



2023 PHOENIX AWARDS

Announcing the 2023 Phoenix Awards! The premier awards program for brownfields redevelopment is coming to Brownfields 2023 in Detroit, MI August 8-11, 2023.

The awards reflect the progression of brownfield redevelopment over the past 20+ years by recognizing extraordinary practitioners and projects. What was once a niche activity has grown into a practice area of its own with public, private, and nonprofit practitioners across the country focused solely on brownfields as an essential function of planning, economic development, environmental quality, and community development.

Nominations are due on April 17, 2023. All winners will be notified in June 2023 and recognized at Brownfields 2023 in Detroit, MI August 8-11, 2023.

If selected the information from your submission will be used in online and printed media. Please use spelling, capitalization and punctuation as you want it to appear.



PROJECT AWARDS

CATEGORIES:

Grand Prize (1 Award)

Regional Awards (10 Awards, 1 per EPA Region)

Application Outline

1. Project name
2. Project address
3. Project website and/or social media if applicable
4. Project size (Acres)
5. Redevelopment Team (Company/organization, team member names, partners, and affiliates.)
6. Previous uses (500 words max): Provide a brief narrative description about the site's previous use(s).

7. Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) and Remediation Approach & Regulatory Compliance (500 words max):
20%
Provide a description of the ESA & remediation approaches used to achieve regulatory compliance (or beyond). For ESAs, please describe what was already known, and what was discovered through the due diligence and site discovery phases. The remediation description might include, but not be limited to, the use of removal, engineering controls, institutional controls, in situ-bioremediation, monitored natural attenuation, augmented monitored attenuation, etc. Please include the name of the state regulatory program used, and the outcome such as a No Further Action determination, title restrictions, etc.

8. Redevelopment Description (500 words max):
30%
Describe the redevelopment project in terms of type (residential/commercial/industrial/mixed use/agricultural/other), timeline, and other important factors that might include but not be limited to details such as source of financing, political dynamics, public incentives, surrounding community, planning processes, stakeholder engagement, public private partnerships, political influence of remediation on design and programming, special partnerships, relationship to comprehensive or small area plans, etc.



9. Positive Impact (500 words max):

30%

Please describe the positive social, environmental, and economic impact the site's redevelopment provides. The description can span the project's timeline from site identification through construction and management. Factors to consider include, but might not be limited to, meaningful stakeholder engagement, environmental quality, job creation, increased tax base, economic opportunity for the surrounding community, affordable & workforce housing, equitable development, public health, green building, realization of local plans, greenspace/open space preservation, increased access to amenities, food access/food deserts, renewable energy, etc.

10. Innovation (500 words max):

20%

Please describe the innovations used on this project that helped bring it to fruition and resulted in compelling outcomes. Innovations might include but not be limited to the development concept and process, remediation approaches, technology, building science, partnerships, financing, liability management, etc.

11. Media Submission (optional):

You may submit media (photos, slides, videos) related to your project to accompany your submission. Provided media may be used in publications, news releases, online and in other communications.

(5 attachments, Link to media field)

Scoring Criteria

20%	Environmental Site Assessment and Remediation Approach & Regulatory Compliance
30%	Redevelopment Description
30%	Positive Impact
20%	Innovation



PEOPLE AWARDS

The People Awards recognize the people behind the projects. Winners receive recognition at the 2023 National Brownfields Training Conference and an award.

Linda Garczynski Brownfields Person of the year

The Linda Garczynski person of the year award recognizes an outstanding brownfield leader who recently championed brownfield redevelopment to promote and enhance significant community revitalization. Nominees come from the public, private, nonprofit, or community-based sectors. They display significant leadership in advancing the concepts, practices, and application of community renewal through brownfields cleanup and redevelopment. Nominations should describe the significant community impacts realized due to the leadership of the nominee.

Browndbreaker (Brownfield Groundbreaker)

The Browndbreaker is someone who has evolved the understanding and practice of brownfield redevelopment by retooling the goals, process, and outcomes of a community brownfields project to promote community revitalization, and championed new practices and game changing policies. Areas of activity can include, but are not limited to, stakeholder engagement, assessment and remediation, planning, policy, finance, and law. Nominees should demonstrate leadership in making a visible difference to an impactful community brownfields project and sharpening our practice.

State & Local Brownfield Leadership Award

The local leader award goes to someone at the local level (city/county/regional) who elevated our practice and made brownfields fundamental to how their communities evolve. The award goes to a public, private, or nonprofit leader who organized local communities, took risks, led projects, or otherwise demonstrated commitment to brownfield redevelopment.

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Rita Kottke State Brownfields Leadership Award

This award recognizes brownfield practitioners in state government from around the country whose dedication and leadership has advanced the state's presence in brownfield redevelopment. For Brownfields 2021 the award is named after the late Rita Kottke, a long-time brownfield champion who



started the Oklahoma Brownfields Program, was one of the most intelligent brownfield professionals in the country, and a humble public servant. Her leadership was a model for all of us.

Charlie Bartsch Lifetime Achievement Award

This award celebrates an outstanding leader for his or her service to brownfields communities over the course of a career (or most of one) elevating brownfield redevelopment. Coming from the public, private, or nonprofit sectors, the recipient is someone who has forever changed the way we see and engage in brownfield redevelopment. This award is named in honor of the late Charlie Bartsch, who not only coined the term “brownfield”, but mentored many of us in the brownfield community and left his imprint on our practice forever. Nominations must include a description of the nominee’s significant achievements over the course of his or her career and the impacts he or she provided the national brownfields community.

Application outline

1. Name of Nominee
2. Award Category
3. Location: City, State, neighborhood, etc.
4. Organization

5. Nomination narrative (500 word max): Please describe the activity the nominee has conducted in the brownfields arena that has influenced the way we work on brownfields today. Please refer to the description of the specific award for which they are nominated when creating this content. Tell us what the nominee does/did to shape brownfield redevelopment, and the positive impacts they have had on the environment, economy, and society. Be as specific as possible, with dates, outcomes, and other information that may help provide them with the recognition they deserve.
6. Links: Please include links to any news articles, websites, or other information that demonstrates the nominee’s merits.
7. Media Submission (optional):
You may submit media (photos, slides, videos) related to your nominee to accompany your submission. Provided media may be used in publications, news releases, online and in other communications. (5 attachments, Link to media field)

Scoring will be based on how closely a nominee reflects the award description.