In the spirit of continuous improvement and professional development, Indiana Brownfields Program (Program) staff attended the 2019 National Brownfields Training Conference held on December 11-13, with pre-conference programming on December 10. Of 1,819 conference attendees, 318 hailed from United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Region 5. Program staff, which included first-time conference attendees, were pleased to see many Indiana brownfield colleagues at the conference.

Beginner brownfield stakeholders and seasoned professionals (e.g., private developers, attorneys, environmental consulting firms, non-profit and community groups, academia, and local and state and federal agencies) from across the nation had access to more than 100 interactive educational sessions covering a variety of engaging topics, mobile and hands-on
workshops highlighting local brownfields redevelopment case studies/successes, technical assistance for communities, and one-on-one networking/business development opportunities. This premier event, currently offered every two years, is considered the largest gathering of brownfield professionals for promoting public/private partnerships to stimulate community revitalization and sustainable brownfields redevelopment.

As usual, the educational sessions addressed the multi-disciplinary nature of brownfields and included presentations covering financial investment, real estate transactions, economic development, cleanup liability, remediation approaches, state/tribal and local government programs and partnerships, innovations in planning and design tools, community engagement and environmental justice, local case studies, and sustainability and livability. Other significant portions of the conference included morning plenary sessions, Mayors roundtable, workshops, meetings, networking forums, and exhibits to showcase resources and successes.

Hopefully those able to attend will share what they learned with other brownfield stakeholders and implement such knowledge in their local redevelopment efforts. For those unable to attend, the highlights below comprise a small portion of the conference schedule. Most session presentations can be obtained from the conference Web site at: Educational Sessions: https://brownfields2019.org/education/

**Award**

**Brownfields Success – Kokomo, Indiana: Concentrated Investment in Downtown Revitalization**

As part of the pre-conference programming, Indiana Brownfields Program (Program) staff participated in the U.S. EPA Region 5 States Open House at which one brownfield project in each of the Region’s six states received an award recognizing outstanding contributions to brownfield redevelopment through a nomination process. The City of Kokomo, while unable to attend, was honored with an award for investment in its downtown revitalization project. The City is among those select communities that successfully secured brownfield grant funds directly from U.S. EPA via the annual, nationally competitive grant process. This project includes a variety of sites, illustrating that success is attainable when engaging and leveraging the right partners and right resources. Kudos to Kokomo!
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EPA Region 5 Brownfields Success
Kokomo, Indiana
Concentrated Investment in Downtown Revitalization

Background:
The area near Kokomo’s downtown was blighted and declining. The loss of a major auto manufacturing plant and other industries had left Kokomo in significant decline.

Approach:
- In the last ten years, Kokomo has invested $45.5 Million in green, sustainable downtown infrastructure and in municipal facilities, creating the beauty and the atmosphere for private investment.
- Kokomo has implemented multiple Brownfields grants, totaling $2.1 Million.
- The Brownfields investments have leveraged over $114 Million in private investment.

Results: A drive through Kokomo today shows a vital, well cared-for community.

Kokomo Downtown Revitalization Project Poster featured at Brownfields 2019 Conference

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The large downtown Kokomo redevelopment project includes sites enrolled in the Indiana Brownfields Program (Program), such as the Kokomo Convention Center. Below are some highlights:

Site Information

- 2.31-acre, 10-parcel site in Kokomo
- Previous history of auto sales, auto repair, gas station, hat maker, laundry, paint shop, jail, manufacturing, telephone company, and various retail and municipal offices

U.S. EPA Grant Awards to the City

- 2014 RLF Grant - $700,000
- 2015 Assessment Grant - $500,000
- $132,000 spent on the Convention Center site: 2 Phase Is, 4 Phase IIs, 2 asbestos and lead-based paint pre-demo assessments

Program Support

- Site was transferred from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) State Cleanup program to the Indiana Brownfields Program to issue completion letters for redevelopment in order to proceed with a hotel, convention center, and automobile museum

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- February 2019 Site Status Letter for northern half of the site
- September 2019 Site Status Letters (2) for the southern half of the site to the City and developer

Other Kokomo sites received Indiana Brownfields Program assistance through the issuance of Comfort Letters to facilitate redevelopment. For instance, the Apperson Way Apartments (Affordable housing) received a Comfort Letter for the former Master Circuits manufacturing and service station. Below are some photos of additional Kokomo sites with Program involvement.

