

SUPPORTING EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE IN BROWNFIELDS COMMUNITIES

Free Technical Assistance from Groundwork USA

Groundwork USA is a national organization with local roots that works to empower people and engage local businesses, organizations, and government officials to revitalize neighborhoods and transform community liabilities into community assets. US EPA is funding Groundwork USA to help communities understand and integrate environmental justice and equitable development principles into local brownfields assessment, cleanup and reuse projects. Through May 2024, brownfield communities can access Groundwork USA's resources and technical assistance for free! Groundwork USA's offerings will include:

- ▶ **Developing a visual resource library** with a series of audio, video and visual guides to demonstrate community engagement activities and make critical aspects of the redevelopment process more accessible and engaging for residents, nonprofits, government organizations and developers.
- ▶ **Delivering a series of workshops and trainings** to build local capacity for implementing equitable development and environmental justice principles into brownfields projects. Trainings include supporting long-term engagement with a broad coalition of stakeholders, developing environmental justice and equitable development goals, and other community-identified topics. Many of these trainings will be offered via Zoom and recordings will be made available in the visual resource library.
- ▶ **Offering direct technical assistance** to approximately 25 clients, particularly those located in under-resourced communities and communities of color, based on their self-identified needs as they relate to:
 - Building stakeholder capacity to integrate equity and environmental justice into all phases of the brownfield process
 - Building technical capacity to enhance community involvement in brownfield reuse
 - Vision building, shared leadership and decision making
 - Setting, evaluating, and communicating progress on environmental justice and equitable development goals
 - Community resilience in the face of climate change
 - Using area-wide maps to develop a land reuse strategy that prioritizes community need



For access to Groundwork's resources and to request technical assistance, visit: <https://groundworkusa.org/ta-services/our-services/>

For more information on EPA's Brownfields and Land Revitalization Program, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/brownfields>