This year’s Oregon Brownfield’s Conference features sessions that are of particular interest to stakeholders in Oregon’s Main Street Cities. Brownfields are defined as industrial or commercials sites that sit idle or underused because of real or perceived environmental pollution. Remediation and redevelopment projects on Oregon’s Mainstreets are often multifaceted and may involve issues ranging from soil contamination to safe asbestos removal. Most are public/private partnerships that involve Oregon’s Department of Environmental Quality.

Three such projects will be showcased in this year’s conference, June 13 and 14, at the DoubleTree Hotel, 1000 NE Multnomah, Portland. Troutdale’s Riverfront Redevelopment Project, Hillsboro’s METRO 4th and Main Project, and the June Key Delta Community Center will all be discussed, along the risks and rewards involved in their redevelopment.

In the June Key Project, the Delta Theta Sigma Sorority was able to convert a derelict Portland gas station into a community center and neighborhood asset through collaborative efforts from volunteers, non-profits, and community and government organizations. Their project’s process emphasizes grassroots economic development and environmental stewardship, green/sustainable building design, the Living Building Challenge, and highlights equity and environmental justice issues.

SpeakerChristine Poole-Jones of the June Key Delta Center will join moderatorJenn Bildersee from the City of Portland to outline the process and answer participants’ questions.

Concurrent sessions throughout the conference will give participants the opportunity to gain broad overviews and also delve deeply into the redevelopment process.

Scholarships to cover registration and lodging are available for those travelling more than 50 miles to attend the conference, or with special circumstances. Contact Karen Homolac at 503-986-0191 or [karen.homolac@state.or.us](mailto:karen.homolac@state.or.us)

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This event is sponsored by Business Oregon, DEQ, the Northwest Environmental Business Center (NEBC) and the Center for Creative Land Recycling (CCLR).

The complete agenda for this biennial conference is listed below.

