

# NATIONAL BROWNFIELDS COALITION



CENTER FOR CREATIVE  
LAND RECYCLING  
RECLAIM. CONNECT. TRANSFORM.



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## WHAT IS THE COALITION?

The National Brownfields Coalition is a non-partisan alliance of nonprofit, public, and private sector professionals who develop and advocate for policies and practices that support the responsible cleanup and reuse of underutilized or environmentally impacted land. A unifying and respected voice, the Coalition educates, advocates, and convenes stakeholders nationally to advance the social, economic, public health, environmental, and quality of life benefits of environmental cleanup and reuse for all communities.

## WE BELIEVE

- ... protecting public and environmental health is fundamental to the sustainable and equitable cleanup and redevelopment of brownfield sites.
- ... multi-sector and community-centered redevelopment – be it in urban, rural, or tribal areas – leads to smarter, more sustainable, and more equitable outcomes.
- ... by working together across sectors and fields, practitioners are better positioned to organize for maximum impact in order to confront evolving challenges to land reuse and cleanup, such as emerging contaminants and related regulatory responses.

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*“The efforts of the National Brownfields Coalition are very effective at identifying challenges with the brownfield program and advocating for positive change with our congressional representatives. I encourage all brownfield practitioners and advocates to join the efforts of the National Brownfields Coalition to identify and promote positive changes for this vital issue.”*

- Randy Brandt, P.G. Senior Principal Geologist, Geosyntec Consultants

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## POLICY DEVELOPMENT & ADVOCACY

The Coalition advocates for funding and policies that support the cleanup and redevelopment needs of underutilized and environmentally impacted land. The Coalition successfully:

- Convenes national leaders in brownfield cleanup and reuse regularly to increase their expertise, leadership, and relationships on important brownfield policy topics;
- Advocates annually for robust federal funding for brownfield programs at both the federal and state levels;
- Advocates for federal legislation like the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the Brownfields Utilization, Investment and Local Development Act (BUILD Act), the Brownfields Redevelopment Tax Incentive, and others that establish and fund the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields sites nationwide;
- Supports the improvement of federal environmental liability regulations; and
- Produces communications collateral and research that highlights best practices and lessons learned in brownfield redevelopment.

## BROWNFIELD COALITION CONVENINGS

The Coalition offers regular convenings that help emerging and experienced professionals learn to identify brownfields; federal and state programs governing brownfields; how to move forward with redevelopment from a legal, regulatory, and community engagement standpoint; and how to work with private-sector actors to attract development. The Coalition's collaborations are a valuable knowledge transfer tool that takes participants far beyond explaining legislation and to an understanding of how to successfully engage with all actors to transform the land itself.



**Smart Growth America** is a national nonprofit, advocacy organization that envisions a country in which no matter where you live, or who you are, you can enjoy living in a place that is healthy, prosperous, and resilient. We empower communities through technical assistance, advocacy, and thought leadership to realize our vision of livable places, healthy people, and shared prosperity.

**The Center for Creative Land Recycling** is the leading national nonprofit dedicated to transforming communities through land recycling. This means converting abandoned or vacant commercial and industrial properties to assets that benefit the community, create jobs and generate new tax revenues. We help transformations happen by educating and convening communities, government agencies, and the private sector to create optimal conditions for reinvestment.