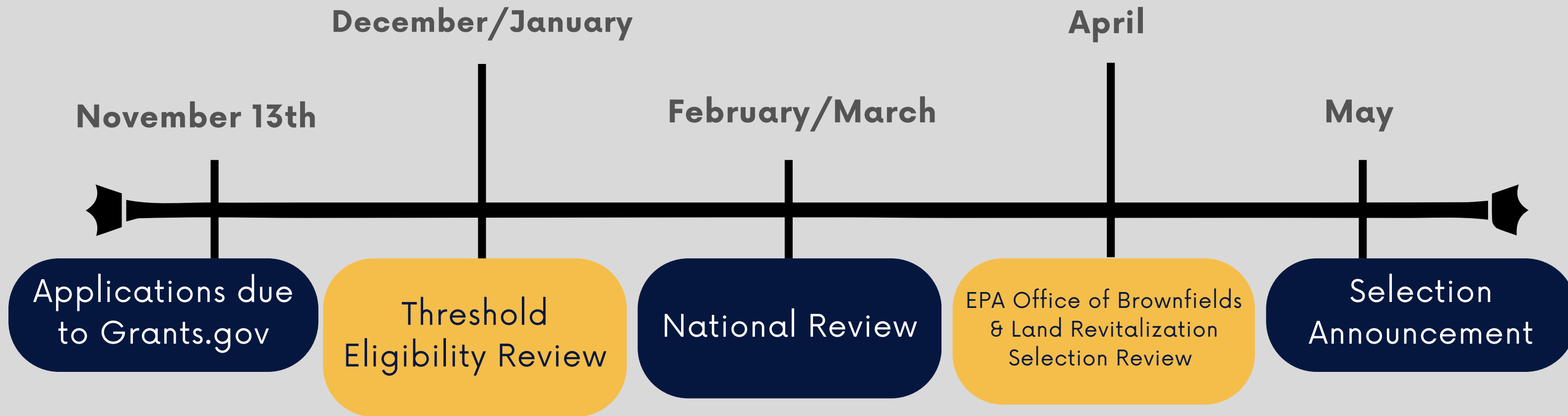
-  Overview of EPA Brownfields Grants
-  EPA Grant Application Details
-  How TAB Can Help
-  Important Dates
-  Questions

EPA GRANT OVERVIEW



- Also referred to as MARC Grants
 - **M**ulti-Purpose
 - **A**ssessment
 - ~~**R**evolving Loan Funds~~ (Not included this round)
 - **C**leanup

EPA GRANT TIMELINE



EPA anticipates offering grants of the following amounts in FY2024

All amounts may be subject to change

Total Per Grant Type



Grant Type	Maximum Project Period	Maximum Amount Per Grant	Estimated # of Awards	Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funds	Regular Appropriated Funds
Multipurpose	5yrs.	\$1 Million	20		\$20.0 Million
Assessment (State/Tribal)	5yrs.	\$2 Million	25	\$50 Million	
Assessment Coalitions	4yrs.	\$1.5 Million	26		\$40 Million
Assessment (CW)- New*	4yrs.	\$500,000	30		\$15 Million
Assessment (CW)- Existing**	4yrs.	\$500,000	30		\$15 Million
Cleanup	4yrs.	\$500,000	40	\$20 Million	
Cleanup	4yrs.	\$2 Million	17	\$35 Million	
Cleanup	4yrs.	\$5 Million	8	\$40 Million	
				\$145 Million	\$90 Million

**Community-wide Assessment: New=Entities that have never received an EPA Brownfields MARC Grant or that were awarded a MARC Grant that closed in 2014 or earlier.

**Community-wide Assessment: Existing= Entities that have an open MARC Grant or were awarded a MARC Grant that closed in 2015 or later.

ELIGIBILITY - ALL GRANTS



- ✓ State, local, and tribal governments
- ✓ General purpose units of local government
- ✓ Regional council or redevelopment agency
- ✓ Non-profit organizations*
- ✓ Quasi-governmental agencies

*501(c)4 organizations are only eligible for Cleanup Grants



THRESHOLD CRITERIA

IMPORTANCE OF THRESHOLD CRITERIA



ALL Grants

- Threshold eligibility criteria ensures applicants are eligible to receive an EPA Brownfield MARC grant
- Criteria are pass/fail and based on certain requests for information identified in following slides
- Information submitted is used by EPA only to make eligibility determinations for EPA Brownfield grants
- Only applications that pass all threshold criteria will be evaluated against evaluation criteria in Section 5.A. - Evaluation Criteria - of Grant Solicitations

Responses to each criteria are required and must be included as an attachment to the grant Narrative which is included in application submitted to EPA

Applicants deemed ineligible for funding consideration as a result of the threshold eligibility review will be notified within 15 calendar days of the ineligibility determination.

THRESHOLD CRITERIA

Multipurpose Grants



1. Applicant Eligibility
2. Community Involvement
3. Target Area
4. Affirmation of Brownfield Site Ownership
5. Use of Grant Funds
6. Expenditure of Existing Grant Funds
 - At least 70% of funds from EPA must be drawn down by October 1, 2023
7. Contractors & Named Sub-recipients



THRESHOLD CRITERIA

Assessment Grants



Community Wide and State & Tribal

1. Applicant Eligibility
2. Community Involvement
3. Expenditure of Existing Grant Funds
 - At least 70% of funds from EPA must be drawn down by October 1, 2023
4. Target Areas & Priority Sites (**State & Tribal Only**)
5. Named Contractors & Subrecipients

THRESHOLD CRITERIA

Assessment Grants



Coalition

1. Applicant Eligibility
2. Number and Eligibility of Non-Lead Coalition Members
3. Target Areas
4. Existing Brownfields Grants to Non-Lead Members
5. Coalition Agreement
6. Community Involvement
7. Expenditure of Existing Grant Funds
 - At least 70% of funds from EPA must be drawn down by October 1, 2023
8. Named Contractors & Subrecipients



