

Brownfield Elements

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Brownfield Elements

- Eligibility
- Application
- Picking sites
- Partnerships
- Funding/assistance



EPA Threshold Criteria

- Publically owned
- Not federally owned
- No viable responsible party



State of Alaska 46.03.822

- Any person who by contract, agreement, or otherwise arranged for disposal or treatment, of hazardous substances owned or possessed by the person ("Generators or Arrangers")
- Any person who accepts or accepted any hazardous substances, other than refined oil, for transport to disposal or treatment facilities, vessels, or sites selected by the person ("Transporters")

Partial Defenses Under 46.03.822

- Innocent Landowner (.822(c) and .822(i))
- Native Corporation receiving property under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act
- State government entity receiving property under Alaska Statehood Act
- Property acquired by a unit of local or state government through bankruptcy, foreclosure, tax delinquency, abandonment or eminent domain

Successful Projects

- Diverse project team
- **Community support**
- Reuse or redevelopment plans
- Other funding





Pitka's Point, Alaska – Pitka's Point School

- 2.28 acres
- 6 buildings
- 10% of developable land







Whittier, Alaska – Buckner Building

- •Built in 1950 by U.S. Military
- •\$6 million
- •273,000 square feet





Eligible Entities – DBAC's

Public, quasi-public, and non-profit entities such as:

- Tribes
- City and borough governments
- Non-profits
- State agencies
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Eligible Entities – Competitive Grants

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- Native Corporations and Inter-tribal consortia

Partnerships/Cooperation

- Partner with other organizations
- Seek out technical assistance
- Coordinate work effort



McGrath, Alaska – Community Center

- City of McGrath -Community Development Block
- McGrath Native Village
 Corporation Indian Community
 Development Block Grant
- State of Alaska Capital Improvement Project Funding
- DEC Brownfield Funding
- Raised over \$2 million



Kake, Alaska – Former Keku Cannery



Kake, Alaska

- Organized Village of Kake
- Kake Tribal Corporation
- State of Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development
- Bureau of Indian Affairs -Transportation Funds
- EPA/DEC
- Dept. of Transportation



• Every step forward is a success!

Communication

Collaboration



Funding and Assistance

HUD CDBG - Division of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development \$850,000 per community

https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/dcra/grantssection/communitydevelopmentblockgrant s.aspx

USDA – Rural Development

http://www.rd.usda.gov/files/AK_ProgramMatrix.pdf

CCLR

http://www.cclr.org/technical-assistance

DEC

http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/csp/brownfields.htm

Thank you! Questions?

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