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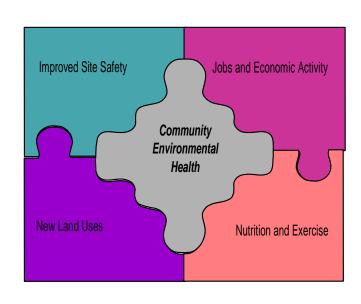
Sustaining Economic Development Through Community Health:
A New Brownfields Redevelopment Model



## BROWNFIELDS REDEVELOPMENT & COMMUNITY VITALITY

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.



## **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)