THRESHOLD CRITERIA

Cleanup Grants



1. Applicant Eligibility
2. Previously Awarded Cleanup Grants
3. Expenditure of Existing Multipurpose Grant Funds
4. Site ownership
5. Basic Site Information
6. Status and History of Contamination at the Site
7. Affirmative Statement that Site Meets Brownfield Site Definition
8. Environmental Assessment Required for Cleanup Grant Applications
9. Site Characterization
10. Enforcement of Other Action
11. Sites Requiring a Property-Specific Determination
12. Threshold Criteria Related to CERCLA/Petroleum Liability
13. Cleanup Authority and Oversight Structure
14. Community Notification
15. Contractors and Named Subrecipients

THRESHOLD CRITERIA

Cleanup Grants



Site Characteristic:

- Applicants **must** show there has been sufficient level of site characterization from ESA performed to date for remediation to begin on site(s).
- Determination must be made by the DNREC



THRESHOLD CRITERIA

Cleanup Grants



If eligible for Brownfields:

- Letter from DNREC that:
 - Affirms eligibility for Brownfield
 - Indicates whether site is or will be certified
 - There are no viable responsible parties;
 - The site will not be assessed, investigated, or cleaned up by a person that is potentially liable for cleaning up the site;
 - The site must not be subject to a corrective action order under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) § 9003(h); and
 - The site is a relatively “low risk” petroleum site compared to other petroleum sites in the state and is not eligible for federal LUST Trust funds.

If NOT eligible for Brownfields:

- Letter from DNREC that explains why site is not eligible to be enrolled:
 - There are viable responsible parties;
 - The site will be assessed, investigated, or cleaned up by a person that is potentially liable for cleaning up the site;
 - The site is subject to a corrective action order under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) § 9003(h); and
 - The site is not a relatively “low risk” petroleum site compared to other petroleum sites in the state and is not eligible for federal LUST Trust funds.

DNREC PROGRAM OVERVIEW



Program Qualifications

- Non-profit applicants must be able to document their legal status as a non-profit.
- The applicant must affirmatively demonstrate that they/it did not cause or contribute to the release(s) of hazardous substances at the Certified Brownfield site.
- The applicant is in full compliance with all other environmental requirements in Delaware.
- The applicant must not be a Chronic Violator;
- The applicant must not be subject to any current enforcement action from any State or Federal environmental agency unless such enforcement action is, in the opinion of the Secretary, adequately resolved with the applicable agency; and
- Project shall not cause the loss of "greenfield" resources as per the purpose of the Brownfields Development Program

Delaware Brownfield Funding Policy

<https://documents.dnrec.delaware.gov/dwhs/remediation/brownfields/Brownfields-Grant-Funding-Policy.pdf>



DNREC PROGRAM OVERVIEW



Funding Available

Public & Non-Profit Entities

- \$600,000.00 for investigation and remedial activities
- \$25,000.00 for offsite Groundwater investigation
- \$100,000.00 for offsite groundwater remediation and hotspot removal
- \$40,000.00 for Long-term Stewardship Activities
- \$25,000.00 for Sustainable green remediation
- \$15,000.00 for environmental justice activities

Private Entities

- \$200,000.00 for investigation and remedial activities
- \$250,000.00 for small business qualification for investigation and remedial activities
- \$25,000.00 for offsite Groundwater investigation
- \$100,000.00 for offsite groundwater remediation and hotspot removal
- \$40,000.00 for Long-term Stewardship Activities
- \$25,000.00 for Sustainable green remediation
- \$15,000.00 for environmental justice activities



FY24 Eligibility Chart for Existing Grant Recipients

MY ORGANIZATION CURRENTLY HAS	In FY24, can I also apply for...?					
	Multipurpose Grant	Community-wide Assessment Grants for States and Tribes	Community-wide Assessment Grant	Assessment Coalition Grant (Lead)	Non-Lead Member of an Assessment Coalition	Cleanup Grant
Multipurpose Grant	Must draw down 70% of each MP Grant	Yes	Must draw down 70% of each MP Grant	Must draw down 70% of each MP Grant	Not eligible	Must draw down 70% of each MP Grant
Community-wide Assessment Grants for States and Tribes	Not eligible	Must draw down 70% of each CWAGST Grant	Not eligible	Not eligible	Not eligible	Yes
Community-wide Assessment Grant	Must draw down 70% of each Assessment Grant	Yes	Must draw down 70% of each Assessment Grant	Must draw down 70% of each Assessment Grant	Not eligible	Yes
Assessment Coalition Grant (Lead)	Must draw down 70% of each Assessment Grant	Yes	Must draw down 70% of each Assessment Grant	Must draw down 70% of each Assessment Grant	Not eligible	Yes
Non-Lead Member of an Assessment Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
RLF Grant	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not eligible	Yes
Non-Lead Member of an RLF Coalition	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cleanup Grant	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not eligible	Yes

Note: Applicants must also meet all threshold criteria outlined in Section III. of the RFA. If you plan to apply for more than one grant type, please refer to the FY24 MARC Grant Eligibility Chart for Multiple Applications chart to determine which grant(s) are available to you.



FY24 Eligibility Chart for Multiple Applications

I AM APPLYING FOR	In FY24, can I also apply for...?					
	Multipurpose Grant	Community-wide Assessment Grants for States and Tribes	Community-wide Assessment Grant	Assessment Coalition Grant (Lead)	Non-Lead Member of an Assessment Coalition	Cleanup Grant
Multipurpose Grant	N/A	No	No	No	No	No
Community-wide Assessment Grants for States and Tribes	No	N/A	No	No	No	Yes
Community-wide Assessment Grant	No	No	N/A	No	No	Yes
Assessment Coalition Grant (Lead)	No	No	No	N/A	No	Yes
Non-Lead Member of an Assessment Coalition	No	No	No	No	N/A	No
Cleanup Grant	No	Yes (Choose One Type)			No	N/A



MARC GRANTS & ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES*

*Note that Revolving Loan Funds (RLF) are not included in FY2024 solicitations



MULTIPURPOSE GRANTS

MULTIPURPOSE GRANTS



These grant types are best for communities that have identified a discrete area with one or more brownfield sites.

