



Delta Institute working with Little Village Environmental Justice Organization to facilitate a community meeting.

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES, REDEVELOPING BROWNFIELDS

TRANSFORMING BROWNFIELDS INTO COMMUNITY ASSETS

A community's social fabric is comprised of its history, location, culture, and its unique physical landscape of commercial and retail operations, residences, and local organizations and institutions. Each closed storefront or vacant home leaves a hole in that community. Some communities are plagued with these vacant spaces, which have a devastating effect on the economy, social fabric, and at times even public health of the community.

But every vacant site and brownfield represents an opportunity for revitalization. Community residents, business owners, and property owners can play a vital role in the planning and redevelopment process for those sites. Their role ensures that redevelopment benefits the community socially, economically, and environmentally.

WORK WITH DELTA INSTITUTE TO REVITALIZE YOUR COMMUNITY

Delta Institute works to promote economic development that is environmentally sustainable and socially equitable by developing innovative tools that educate and empower communities and property owners to redevelop vacant sites and brownfields.

Delta has engaged in community-driven brownfield redevelopment across the country and with a variety of partners, including: community-based organizations, environmental justice organizations, property owners, local, state and federal government agencies, elected officials, universities, federal agencies, and consulting firms. We meet communities "where they are" to inform, educate, and empower them to take an active and impactful role in brownfield redevelopment. Delta Institute provides the following services:

- Community visioning
- Stakeholder facilitation
- Technical assistance
- Community engagement and outreach
- Government grant writing
- Translation of Phase I and II environmental assessments
- Reuse strategy development
- Green infrastructure implementation
- Phytoremediation implementation
- Deconstruction program design
- Creating brownfield inventories
- Ranking and prioritizing inventories



About Delta Institute

Delta Institute is a nonprofit organization that builds a more resilient Great Lakes environment and economy through sustainable solutions.

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COMMUNITY-DRIVEN BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT

Delta Institute takes a unique hybrid approach to brownfield redevelopment that involves site assessments coupled with on-the-ground community engagement. Delta directly engages with community members and stakeholders throughout the redevelopment process to act as a facilitator, translator, and reuse strategist for sustainable redevelopment of sites.

1 LAND PLANNING

The first consideration in our redevelopment process involves assessing the current land characteristics of the area.

2 COMMUNITY ASSETS

Local residents are involved in identifying important assets, including roadways, access points for public transportation, industrial and commercial corridors, cultural, educational, medical, and commercial institutions, throughout the neighborhood.

3 POTENTIAL REUSE SITES

Dozens of sites may initially be considered for redevelopment. Community-led site exploration and research as well as input on site reuse ideas can help prioritize sites for redevelopment.