306 Riverfront District Apartments
Comfort Letter for former machine shop, auto manufacturing, auto garage, trucking, lumber, funeral home, kitty litter manufacturing
Trailside Townhomes
Comfort Letter for former Haynes Auto and Chrysler Corp manufacturing facilities
(Construction February 2019 to March 2020)

Kokomo Residential Care Facility
Comfort Letter, Site Status Letter & UST removal/remediation for former lumber yard, auto service, sales, laundry and machine shop

Affordable Housing - 51 Unit
Comfort Letter for former Cintas-Mechanics Laundry facility
(Construction began June 2019)

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Additional Kokomo Sites

Wildcat Creek Soccer Complex - EPA Superfund Clean-up Funds
60 acres of Continental Steel site is now used as a soccer complex on the former Continental Steel EPA Superfund site

Inovateus and Alterra Power Corp. Solar Farm
EPA Superfund Clean-up Funds
29 acres of the site is now home to 21k solar panels that produce 7 megawatts of energy on the former Continental Steel EPA Superfund site

Infill Housing Project - EPA Assessment Phase I & II
This $1.6 million city-funded housing project was created to stabilize neighborhoods that have seen minimal new investment by building homes on underutilized lots. The homes will be for sale in open-market conditions and sale proceeds will be reinvested in the program to build additional homes.

Big Ben Coffee - EPA Assessment Phase I & II
The redevelopment of a former car wash property into a neighborhood coffee shop.

Trailside Townhomes
EPA Assessment Phase I & II, $450k RLF Clean-up Funds
The $6 million redevelopment of a former automobile factory will be transformed into a 23-unit affordable housing development.

Former Globe Steel Range Site - EPA Assessment Phase 1 & 2
The $14 million, 120-unit affordable housing project will be constructed on the former manufacturing site along the Industrial Heritage Trail.

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One of the Program’s Indiana colleagues was involved with a project showcased in the Poster Gallery of the Exhibit Hall highlighting a new inventory tool in development through the University of Louisville called the Brownfield Area Benefits Estimator (B Abe). With support from a U.S. EPA Brownfields k(6) research grant, a team led by the University of Louisville has spent the past three years designing the Brownfields Community Benefits Assessment Toolkit (BCBAT). During the conference, Indiana Brownfields Program staff attended two sessions that discussed and demonstrated how the project is comprised of two distinct tools:

- Benefit Analysis Tool (BAT) – discussion on use of data and various formulas based on research to project outcomes of different types of redevelopment (e.g., Food Source, Residential, Park/Greenspace)
- Mobile App “Brownfield Tracker” (Esri-based Survey123) – demonstration of what communities can deploy for free to gather brownfield inventory data and keep it fresh
Indiana Brownfields Program Staff
Conference Notes

In addition to connecting with state counterparts and communities from across the country, the Indiana Brownfields Program (Program) gained valuable experience by attending a wide variety of educational sessions at the conference. Recurring presentation themes included the importance of local leadership, power of partnerships, practice of community involvement, impact of navigating/leveraging mixed resources, value of proper legal counsel, flexibility of financing, significance of problem-solving skills, need for regulatory certainty with efficient timeframes and processes, and creativity in blending it all together to find success. The following highlights are some take-home points that resonated with staff:

- The overarching message of practically every presenter was that the community has to be involved. This rang true during one of the opening plenary sessions with “small-town enthusiast” speaker, Deb Brown, sharing how she inspires and collaborates with communities across the country; as well as during presentations given by consultants and enforcement agencies about redevelopment projects; and during the closing keynote presentation with the thought-provoking Vijay Gupta, who transcends environmental/economic issues through music for everyone, including the homeless in Skid Row, illustrating the importance of human connection in everything we do. The overarching message was that while an investor/developer might have a great vision for a site that is ready for reuse, the plan cannot come to fruition without community support.

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* Time and uncertainty are the biggest enemies for developers.