Funding must be used to conduct both assessment and cleanup activities

Recipients are required to:

- Conduct at least one Phase II ESA and to cleanup one site;
- Develop overall plan for revitalization of target area (if one does not already exist)
 - Plan must include feasible reuse strategy for at least one priority site

Applicant must be sole owner of at least one brownfield site within target area by

November 13, 2023





MULTIPURPOSE GRANTS

Eligible activities encompass a range of tasks, including:

- Developing inventories of brownfield sites;
- Prioritizing sites;
- Conducting community engagement activities;
- Conducting environmental site assessments;
- Developing cleanup plans and reuse plans related to brownfield sites;
- Carry out cleanup activities on brownfield sites owned by the applicant;
- Developing revitalization plans



NEW CHANGES TO GRANT

Multipurpose



- Increase of funding from \$800k to \$1 million
- Participant support costs available to attend community meetings with prior approval by EPA:
 - Stipends for attendees
 - Attendee travel costs
 - Childcare expenses
- In the application: Provide examples of how the underserved population has been involved prior to and during ongoing community involvement activities



ASSESSMENT GRANTS

TYPES OF EPA ASSESSMENT GRANTS



Type of Grant	Coalition	Community-Wide	State & Tribal
Max \$ Amount	\$1.5 million	\$500,000	\$2 million
Geographic Area	Multiple properties in a targeted area	Multiple properties in a targeted area	Community-wide
Max Project Period	4 years	4 years	5 years



ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Assessment Grants



- Conduct site inventory, site prioritization and site assessments
- Conduct site redevelopment planning
- Conduct community involvement and facilitate area-wide planning
- Advance local cleanup and redevelopment planning centered around a brownfields-impacted area (site-specific cleanup, reuse plans)
- Conduct travel and training activities

NEW CHANGES TO GRANT

Assessment Coalition



- Increase of funding from \$500k to \$1.5 Million
- At least two (2) sites must be assessed in each member's boundary (increase from 1).
- Participant support costs available with prior approval by EPA include:
 - Stipends for attendees at community meetings
 - Attendee travel to meetings
 - Childcare expenses to encourage meeting attendance



CLEANUP GRANTS

ELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Cleanup Grants



Cleanup Grants can be utilized to fund activities at a single or multiple sites

Activities include:

- Program reporting, cleanup, oversight, environmental monitoring
- Redevelopment planning centered around a brownfields-impacted area (reuse plan)
- Sampling activities and cleanup alternatives with specific cost estimates are required.



OWNERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Cleanup Grants



- Applicant MUST be sole owner of the site by the time of submission.
 - Fee simple title through a legal document.
 - The owner must have conducted all appropriate inquiries (AAI) prior to acquiring the property. Typically included in the Phase I ESA.
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- Phase I ESA must be conducted 180 days before the property transfer.
 - **The owner must not be liable in any way for the contamination at the site or be affiliated with any person potentially liable for the contamination.**

NEW CHANGES TO GRANT Cleanup



- Increase of funding from up to \$2 million or up to \$5 million, depending on category
- State determination letter must indicate that the information is for FY24 Cleanup Grant application, and not a previously submitted application
- Provide examples of how the underserved population in has been involved prior to and during ongoing community involvement activities
- Regarding Guidance on Classifying Construction costs, when determining costs to include on the “Construction” budget line, EPA recommends applicants apply the “principal purpose of the contract” test
 - i.e. - If the principal purpose of contract is for construction services, then cost for contract should be placed on the “Construction” budget line

COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING Cleanup Grants



COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION

- Place Ad in local newspaper or an equivalent means to communicate with target community.
 - **No later than two weeks before the application submission.**
- Ad must include:
 - Where the draft application and ABCA is located
 - Instructions on how to comment on the draft
 - Date, time, and location of public meetings

COMMUNITY NOTIFICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING

Cleanup Grants

PUBLIC MEETING

- Discuss the draft application
 - Consider public comments
 - Can be a regularly scheduled community meeting with other topics
 - In-person or virtual
- Required attachments for grant application:
 - Comments or a summary of the public comments received
 - Response to public comments
 - Meeting notes or summary of public meeting(s)
 - Sign-in sheets or participant list



NEW CHANGES TO ALL APPLICATIONS



- Provide specific examples of how proposed project will address:
 - EJ challenges
 - Climate vulnerabilities and adaptations
- Describe your efforts to promote strong labor practices, local hiring, or link members of the community to potential employment opportunities in brownfields activities related to your project in a meaningful and equitable way.



QUESTIONS?



GRANT PACKAGE

NARRATIVE INFORMATION SHEET



⚠ Limited to 3 Pages ⚠

- Applicant Identification
 - Name & Full Address
- Funding Requested
 - Grant Type
 - Federal Funds Requested
 - Amount
 - ~~Cost Share Waiver - yes/no (Cleanup and Multipurpose only)~~ - Not FY24
- Location
- Property Information (Site-Specific Assessment and Cleanup Only)
- Contacts
- Population- of your jurisdiction or the targeted areas
- Other factors checklist
 - Letter from DNREC
 - Releasing Copies of Applications



FEDERAL FORMS



- Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)
- Budget information for Non-Construction Programs (SF-424A)
- EPA Key Contacts Form 5700-54
- Pre-award Compliance Review Report (EPA Form 4700-4)
- Project Narrative Attachment Form
 - Attach the Narrative Information Sheet, the Narrative, and required attachments as one file.
- Sample Federal forms are [available](#) here
- Guidance for completing [Form 4700-4](#)

ANALYSIS OF BROWNFIELDS CLEANUP ALTERNATIVES (ABCA)