**DAY ONE – Wednesday, June 13** [**[Jump to Day Two]**](http://nebc.org/content.aspx?pageid=126#DayTwo)

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| **7:30** | **Registration & Continental Breakfast** |
| **Session 1. 8:30** | **Welcome & Opening Remarks** |
| **Session 2. 9:00** | **Redeveloping Brownfields in Today's Market - Part I** An in-depth case study analysis of two Brownfield projects that have advanced in today’s difficult development markets, exploring issues that will be covered in greater detail in later sessions. Following a brief presentation of project highlights, an expert panel will respond to questions regarding the projects.   *Moderators:*  - Charlie Bartsch, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Douglas MacCourt, Ater Wynne LLP *Speakers:* **a) Troutdale Riverfront Redevelopment Project** - Len Farr, AMEC Environmental and Infrastructure, Inc. - Garry Schnell, Eastwind Development, LLC - Craig Ward, City of Troutdale - Rebecca Wells-Albers, Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality  **b) Hillsboro METRO 4th & Main Project** - Roger Brown, Hahn & Associates, Inc. - John Southgate, City of Hillsboro - Dwight Unti, Tokola Properties, Inc. - Gil Wistar, Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality |
| **10:30** | **Networking Break** |
| **Session 3.**  **11:00** | **Redeveloping Brownfields in Today's Market - Part II** In-depth case study analysis continued.  *Moderators:*  - Charlie Bartsch, U.S. Enironmental Protection Agency - Douglas MacCourt, Ater Wynne LLP *Speakers:* **c) NW Aluminum, The Dalles** - Galen May, Northwest Aluminum Company - Bob Schwarz, Ater Wynne LLP - Ken Shump, Ch2M Hill, Inc.  **d) Port of Newport International Terminal Redevelopment** - Mary Camarata, Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality - Don Mann, Port of Newport |
| **12:30** | **Luncheon & Oregon Brownfields Awards Program** |
| **Session 4.**  **2:00**   **Concurrent Sessions** | **Track A. Covering The Basics** Often Brownfields remain unused because of liability risks and the costs of cleanup. Learn the fundamentals about Brownfields, and the risks and rewards involved in their redevelopment. Explore the Brownfields redevelopment process including: regulatory drivers, available funding sources, different approaches in evaluating environmental site conditions, gauging the environmental liabilities, and risk reduction strategies.   *Moderator:* Chuck Esler, AMEC Environment and Infrastructure, Inc.  *Speakers:* - Susan Morales, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10 - Carrie Rackey, AMEC Environment and Infrastructure, Inc. - Peter Serrurier, Stoel Rives LLP - Mike Slater, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 10  **Track B. Regional Undertakings - Evaluating Brownfields Impacts** Understanding the impact that contaminated properties are having on economic and community development is a critical first step towards developing the policy and financing tools necessary to assist property owners. Hear about three studies currently underway in the Portland metropolitan area that address this question.   *Moderator:* Jenn Bildersee, City of Portland *Speakers:* - Miranda Bateschell, METRO - Tyler Bump, City of Portland - TBA, Port of Portland  **Track C. Brownfields & Financially Distressed Owners** What happens when an owner of a contaminated property cannot pay its taxes or mortgage, let alone fund a cleanup? What happens if an owner declares bankruptcy? Examine the issues that arise when foreclosing on a contaminated property, and the intersection between environmental and bankruptcy law.  *Moderator:*  *Speakers:* - Patrick Rowe, Sussman Shank LLP - Tim Solomon, Sussman Shank LLP - Teresa Wilson, Washington County |
| **3:15** | **Networking Break** |
| **Session 5.**  **3:45  Concurrent Sessions** | **Track A. Data Collection, Soil Management, & Permitting Essentials for Brownfields** Maximizing the usefulness of data collected during the Due Diligence phase of a project can save significant time and costs, helping to avoid unwanted surprises during construction. Learn how to best collect data during the Due Diligence phase so that it can be applied throughout permitting and construction for redevelopment, and about DEQ solid waste rules for soil management during construction, along with an example of the permitting process that was followed for the construction of a green stormwater infiltration swale on a Brownfield site.   *Moderator:* Terry Hosaka, Cooper Zietz Engineers, Inc. *Speakers:* - Tim Spencer, Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality - John Foxwell, Ash Creek Associates - Lon Yandell, Terracon  **Track B. Public Health & Brownfields**  Learn about the integral role public health can play in Brownfield redevelopment through the example of the “Let Us Build Cully Park” (LUBCP!) effort. Panelists from the Oregon Health Authority, Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality, Verde, and the Cully Neighborhood will share their reflections on a community directed approach to redeveloping an old landfill into a community park.  *Moderator:* Kari Christensen, Oregon Health Authority *Speakers:* - Tony DeFalco, Tony DeFalco & Associates, LLC/Verde - Jamie Hogue, Cully Neighborhood Resident - Rebecca Wells-Albers, Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality  **Track C. Redeveloping Industrial to Industrial** Is contamination really the stumbling block?.  *Moderator:* Michael Williams, Business Oregon *Speakers:* - Mark Clemons, Group MacKenzie - Kirk Olsen, Dermody Properties |
| **5:00-6:00** | **Reception** |

