

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Brownfield Redevelopment in the District of Columbia

Brownfield Revitalization Act of 2000

- Established a Voluntary Cleanup Program (VCP);
- Allows the creation of incentives for development of contaminated property;
- Exempts from liability those who voluntarily clean up contaminated property;
- Provides for long-term stewardship of sites that have been remediated;
- Prescribes criminal and civil penalties for the contamination of property.



The start of it all

Brownfield Revitalization Act of 2000

The Act also allows:

- Publishing of cleanup standards for contaminated properties
- Investigating brownfield properties;
- providing oversight for cleanup activities; and
- certifying the finality of cleanup programs

The Brownfield and VCP Program are funded primarily through

EPA CERCLA Section 128(a) Grant Funds





Remediation and Site Response Program

2010 Amendment to the Brownfield Act

- Authorized the District to establish a program for responding to releases of hazardous substances
- The Amendment created the **Remediation and Site Response Program**

The Remediation and Site Response Program is funded primarily by "Responsible Parties" through cost reimbursements, settlements, and fines.



Voluntary Cleanup/Brownfields Program

What is VCP?

- A step by step program for oversight of remediation projects
- Eligible developers enter program for a flat 10K fee;
- DOEE Reviews Application, Site Investigations and Cleanup Plan;
- Public Notification component;
- DOEE Review and Approval of Cleanup Plan;
- DOEE Reviews Closure report;
- Developer receives "Certificate of Completion" when done.

Benefits of VCP to Developers

- Time Much faster than a Consent Decree;
- **Cost** Less expensive than a room full of lawyers;
- Project Funding Lenders often need the certainty the VCP Program provides;
- Assurances Participants receive a Certificate of Completion that limits future liability if the cleanup is done according to plan.



Benefits of VCP to the District

- Remediation DOEE cannot afford to clean every contaminated site;
- Oversight We review and approve plans and conduct oversight to ensure compliance with agreed remedial actions;
- Environmental Health Encouraging development of contaminated sites is better than sites languishing;
- Tax Base Before VCP many of these properties would remain undeveloped due to the cost and perceived liability at contaminated sites.







Some VCP sites in the District



Nationals Park!



The Baldwin on H Street



33 Affordable Housing Units 30-50% Area Mean Income

Dry Cleaner



13th and M Street NW



Close to home?

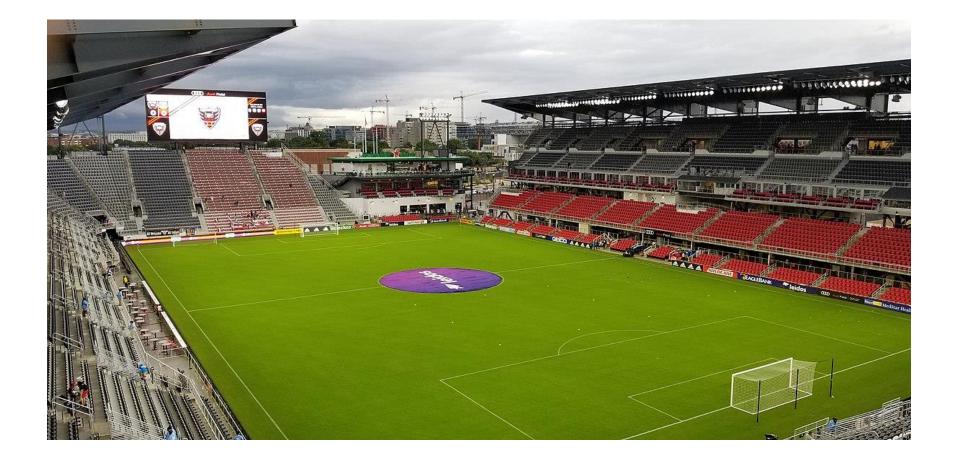


Nice pool!





Audi Field – DC United Soccer Stadium



- 67 VCP applications since 2000
- 206.6 acres of sites in the program
- Closed 30 VCP Cases
- Currently around 30 Projects are actively in planning stages or being developed
- 96 Acres of Brownfields redeveloped so far in DC
- VCP Participation has been increasing due to outreach and streamlining of the review process.