Cleanup Grants

- The site and contamination issues, cleanup standards, and applicable laws;
- The cleanup alternatives considered (for each alternative considered and the alternative chosen including information on the effectiveness, ability of the applicant to implement, the resilience to address potential adverse impacts cause by extreme weather events, the cost, and an analysis of the reasonableness); and
- The proposed cleanup



GRANT PACKAGE:

Letter From State Environmental Authority

LETTER FROM DNREC



- Required attachment for all grants
- Acknowledges state's awareness and support of the project(s)
- New - Site Characteristic level from ESA
- One letter can be used for multiple applications
- Contact for State Letter
 - Melissa Leckie
 - Melissa.Leckie@delaware.gov
- Request should:
 - Include short summary of grant concept.
 - Allow for 1 week turn around time from DNREC
 - Be submitted by **November 3, 2023.**

GRANT PACKAGE:
Narrative Criteria: All Grants



Narrative Criteria Part 1:

Project Area Description & Plans for Revitalization

- **Target Area and Brownfields**
 - Background and Description of Target Area
 - Description of the Priority Brownfield Site(s)
- **Revitalization of the Target Area**
 - Reuse strategy and alignment with revitalization plans
 - Outcomes and benefits of reuse strategy
- **Strategy for Leveraging Resources**
 - Resources needed for Site Reuse
 - Use of existing infrastructure

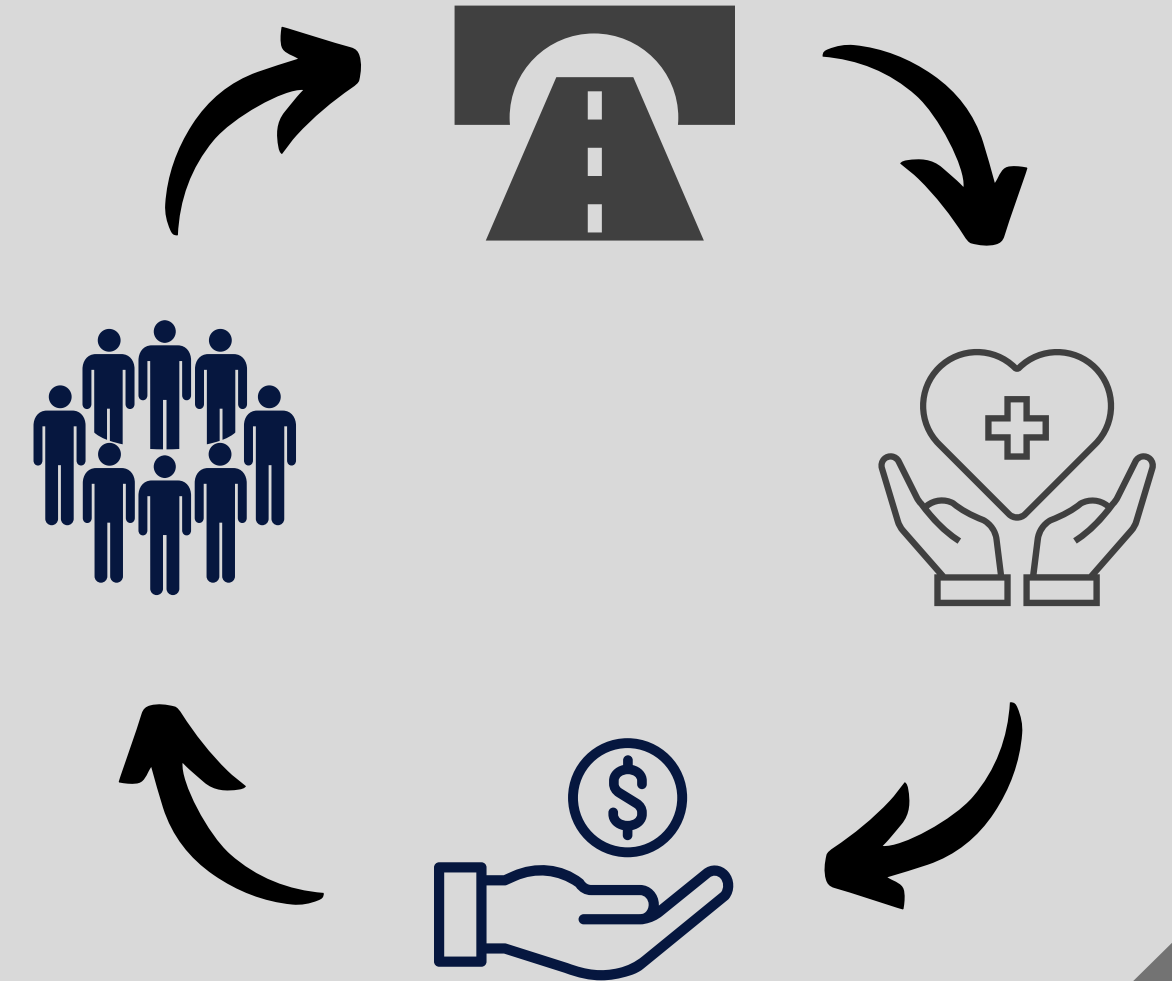




Narrative Criteria Part 2:

Community Need

- **Community Need**
 - The Community's Need for Funding
 - Threats to Sensitive Populations
- **Community Engagement**
 - Project Partners
 - Project Partner Roles
 - Incorporating Community Input
 - Extent that plan to communicate project progress to community affected by project work will be involved AND extent their input will be considered in a meaningful way
- **Community Need for Funding**
 - Describe why the small and/or low-income community is unable to secure funding for brownfield activities
 - Describe how this grant will meet the needs of the small and/or low-income community





Narrative Criteria Part 3:

Task Descriptions, Cost Estimates, and Measuring Progress



Things to Remember:

- Project implementation
- Anticipated project schedule
- Task/activity lead
- Outputs
- Cost estimates

- Fully explain any Participant Support cost and processes
- Discuss how you will identify additional sites (assessment)
- Be clear on how cost estimates were calculated and estimated
- For Assessment:
 - Projects that allocate at least 40% of the funds to tasks directly associated with site-specific work (i.e., Phase I and Phase II site assessments and site-specific cleanup planning) will be evaluated more favorably.