* A panel presentation with Kevin Lund of Michigan used a sink analogy to help illustrate the importance of assessing/sampling and how knowledge is power. As it was recounted, in your kitchen you have “something blue” under the sink – whether it is Windex or Dawn or Ammonia or Car wash soap. Whatever it is, it is in a bottle; you know it is there, that it is something you know you should not consume, and that it does not harm you when you use the sink or the rest of the kitchen. However, it has the potential for harm. This analogy was in reference to a site that most likely will not/cannot be cleaned up entirely. However, if the owner/users of the site understands what/where the “blue stuff” is, then they would not be harmed.

* Technical discussions about the emerging contaminant suite known as PFAS (“forever chemicals”) were important for a range of stakeholders, including project managers as well as policy-makers. Regardless of whether site operational history reveals the likelihood of PFAS use, PFAS is found on a majority of sites.

* Kentucky uses grad students on Superfund sites for sampling; the speaker called it “free work.”

* “Outreach and Uplift: Brownfields as a Platform for STEM Education” – in this somewhat unconventional session, the roundtable discussion focused on how other agencies/states are doing something to engage children (elementary to middle school) in recognizing brownfields. The following two questions came to mind while Program staff listened to professors and other state/federal agencies discuss what they have done to engage youth in brownfields and start education early:

  - Do we need to get kids involved?
  - Are we responsible for this educational tool for kids?

  This staff person believes so. For instance, there are areas in each town where a child riding his/her bike would not stop to play at or is scared to go to because of a boarded-up building. If children can recognize these areas, then the question is whether we can do something to help them increase their ability to recognize and to have an interest in cleaning up these areas, too.

* Continuing Obligations/“Common Elements”/Appropriate Care/Due Care/”Reasonable Steps” session regarding the 2019 revised guidance document to help stakeholders navigate activities after property purchase – this session recognized case-by-case decisions, but generally for site enforcement discretion, monitoring should be conducted at sufficient frequency.
* “The High Hanging Fruit: Harder to Reach but Still Oh So Sweet” – this session focused on how a brownfield approach of integrating redevelopment and remediation can be integrated into other state/federal regulatory programs. **Government can/should help mitigate risks** for developers through creative solutions and inter-agency cooperation. The handout to the right was provided at each table for discussion.

* “Catalyzing Development in Tough Markets” – this interactive session focused on changing the economics of a pro forma in a tough area/for a tough site, highlighting different strategies based on the stages of the respective communities, including Gary, Indiana, which exemplified long-term patience and determination. U.S. EPA and Vita Nuova, for instance, discussed how public/private partnerships and charrettes helped lay the groundwork for investment and project progress/success.

* **Opportunity Zones and brownfields** – Program staff attended one of several sessions regarding this recent, complex federal tool with lively discussions about the nexus of U.S. EPA and the Internal Revenue Service regulations for successful leveraging of resources through a new type of capital.

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**PowerPoints Now Available**

PowerPoints for some educational sessions are now available on the conference website. Navigate to the list of sessions under the Education tab and click on “Full Description” under a session description to see if a PowerPoint is available for download from that session.
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Referenced Resources

◊ The 2019 Brownfields Federal Programs Guide describes the financial and technical assistance resources available from federal agencies for brownfields and land revitalization projects. The Indiana Brownfields Program has a hard copy available for perusal upon request. Otherwise, the electronic version is available on-line at www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-06/documents/final_2017_bf_fed_guide_5-8-17.pdf.

◊ The Brownfields Road Map to Understanding Options for Site Investigation and Cleanup, Sixth Edition, provides a general outline of the steps in the investigation and cleanup of brownfield sites and introduces brownfield stakeholders to the range of technologies and resources available to them. The Indiana Brownfields Program has a hard copy available for perusal upon request. Otherwise, the electronic version is available on-line at https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-11/documents/brownfieldsroadmappepa542-r-12-001.pdf.

◊ The Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (ASTSWMO) held several informative sessions and has a host of resources. Its mission is to enhance and promote effective State and Territorial programs and to affect relevant national policies for waste and materials management, environmentally sustainable practices, and environmental restoration. More information (including recent publications, state and federal Web site links, etc.) to facilitate brownfield redevelopment, among other related environmental issues, can be found at http://astswmo.org/.

