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18th Street Corridor Brownfields Assessment Report Released

18th Street Corridor Report 2014
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Project Summary
In October 2011, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) awarded Louisville Metro Department of Economic Growth and Innovation (MEGI) the Brownfields Assessment Grant for hazardous brownfields and brownfields. As part of this grant, MEGI partnered with the University of Louisville Center for Environmental Policy and Management (CEPM) to collect and update existing site and clean-up information through public meetings about past and future uses of properties along the 18th Street Commercial Corridor in Louisville, KY.

Vacant Properties and Brownfields
740 unique properties within the 18th St. study area were characterized by Louisville Metro Department of Codes and Regulation as vacant as of April 2014. This results 376 of 355 parcels in the study area. Louisville Metro uses three classifications for Vacant Properties. They are distributed as follows in the study area:
1. Regular Vacant Structure - 64%
2. Regular Vacant Lot - 12%
3. Court Vacant Structure - 7%
Louisville Metro defines **Brownfields** as vacant or underutilized sites, where the threat of contamination has made redevelopment more complex or a abandoned manufacturing facilities, gas stations and dry cleaners. 2009 data compiled by AMEC show:
• Eight sites with potential hazardous substances and 8 sites with potential petroleum.
• Four sites with hazardous material with one other site previously characterized as a hazardous materials site by the EPA.
• Sixty Underground Storage Tanks at 17 sites in the study area.
• One parcel characterized as "under-utilized" at the edge of the study area.

Community Suggestions for ReUse
Information and ideas were collected and shared with community members through three public meetings, Facebook, and collaboration from the 163 member-driven vacant property inventory.

Community Identified Assets
Cultural/Historical Sites
• Kentucky Center for African-American Heritage, 1701 W. Muhammad Ali Boulevard
• Louisville Metro Parks
• California Park, 1324 South 16th Street
• California Community Center, 1802 W. St. Catherine Street
• California Leisure Open Space, 963 Dixie Highway
• Victory Park, 1001 S. 29th Street
• St. Louis Park, 2023 St. Louis Avenue
• Community Organizational
• Future YMCA, 18th Street and Broadway
• St. Stephen Baptist Church, 2018 S. 15th Street
Commercial
• James Boy Food Mart, 1200 Dixie Highway
• Rita Way Bar-B-Que House, 1548 W. St. Catherine Street
Business/Manufacturing
• Brown-Forman Company, 850 Dixie Highway
• EdgewaterOutdoor
• Whalley Elementary, 1107 S. 17th Street
• Louisville Metro Services
• Louisville Metro Police - 2nd Division, 3419 Bullock Avenue
• Louisville Fire Department Louisville Fire-Flight Company, 17, 1824 Garland Avenue
• Louisville Fire Training Academy, 1501 W. 18th Street

Summary Recommendations
• **Build the 18th Street Corridor story to current and former types of potential investors** by highlighting the past vibrant nature of the corridor, the current situation, and its potential future especially as it connects to economic and community growth that tracks all the way to Fort Knox.
• **Coordinate efforts of Louisville Metro vacant properties and brownfields inventories** or ways that address issues of both programs.
• **Create a Special District** along an appropriate segment of the corridor that focuses financial incentives for investment on 18th Street.
• **Designate the Corridor a Green Center** for encouraging green infrastructure projects.
• **Create a partnership** between neighborhood organizations, the business community and Louisville Metro.
• **Revitalize local banks/credit unions** to locate in the area.
• **Connect residents with financial educational/grant programs** to increase home ownership along the corridor.
• **Target clean and light industry** for re-use opportunities.
• **Encourage farmers markets, community gardens and local retailers** to locate along the corridor.
• **Invest in street edge and mobility improvements.** CEPM staff, the UofL, Captions 2012 project and the 2012 Neighborhood Planning Study (captions) and ENRUM in their Park Hill Industrial Corridor Short-term Transportation Planning Study, all included a detailed set of suggestions for street edge and mobility improvements. Specific ones in the full report. Some key recommendations include creating alleyways at Broadway and of Algonquin Parkway, create bus stop shelters, enhance bus stops with shelters and benches, plant appropriate street trees, designate bike lanes, install bike racks, improve rail crossings appearance at Standard, add street furniture, improve pedestrian pathways, install raised planted medians in appropriate locations, and support a neighborhood banner program.

From Brownfields Full Report
The full report is a tool for residents, business owners, Louisville Metro agencies and other community stakeholders to promote positive change and encourage the revitalization of the 18th Street corridor. Full Report and Project Documents available for download at <http://cepm.createsend.com/t/ViewEmail/r/03384F8B8CC41F232540EF23F30FEDED/C67FD2F38AC4859C/> and hard copy at the Louisville Free Public Library Main, Shawnee, and Shively Branches, and upon request from CEPM.