Narrative Criteria Part 3:

Task Descriptions, Cost Estimates, and Measuring Progress

Project
Budget
Examples



Task 3 – Site Assessments:

In-kind Labor: Average of 16 hours of staff/month (16x36x\$40/hr) = \$23,040 (leveraged)
Contractual Costs: 10 Phase I ESAs (10x\$3,500 = \$35,000); 4 ACM Surveys (4x\$3,000 = \$12,000); LBP Surveys (4x\$2,500 = \$10,000); 1 Generic QAPP (\$2,500); 5 SAPs (5x\$3,000 = \$15,000); 5 HASPs (5x\$1,500=\$7,500); 5 Phase II ESAs (5x\$29,800 [avg./Phase II] = \$149,000) = **\$231,000**

Task 4 – Cleanup & Redevelopment Planning:

In-kind Labor: Average of 6 hours of staff/month (6x36x\$40/hr) = \$8,640 (leveraged)
Contractual Costs: 3 ABCAs (3x\$3,500 = \$10,500); 2 Site Reuse/marketing Plans (2x\$9,000 = \$18,000) = **\$28,500**

PROJECT BUDGET TABLE

Budget Categories	Tasks				Total
	Project Management	Community Outreach	Site Assessments	Cleanup & Redevelopment	
Personnel*	In-kind	In-kind	In-kind	In-kind	In-kind
Travel	\$7,500				\$7,500
Contractual	\$18,000	\$15,000	\$231,000	\$28,500	\$292,500
Total	\$25,500	\$15,000	\$231,000	\$28,500	\$300,000

**In-kind Labor Total = \$68,160*

Narrative Criteria Part 3:

Task Descriptions, Cost Estimates, and Measuring Progress



OUTPUTS

Cleanup Grant outputs include, but are not limited to:

- Cleanup plans
- Community Involvement Plans
- Final Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternative Documents
- Administrative records, and
- Cleanup completion report or letter

Assessment Grant outputs include, but are not limited to:

- Site inventories
- Phase I and II ESAs
- Site Cleanup plans
- Planning activity deliverables, and
- Community meetings

Narrative Criteria Part 3:

Task Descriptions, Cost Estimates, and Measuring Progress



Measuring environmental results: Anticipated Outputs/Outcomes

- Discuss your plan to track, measure, and evaluate progress in achieving project outputs, overall project results, and eventual project outcomes

Tracking tools to consider:

- Software products
- Progress reporting
- Scheduled team progress meetings
- Contractor support

Tracking your accomplishments (the big picture):

- Status on leveraging other critical funding
- Strides toward accomplishing redevelopment vision plans

Narrative Criteria-CLEANUP ONLY

Task Descriptions, Cost Estimates, and Measuring Progress

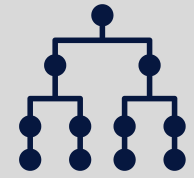


Proposed Cleanup Plan

- Outline the cleanup plan(s) proposed for the site(s)
- Briefly describe the contaminated media to be addressed, cleanup method(s), and disposal requirements
- Can pull from the ABCA- reviewers will NOT see the ABCA, so make sure the important information is in this section as well!

Narrative Criteria Part 4:

Programmatic Capability and Past Performance



Organizational Structure

- Explain how your team will be structured to ensure that the grant will be carried out successfully.



Description of Key Staff

- Discuss key staff that will work together successfully to implement the grant.



Acquiring Additional Resources

- Discuss the systems in place to acquire any additional expertise and resources.

Narrative Criteria Part 4:

Programmatic Capability and Past Performance



Must answer one of the three categories:

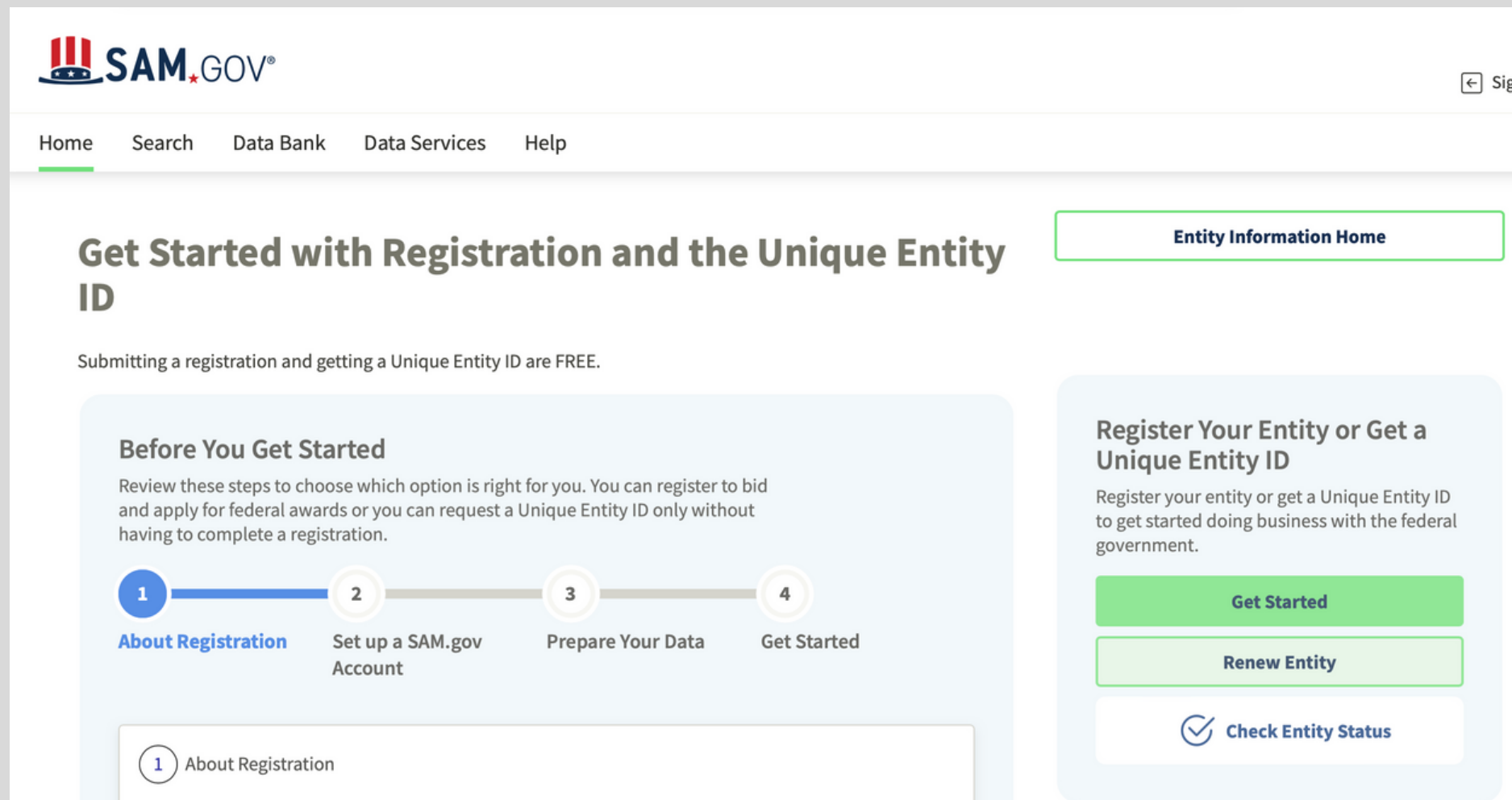
- 1.) Applicants who currently have/have previously received an EPA Brownfields Grant*
- 2.) Applicants who have NOT received an EPA Brownfields Grant but have received other federal/non-federal assistance agreements (grants)
- 3.) Applicants who have never received federal or non-federal assistance agreements (grants).

