Solar on Brownfields

Brown to Green
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Brownfield - Contaminated Sites Defined

**Brownfield Site** - With certain legal exclusions and additions, is defined as real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. Cleaning up and reinvesting in these properties protects the environment, reduces blight, and takes development pressures off green spaces and working lands.

The definition is found in Public Law 107-118 (H.R. 2869), the "Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act", signed into law January 11, 2012. View the text of the law


**Contaminated** - Site - shall mean any Source Area or series of Source Areas that have not reached final resolution under the Remediation Regulations. A Contaminated-Site may include unimpacted land between multiple Source Areas in close proximity to one another. A Contaminated-Site shall be considered to be independent of property lines.
Brownfield to Greenfield Process

Site Identification

Site Assessment - Ordinances / Zoning
Active / Inactive / Monitoring

Impact of Site and Solar on Site / Area

Community Support

Site Investigation - RIDEM / EPA
Brownfield to Greenfield Process

1. Remediation
2. Site Preparation for Solar
3. Construction
4. Operation and Maintenance
5. Monitoring (solar and contamination)
Financing

- Grants – Green
- Financing – Green (Bank / PACE)
- Tax Equity
- Sponsor Equity
- Financing – Brown - RIIB
- Grants – Brown – RIDEM / EPA

- Lease
- Taxes

Off-taker
Benefits of Brownfield Solar

- Property Taxes – Solar
- Area Valuations
- Labor and Related
- Energy Saving
- Infrastructure – Utility
- Remediation
- Lease Payments
Rose Hill Landfill Superfund Site Solar Project

4.7 MW DC
Plains Road Landfill Superfund Site Solar Project

4.6 MW DC
Thank – you