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Sustaining Economic Development Through Community Health: A New Brownfields Redevelopment Model


BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT

Redevelopment of brownfields can help overcome core challenges to community vitality- pollution, disease, poverty, and crime. By understanding these challenges and how they relate to brownfields redevelopment, human and financial resources can be leveraged to ensure sustainable brownfields projects. The Brownfields and Public Health Initiative is an emerging innovative model that incorporates a public health framework into brownfields redevelopment. With health defined as physical, mental and social
well-being of the individual, family, and community, this model produces tangible benefits for the people living in brownfields areas. Using a community based approach, this model creates dynamic partnerships between the community, health care, brownfields, and government sectors to overcome systemic challenges to
 community sustainability.

## \& COMMUNITY VITALITY

BLUEPRINT FOR ACTION
Community Environmental \& Health Assessment
Education and Engagement of Stakeholders
Contamination Response \& Health Land Uses


## MODELS OF SUCCESS

Greenwood Community Health Resources Center (Florida)
Mercy Hospital /Johnnie Ruth-Clarke Center (Florida)
Greater New Bedford Community Health Center (Massachusetts)
Gila River Indian Community Diabetes Center (Arizona)
Weequahic Park Association (New Jersey)