*Multipurpose, Assessment, RLF, Cleanup, and/or 128(a) Grants ONLY. For other Brownfield Grants, see next option.



SAM.GOV





The screenshot shows the SAM.gov homepage. At the top left is the SAM.GOV logo with a star. Below it is a navigation menu with links for Home, Search, Data Bank, Data Services, and Help. The main heading is "Get Started with Registration and the Unique Entity ID". Below this heading, it states "Submitting a registration and getting a Unique Entity ID are FREE." There are two main sections: "Before You Get Started" and "Register Your Entity or Get a Unique Entity ID".

Before You Get Started
Review these steps to choose which option is right for you. You can register to bid and apply for federal awards or you can request a Unique Entity ID only without having to complete a registration.

1 About Registration | 2 Set up a SAM.gov Account | 3 Prepare Your Data | 4 Get Started

Register Your Entity or Get a Unique Entity ID
Register your entity or get a Unique Entity ID to get started doing business with the federal government.

Get Started
Renew Entity
Check Entity Status

- The System for Award Management (SAM) is an official website of the U.S. Government. There is NO cost to use SAM. You can use this site for free to:
 - Register to do business with the U.S. Government.
 - Update or renew your entity registration
 - Check the status of an entity registration
 - Search for entity registration and exclusion records
 - Can take at least 2 weeks or more to complete- **Don't Wait!**



You may already have this!

- If your organization has applied for federal funding- Not just EPA funding- in the past, you may already have a SAM.gov account and number.

A screenshot of the SAM.gov homepage. The top navigation bar includes "Home", "Search", "Data Bank", "Data Services", and "Help". The main header features the SAM.GOV logo and a badge that says "Official U.S. Government Website 100% Free". Below the header, there are two main content areas. The left area is titled "The Official U.S. Government System for:" and lists several services: "Contract Opportunities", "Contract Data (Reports ONLY from fpds.gov)", "Wage Determinations", "Federal Hierarchy (Departments and Subtiers)", "Assistance Listings", "Entity Information (Entities, Disaster Response Registry, Exclusions, and Responsibility/Qualification (was fapiis.gov))", and "Entity Reporting (SCR and Bio-Preferred Reporting)". The right area is titled "Register Your Entity or Get a Unique Entity ID" and includes the text "Register your entity or get a Unique Entity ID to get started doing business with the federal government." Below this text are three buttons: "Get Started", "Renew Entity", and "Check Entity Status".

People to check with:

- Organization's Leadership
- City/County Clerk
- City Manager
- Grant Writer/Manager



- To Register/Check Status/Renew: www.sam.gov

You will need:

- ✓ Unique Entity ID
- ✓ Tax ID #
- ✓ Bank routing number, bank account number, and account type (i.e. checking/savings) to set up Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)
- ✓ All non-Federal entities must mail original, signed, and notarized letter to the Federal Service Desk within 30 days of activation.

DON'T FORGET

- Must be renewed every 12 months.
- Must be active when applying for grants.
- Make sure contact information is correct and up to date.
- FREE to register and renew- Watch Out for Scams!



VALUE OF THE GRANT DEBRIEF PROCESS

If you applied previously and were unsuccessful, refer to your Grant Debrief



- Valuable resources for localities that were not selected for their respective grant
- Debrief meetings are conducted verbally between applicants and EPA Region 3 representatives to discuss the grading outcome of the grant application
- Opportunity to answer any questions and discuss sections of the application/narrative that can be improved upon for the next grant cycle
- Ultimately, we are all on the same team and want you to be successful!





QUESTIONS?