◊ The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA), which through a partnership with U.S. EPA, gave a panel presentation about financing options/real estate/economic development, and houses a large collection of development finance resources and various on-line tools to support the brownfields industry. Click on the various resource sections per the following web link to learn more about the development finance tools and resources available: https://www.cdfa.net/cdfa/cdfaweb.nsf/pages/resources.html.

◊ Brownfields Listings, an on-line property marketplace and project platform dedicated to facilitating the redevelopment of environmentally and economically challenged properties such as brownfields, seemed to have a strong following at the conference. This organization is designed to list site projects in a healthy real estate marketplace; to find sites, search developers, and discover a variety of professionals from multiple disciplines of the brownfields arena; to organize project teams, invite stakeholders and/or engage directly with communities; and to build a presence and publish content to increase project profiles in the redevelopment field. The Indiana Brownfields Program has had extensive communication between Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Brownfields Inventory Tool (BIT) representatives and Brownfields Listings to facilitate its statewide inventory initiative. Check out how this organization can support local redevelopment efforts at https://brownfieldlistings.com/.
Keynote presentation: Best for last – Vijay Gupta, violinist and educator, gave a passionate and provocative presentation about under-resourced communities/people, illustrating the nexus of brownfields and quality of life.

Start saving your pennies! We hope to see you at the next National Brownfields Training Conference in Oklahoma City in 2021.
More learning – and lecturing – in Lansing

It was a great Great Lakes conference! On October 16-18, 2019, five Indiana Brownfields Program (Program) staff participated at the Great Lakes Environmental Remediation and Redevelopment Conference in Lansing, Michigan, which primarily focused on technical issues associated with brownfields work in the Great Lakes Region. Indiana stakeholders were among those within the six states and the 35 federally recognized Tribes that constitute U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Region 5. This first-of-its-kind regional conference provided an invaluable forum for shared experiences, perspectives, information, and lessons learned regarding key brownfields redevelopment issues (e.g., successful remedial solutions, emerging contaminants, project management methods, program implementation and performance, and other best practices) at all levels.

Hosted by the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), the conference afforded the opportunity for Indiana Brownfields Program staff to learn and to teach via panel and individual presentations. Below are just a few highlights from staff participants:

♦ Plenary speaker Robert Bilott, Partner with Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP
  ◊ Author of Exposure, a book published in October 2019 documenting his 20-year legal battle against DuPont regarding Per- and Polyfluorinated Substances (PFAS) contamination-related diseases and deaths.
  ◊ The Dark Waters movie released in November 2019 is based on this same legal battle.

♦ Five concurrent learning tracks that featured over 50 presentations
  ◊ PFAS research, toxicity, sampling/analysis methods, remediation/treatment, etc. was the focus of one of the tracks.
  ◊ “Regional Brownfields Programs: Best Practices in Rural Indiana” – Indiana’s Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB) Program contact and the Indiana Association of Regional Councils (IARC) President together presented about their partnership experiences with Indiana, showcasing local/state/federal levels of government and the successful leveraging of resources.
  ◊ “You’ve got a Friend in the Kansas State University (KSU) TAB Program” – TAB staff discussed the advantages of utilizing TAB’s free services whenever applicable and appropriate (e.g., technical document and grant proposal reviews, site inventory assistance, community visioning, etc.) alone and/or in conjunction with the Indiana Brownfields Program and others.
  ◊ “Opportunity Zone Investment Considerations on Contaminated Properties” – U.S. EPA Region 5 staff discussed this relatively new federal incentive that can have positive implications for brownfields redevelopment.
  ◊ “2018 BUILD Act and Changes to Federal Brownfield Program” – U.S. EPA Region 5 staff highlighted key points of the Act as they relate to liability and financial assistance issues at the federal cross-programmatic level.