The 18th Street Corridor Brownfields Assessment Grant was completed with the release of the report describing the findings from a series of community meetings, outreach by Neighborhood Center for Community Change, AMEC, and UofL capstone students. The report highlights opportunities within the corridor for development and improvement and provides a snapshot of changes already taking place. The full report can be accessed [here](#).

New Practice Guides!

We are pleased to announce the availability of three new practices guides. See a listing of all our practice guides [here](#).

Using Principles of Sustainability to Improve Student Health The rising obesity rate among children under 18 is a critical public health

issue and has led to illnesses normally associated with adults being detected among school-age children. Poor eating habits and lack of exercise are the two biggest contributors to this epidemic. This practice guide offers suggestions on how principles of environmental sustainability—such as walkable streets, civic agriculture, and environmental justice—can also help improve the health of our nation’s children by increasing access to healthy food and opportunities for exercise in both our schools and communities.

Communities, Trains, and Trainyards: Exploring Options for Affected Municipalities This practice guide addresses how communities can work with rail carriers and regulators to improve community well-being and enact appropriate regulations to preemptively protect community health and well-being. State and federal regulations, idling, whistles and train noise, chemical leaks, transload facilities, and rail safety are discussed in a problem-solution format.

Sustainable Water Management on Brownfields Sites Managing stormwater is a central concern for municipalities struggling with more intense weather events and increased pressure to develop land that would have previously accommodated stormwater through infiltration. Green infrastructure, which creates an infrastructure through engineered and natural components that act as a living infrastructure for stormwater management, and low-impact development that manages stormwater close to the source in a way that replicates the pre-development management of water on a site, are proven methods to manage stormwater more efficiently. This practice guide makes the case for using green infrastructure on brownfield sites as a way to offer an environmentally friendly amenity while also meeting cleanup requirements. It includes a brief history of brownfields, a description of cleanup practices, examples of potential uses of green infrastructure and low-impact development on brownfield sites, a summary of current sources of funding for including green infrastructure and low-impact development on a site, followed by case studies of developments that successfully included green infrastructure or low-impact development.

McFerran's Headstart One Mile Walker's Club Community Garden

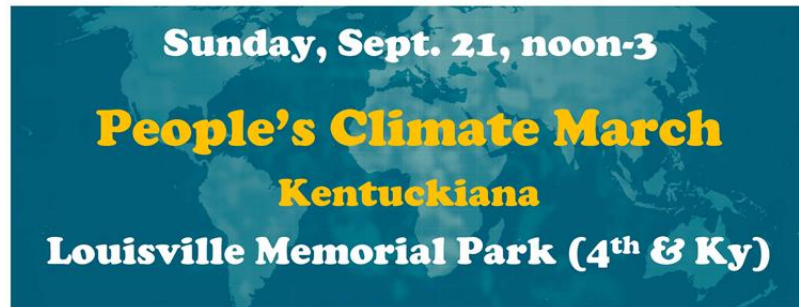


We were thrilled to assist Ms. Pamela Sutton at McFerran Headstart in teaching her students about healthy eating by installed two raised beds. Working with local companies, we were able to provide Ms. Sutton with the beds and soil to get her students started growing their own healthy food. The beds were filled with soil on Friday, September 25, and planting took place immediately afterward. Learn more at: CEPM's [Safe Urban Gardening Program](#).

Webinar: Brownfields and Vacant Properties Inventories & Information Systems: Lessons from the Field

The August 2014 webinar [Brownfields and Vacant Properties Inventories & Information Systems: Lessons from the Field](#) is now available online. Learn about the value and various means of conducting inventories and property condition surveys as building information systems around brownfields and vacant properties. Examples include how communities can use this data to inform development and implementation of plans, spur strategic revitalization initiatives, leverage funding and educate and engage the public. Learn more about other information made available by the HUD Sustainable Communities Capacity Building Grant [here](#).

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"Suddenly, Nothing Was Ever the Same": Hurricane Sandy



Donald Watson will be hosting a webinar on September 26, 2014, at 12 pm EST. He is co-author of the 2011 book, "Design for Flooding:

Resilience to Climate Change," published before Hurricanes Irene and Sandy battered the U.S. Eastern Seaboard States and urban centers. These events came as a surprise to many in the planning and development fields, and even more so, to the devastated communities still recovering from its economic, social, public safety and health impacts. In this introductory overview, Watson will review the strengths and weaknesses of present-day planning for natural disasters. He explains how "stumbling blocks" can become "stepping stones" in improving our cities, states and regions and presents "CPR: Community Planning for Resilience," an approach now required for sound, safe, and resilient communities across our nation.

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