BROWNFIELDS SUCCESS STORIES

Wilmington Brew Works

- Former chemical lab and electroplating, closed in 2000
- Over \$3M state HSCA Funding
- \$42,000 EPA Brownfields Assessment Funding
- \$305,000 Wilmington Urban Development Action Grants
- Now successful brewery, restaurant, and office space. WBW opened 2018
- Many breweries in Delaware are former brownfields - Dogfish Head in Milton, Iron Hill in Wilmington, and Liquid Alchemy in Newport



BROWNFIELDS SUCCESS STORIES

Diamond State Salvage Site, Wilmington

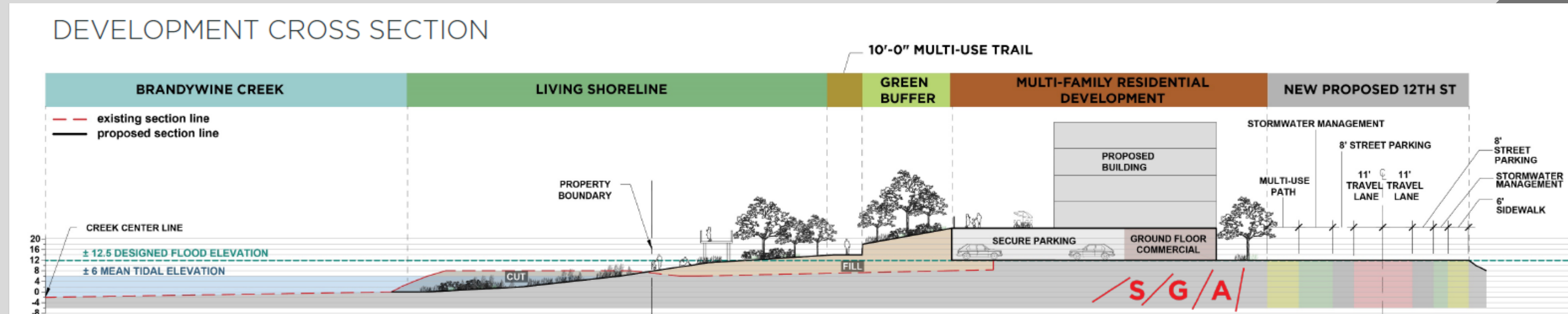
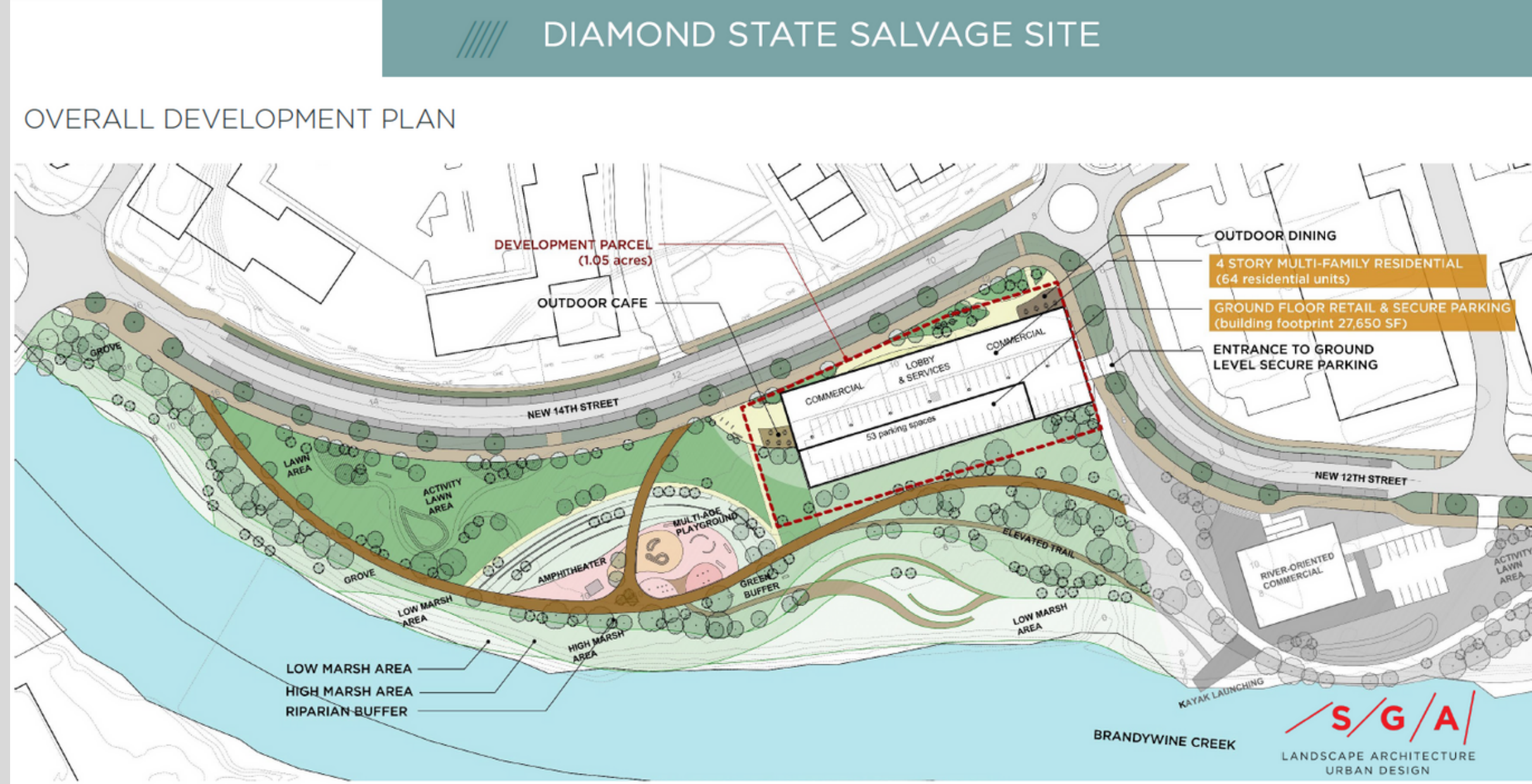


- Metal salvage yard from 1949 to 1992
- City purchased the site in 2008 and entered it into the DNREC Brownfields Development Program in 2010
- Identified as a Catalyst Site in the City's EPA Area Wide Planning grant effort which was completed in 2020
- City's current EPA Brownfield Assessment grant being utilized to further refine reuse plan and coordinate with DNREC on remedial work utilizing \$1M of DNREC funding.