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Program staff gave a presentation entitled “Petroleum Partnerships – Indiana Initiative” that peaked interest among the states, prompting educated questions by the audience. Several success stories were highlighted. Below is the session summary:

It's time to take care of our orphans! Partnering with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and using an appropriation of funding from Indiana’s Underground Storage Tank Excess Liability Trust Fund, the Indiana Brownfields Program (IBP) created the Petroleum Orphan Sites Initiative (POSI). This financial assistance opportunity helps political subdivisions by investigating and undertaking corrective action at brownfield sites contaminated with petroleum from a release from an underground storage tank (UST) for which there is no viable responsible party due to an inability-to-pay, bankruptcy, or other factors (orphan sites) to conduct tank removal and cleanup. POSI work is accomplished as a professional service provided to or for the benefit of communities through bidding to IBP’s qualified environmental consultant pool. Site awards obtain IFA Board approval.

To facilitate redevelopment of such orphan properties, IBP provides site assessment, UST removal, and remediation to close environmental conditions on a site under IDEM’s Remediation Closure Guide. Hazardous substances or petroleum contamination from other on-site sources (e.g., hydraulic lifts, etc.) are addressed if funding is available. Sites for funding are primarily identified to the Program (IBP) by the Enforcement Section of IDEM’s Office of Land Quality and the Leaking UST program. However, if a political subdivision has concerns about an abandoned petroleum UST site in its community, it can contact IBP to request an evaluation of the site for potential funding. IBP’s goal is for a No Further Action (NFA) letter to be issued by IDEM to the site owner at the end of remediation.

Since April 2014, POSI progress includes: over 50 sites approved for funding in over 40 communities, approximately $10 million obligated/disbursed, over 15 site closures/NFA letters issued, over 50 USTs removed/2 closed in place, tons of impacted soil removed, and gallons of liquid/sludge removed.

The following learning objectives were met through the presentation:

1. Understand the power of partnerships to improve the environment for communities burdened with problem petroleum sites.

2. Think creatively and innovatively about program processes.

3. Hear about petroleum success stories, leaving communities singing the praises of efficient and effective governmental assistance.

Please feel free to contact the Program (IBP) for more information about this conference and/or the possibility of future, similar, regional conferences. Conference presentations (Pdf files) that were authorized to post are available at https://www.michigan.gov/egle/0,4561,7-135-3308_3333-490862--,00.html.
A good Phase I can put you on the right path to redevelopment

Step right up and take the first step toward successful redevelopment! The Indiana Brownfields Program (Program) Phase I Environmental Site Assessment Initiative provides Phase I environmental site assessments (ESA) conducted under the ASTM E1527-13 standard to eligible political subdivisions and not-for-profit organizations to identify recognized environmental conditions on, and help quantify potential cleanup liability (e.g., pre-purchase due diligence to qualify as Bona Fide Prospective Purchaser) at, brownfield sites in their communities. Funds are still available through a first-come, first-served application process. Awards are in the form of professional services from one of the Program’s pre-qualified environmental consulting firms.

Since we started the Phase I Initiative (July 2014 to November 2019), the Indiana Brownfields Program has awarded 37 projects (in 27 communities, 20 counties) totaling $43,275. Of the 37 projects, 11 have subsequently received assessment and/or remediation funding from the Program to facilitate redevelopment. For more information, please check out our Program Web site at https://www.in.gov/ifa/brownfields/2366.htm and/or contact Bonny Elifritz at BElifritz@ifa.IN.gov.

Welcome to all newly elected officials!

Please remember that the Indiana Brownfields Program (Program) is here for you in partnership to help address your blighted properties often called brownfields. Feel free to reach out to Michele Oertel (317-234-0235) or anyone else in the Program to learn more about potential resources that might assist with site-specific issues which are hindering redevelopment in your community.

To stay in the know, you may subscribe to our Program’s email listserv for occasional, important, timely announcements regarding brownfields redevelopment. Click here. And stay tuned for news about our anticipated annual, co-hosted summer workshops for community revitalization!
Can we count on you?

“Counting is hard.” We understand that counting can be challenging – especially carving out time in already busy workloads to do so. However, having the right tools for any job is key. As part of the assistance we offer Indiana brownfield stakeholders to address environmental concerns associated with brownfields, the Indiana Brownfields Program (Program) continues to gather data from local brownfield site inventory efforts. The Program’s compilation and analysis of site/community-specific information helps the Program to match needs to available resources and distribute resources statewide. We welcome any sharing of community and/or regional development organization counts of brownfields (i.e., inventories). To this end, please contact Nancy Dollar or Michele Oertel of the Indiana Brownfields Program.

