

# Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality Brownfield's Program



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Problem?



Or



Potential?



# General Redevelopment Process of Brownfield Sites

1. Identify Brownfield
2. Assess/Investigate Brownfield
  - Phase I/II Environmental Site Assessment.
    - ★ Confirm or refute the presence of contamination



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3. If necessary, additional investigation & cleanup of a Brownfield site can be done under the NDEQ's Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP).
  - \* The VCP is a fee based program that helps guide a site through cleanup and to a No Further Action status.
  - \* Eligible cost under EPA's Cleanup Grant
4. Redevelop property



# NDEQ's Assistance to your EPA Grant Application

- ❖ Review Drafts of your grant application offering editing and ideas for improvement.
- ❖ Provide a formal letter of support – a requirement for your application.



# **NDEQ can best help your EPA Grant Application when....**

- ❖ **A few months in advance....we can suggest “*actions to take*” to improve your grant application**
- ❖ **Allow time for multiple iterations, we may be reviewing more than one grant application.**
- ❖ **Make it stand out; box in or break it up, make it visual appealing**



# Most common improvements

- ❖ Follow the guidelines, address each criterion individually.
- ❖ Describe your budget in detail.
- ❖ Paint a verbal picture of your brownfields community. Follow it up with statistics.



# Most common improvements

- ❖ Tie the beginning need to the end story.
- ❖ Explain why this project is so important for the community. Make the reviewer cry.
- ❖ Be concise. Maximize impact. Your reviewer has very little time. They may be from a different part of the country.





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- ❖ To find other possible brownfield sites in your community visit:

<http://deqims.deq.state.ne.us/DEQ/Disclaimer.jsp>

<http://www.epa.gov/emefdata/em4ef.home>



# What can NDEQ do to help if you are not ready to apply this year?

- ★ NDEQ's Section 128(a) program provides assistance to assess and clean up brownfield sites (clean up money is very limited) at no cost to the community
- ★ NDEQ typically does not provide money. NDEQ uses our contractors to perform the S128(a) investigation
- ★ NDEQ is available to meet and discuss the Brownfield and Voluntary Cleanup Programs



# Who do you call at NDEQ?

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# Questions?