BROWNFIELDS SUCCESS STORIES



- recreational green space
- commercial space
- improved traffic flow
- flood control
- safer environment



WVU TAB CAN HELP!



WVU TAB

Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB)

- **Brownfield Education**
 - Trainings, webinars, events
- **Resource Identification**
 - Grant writing assistance, grant review, resource road maps
- **Local Brownfield Program Support**
 - Brownfield Inventory Development, questions on sites, technical support
- **Project Development & Design Assistance**
 - Site-specific design assistance, design support from WVU Davis College.



IMPORTANT DEADLINES



NOVEMBER 3

Deadline to submit draft applications to WVU TAB for review

NOVEMBER 3

Deadline to submit request for letter to DNREC

NOVEMBER 13

EPA Grant Submittal Deadline

RESOURCES AND REFERENCES

Upcoming Events & Webinars: <https://brownfields.wvu.edu/events>

Grant Writing Resources: <https://brownfields.wvu.edu/resources/grant-writing>

State Resources: <https://brownfields.wvu.edu/resources/state-resources>

Funding Opportunities: <https://brownfields.wvu.edu/resources/opportunities>

EPA Eligible Planning Activities:

<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/information-eligible-planning-activities>

EPA EJScreen: <https://brownfields.wvu.edu/resources/opportunities>

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EPA Webinars

<https://www.epa.gov/brownfields/marc-grant-application-resources>

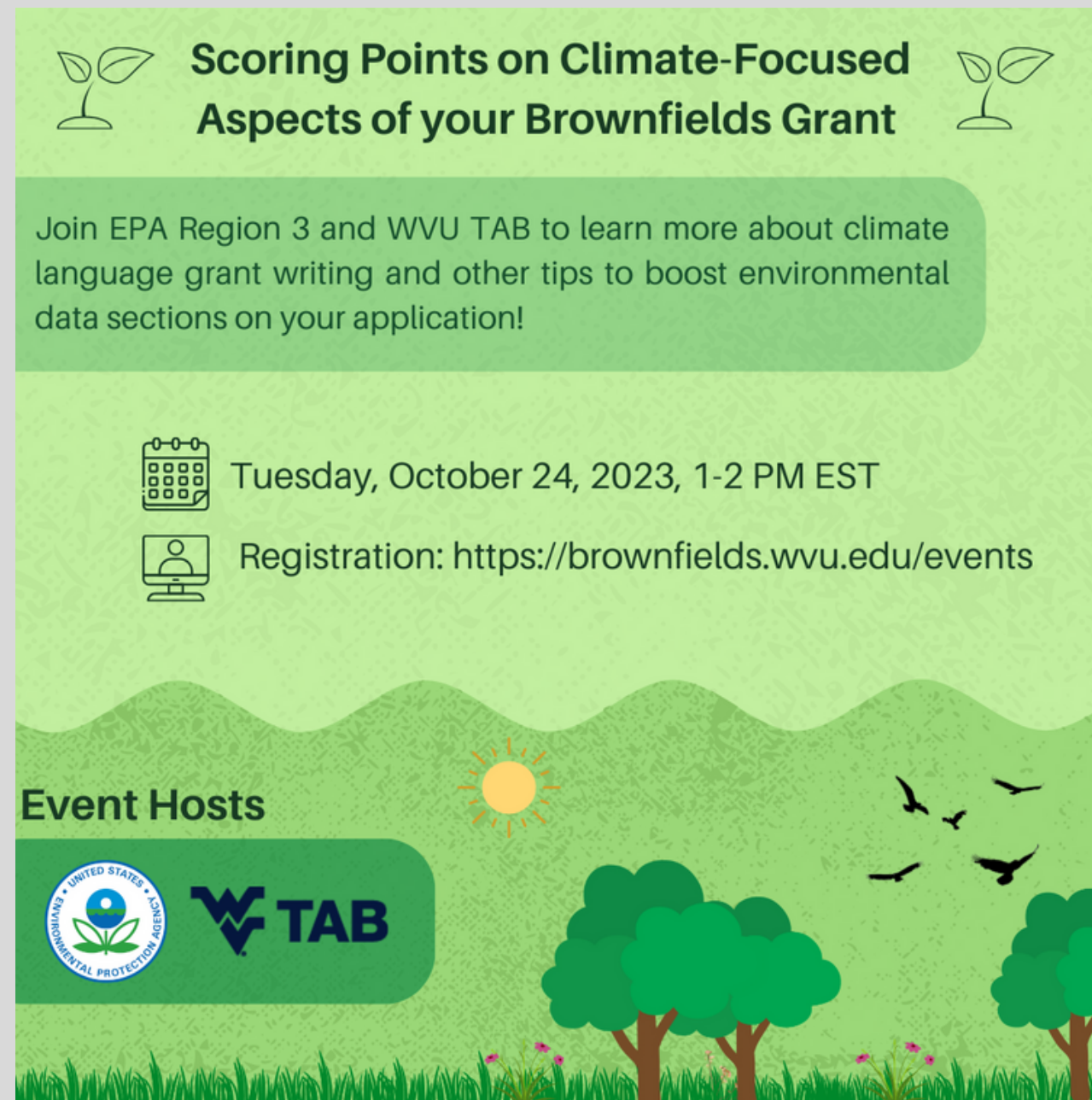
DNREC Resources



<https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/waste-hazardous/remediation/brownfields/>

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EPA Webinar on Brownfields Grant Updates Related to Climate Change


<https://brownfields.wvu.edu/events/scoring-points-on-climate-focused-aspects-of-your-brownfields-grant>





 **Scoring Points on Climate-Focused Aspects of your Brownfields Grant** 

Join EPA Region 3 and WVU TAB to learn more about climate language grant writing and other tips to boost environmental data sections on your application!

 Tuesday, October 24, 2023, 1-2 PM EST

 Registration: <https://brownfields.wvu.edu/events>

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