Returning to the scene… of a survey

New Year… New Survey…. Well, same survey, but new survey information is always welcomed by the Indiana Brownfields Program (Program). Updated site information is utilized to evaluate the benefits of the variety of assistance that we offer brownfield stakeholders and to highlight local redevelopment successes. In the spirit of renewed gratitude, we appreciate all Program participants who have carved out time to provide us with site-specific information in order to calculate the Program’s Return on Investment (ROI). And, thanks in advance for sharing any new/additional information about your ongoing or completed brownfield projects.

At any time(s) during/after the course of your brownfield project, the Brownfields ROI Project Survey form can be easily accessed on our Program Web site at http://www.in.gov/ifa/brownfields/2354.htm. Should you have supplemental site information (e.g., photographs, proposed redevelopment plans, etc.), please share that with Nancy Dollar at NaDollar@ifa.in.gov.
Below is a snapshot of some of the great work Indiana communities are accomplishing through partnerships and leveraging resources. These calculations are made possible in part by your answers to our call for help!

ROI 2019

Measuring Program success by:
- Survey responses
- Media stories
- Indiana Workforce Development jobs data

Indiana Brownfields Program results:
- Acres back in productive use (for 430 completed sites): 2,031 acres
- Housing units created: 7,685

Jobs and Businesses Information (from 786 survey responses)
- Jobs retained: 5,871
- Jobs created: 15,262
- Businesses retained: 275
- Businesses created: 372

2019 ROI calculation of $9:$1 for sites on which Program funding has been spent

2019 ROI calculation of $53:$1 for all Program sites (i.e., project could have received assistance other than financial assistance, such as liability clarification)

New Year… New Application!
Check out the new Application for the Petroleum Orphan Sites Initiative (POSI) [here](#).
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For up-to-date information about events relevant to brownfield redevelopment, please visit the Indiana Brownfields Program Web site: www.brownfields.IN.gov.

February 3, 2020
WEBINAR: U.S. EPA CLU-IN Federal Facilities Online Academy: RCRA and CERCLA Integration at Federal Facilities
1:00 PM-3:00 PM Eastern

February 6, 2020
WEBINAR: Building a Brownfield Program
2:30 PM-3:30 PM Eastern
This is geared toward new grantees recently selected for brownfield grants and how they can build on their existing resources and programs to successfully implement the brownfield grant they just received. Participation in this webinar is free, but registration is required. Please visit the webinar webpage to register: https://www.ksutab.org/education/webinars/details?id=393.

February 11, 2020
WEBINAR: Interstate Technology Regulatory Council (ITRC) Remediation Management of Complex Sites
1:00 PM-3:15 PM Eastern
For more information and other potentially relevant webinars, check out https://itrcweb.org/Documents/TeamResources_OutreachMaterials/2020_ITRC_Training_Schedule.pdf.
Register at http://www.clu-in.org/live/.

February 18, 2020 (deadline to register is February 12)
2020 Prosperity Indiana Summit – 20/20: Seeing Opportunity through the Lens of Values
Crowne Plaza Union Station, Downtown Indianapolis
REGISTER TODAY! Tracks are centered on inclusive economic development and asset building, among other topics. Click here for more information: AGENDA & SESSIONS

February 20, 2020
WEBINAR: ITRC Petroleum Vapor Intrusion: Fundamentals of Screening, Investigation, and Management
1:00 PM-3:15 PM Eastern
For more information and other potentially relevant webinars, check out https://itrcweb.org/Documents/TeamResources_OutreachMaterials/2020_ITRC_Training_Schedule.pdf.
Register at http://www.clu-in.org/live/.

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February 24, 2020
DEADLINE: Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) Round 1 of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) opens
Funding is available for blight clearance and remediation. The applicant must be a local unit of government and comply with other requirements. Instructions and application materials are available at http://www.in.gov/ocra/2718.htm.

February 26-27, 2020
Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) Intro Bond Finance WebCourse
This course is essential for public leaders, economic development professionals, financial experts and anyone working to address local economic challenges. Learn how to bring economic growth to your community by utilizing the vast resources of the development bond finance industry. This will take place on the web through GoToWebinar, an online distance learning software. The course will meet each day on February 26-27, 2020 from 12:00-5:00 pm (Eastern). You must have access to a computer and phone to attend the WebCourse.

March 17, 2020
WEBINAR: ITRC Long-term Contaminant Management Using Institutional Controls
1:00 PM-3:15 PM Eastern
For more information and other potentially relevant webinars, check out https://itrcweb.org/Documents/TeamResources_OutreachMaterials/2020_ITRC_Training_Schedule.pdf.
Register at http://www.clu-in.org/live/.

March 24, 2020
WEBINAR: U.S. EPA CLU-IN Superfund Redevelopment Roundtable Webinar Series: Session 2
1:00 PM-3:00 PM Eastern
For more information and other potentially relevant webinars, check out https://itrcweb.org/Documents/TeamResources_OutreachMaterials/2020_ITRC_Training_Schedule.pdf.
Register at http://www.clu-in.org/live/.

March 25-26, 2020
CDFA Intro Tax Credit Finance WebCourse
From urban redevelopment and historic preservation to housing and high tech infrastructure, myriad tax credit programs exist to help communities create jobs and energize their economies. The course will take place on the web through GoToWebinar, an online distance learning software. The course will meet each day on March 25-26, 2020 from 12:00-5:00 pm (Eastern). Attendees must have access to a computer and phone to attend the WebCourse.

April 3, 2020
DEADLINE: Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) Round 1 of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Proposals
The applicant must be a local unit of government and comply with other requirements. Instructions and application materials are available at http://www.in.gov/ocra/cdbg.htm.

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April 3, 2020
DEADLINE: Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) Stellar Communities Letter of Interest
The applicant must be a local unit of government and comply with other requirements. Instructions and application materials are available at [http://www.in.gov/ocra/cdbg.htm](http://www.in.gov/ocra/cdbg.htm).

May 20-21, 2020
CDFA Intro Tax Increment Finance WebCourse
The course will take place on the web through GoToWebinar, an online distance learning software. The course will meet each day on May 20-21, 2020 from 12:00-5:00 pm (Eastern). Attendees must have access to a computer and phone to attend the WebCourse. Register before May 1, 2020 for early-bird rates at [https://www.cdfa.net/cdfa/traininginstitute.nsf/register?open&events=6069733729](https://www.cdfa.net/cdfa/traininginstitute.nsf/register?open&events=6069733729).

May 22, 2020
DEADLINE: Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) Round 1 of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Applications
The applicant must be a local unit of government and comply with other requirements. Instructions and application materials are available at [http://www.in.gov/ocra/cdbg.htm](http://www.in.gov/ocra/cdbg.htm).

June 11, 2020
WEBINAR: ITRC Remediation Management of Complex Sites
1:00 PM-3:15 PM Eastern

June 24-25, 2020
CDFA Intro Opportunity Zones Finance WebCourse
The course will take place on the web through GoToWebinar, an online distance learning software. The course will meet each day on June 24-25, 2020 from 12:00-5:00 pm (Eastern). Attendees must have access to a computer and phone to attend the WebCourse. Register before May 29, 2020 for early-bird rates at [https://www.cdfa.net/cdfa/traininginstitute.nsf/register?open&events=6069733729](https://www.cdfa.net/cdfa/traininginstitute.nsf/register?open&events=6069733729).

July 20, 2020
Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) Round 2 of the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) opens
More information is available at [http://www.in.gov/ocra/cdbg.htm](http://www.in.gov/ocra/cdbg.htm).

Disclaimer
Mention of non-Indiana Finance Authority (IFA) Web site links and documents does not constitute an IFA endorsement of their contents, only an acknowledgement that they exist and may be relevant to our brownfield redevelopment stakeholders.
The Indiana Brownfields Program offers educational, financial, legal, and technical assistance and works in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and other stakeholders to assist Indiana communities in making productive use of brownfield properties.