**DAY TWO – Thursday, June 14**

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| **7:15** | **Continental Breakfast** |
| **8:00** | **Welcome** |
| **Session 6.**  **8:10** | **A. Case Study in Perserverence- The June Key Delta Community Center** Hear how the Delta Theta Sigma Sorority was able to convert a derelict Portland gas station into a community center and neighborhood asset through collaborative efforts from volunteers, non-profits, and community and government organizations. The project process highlights equity and environmental justice issues, grassroots economic development and environmental stewardship, green/sustainable building design, and the Living Building Challenge.   *Moderator:* Jenn Bildersee, City of Portland *Speakers:* - Christine Poole-Jones, June Key Delta Center |
| **Session 7.**  **9:10  Concurrent Sessions** | **Track A. Using Prospective Purchaser Agreements to Manage Liability** Site contamination can add cost and uncertainty to Brownfields transactions, creating concerns among prospective buyers/leases about environmental liabilities. Explore how PPAs can limit liabilities for purchasers or lessees who agree to undertake site cleanup or other actions comprising a “substantial public benefit.” Hear about updates on PPA liability protections, a case study of a recent PPA from the developer’s perspective, and tips from a PPA veteran (and architect of DEQ’s original cleanup statues) on minimizing property-transaction liability.  *Moderator:* Gil Wistar, Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality *Speakers:* - Kurt Burkholder, Oregon Department of Justice - Dwight Unti, Tokola Properties, Inc.  **Track B. Is There a Brownfields / Renewable Energy Nexus?**  *Moderator:* Doug MacCourt, Ater Wynne LLP *Speakers:* - Evans Paull, National Brownfields Coaltion - Mike Grainey, Business Oregon  **Track C. Integrated Planning Excercise - Part I** This two-part workshop will be an interactive, hands-on session addressing an integrated approach to cleanup and redevelopment of a typical Brownfield property. Participants will work in teams while experts in the fields of economics, environmental science, land use, and financing provide support. Participants will gain practical information and experience so that they can promote and lead successful revitalization projects in their own communities  *Speakers:* - Abe Farkas, EcoNorthwest - Jim Maul, Maul Foster & Alongi, Inc. - Mike Stringer, Maul Foster & Alongi, Inc. |
| **10:25** | **Networking Break** |
| **Session 8.**  **10:45  Concurrent Sessions** | **Track A. Focusing on Culture - Creating Open Space** City parks and open space improve our physical and psychological health, strengthen our communities, and make our cities and neighborhoods more attractive places to live and work. They provide habitat for native plants and animals, an opportunity for cultural preservation and exhibition, and recreational opportunities for community members. Review several Oregon success stories, and engage in a discussion regarding the many benefits and challenges of developing parks and open space on brownfields.  *Moderator:* Len Farr, AMEC, Environment and Infrastructure, Inc. *Speakers:* - Kathleen Brennan-Hunter, METRO - Brett Estes, City of Astoria - David Obern, Portland Development Commission  **Track B. When Projects Drive Cleanup** Two case studies demonstrate the power of creating a vision and working towards defined goals. Explore how two cities have gone about the process of engaging their communities and how that has lead to a site assessment in Mosier, and the actual the cleanup of sites In Grants Pass.  *Moderator:* Karen Homolac, Business Oregon *Speakers:* - Scott Lindberg, City of Grants Pass - Kathy Fitzpatrick, City of Mosier - Jim Waddell, EIGov Brownfields Support  **Track C. Integrated Planning Exercise - Part II**  *See Part One above.* |
| **12:00** | **Luncheon & Presentation**  - Evans Paull, Executive Director, National Brownfields Coaltion |
| **Session 9.**  **1:15  Concurrent Sessions** | **Track A. Putting Old Insurance Policies to Work** Learn how “insurance archeology” can be used to generate funding for a Brownfields project. The methodology for making claims on older, pre-1986 general liability insurance policies will be discussed; and practitioners and a Brownfields property owner will present successfully implemented, real-world examples of the process.  *Moderator:* Jerry Orlando, PBS Engineering + Environmental *Speakers:* - Jeff Berebitsky, Restorical Research - Bill Briggs, Oil Re-Refining Co. (ORRCO) - David Rossmiller, Dunn Carney Allen Higgins & Tongue LLP  **Track B. Grappling with Contaminated Sediment** Contaminated sediments are often associated with adjacent upland properties that have a history of industrial or other urban uses that have left a legacy of contamination. Examine the relationships between sediment remediation and the redevelopment of adjoining upland properties, with a focus on the opportunities and constraints posed by remediating sediments (including river banks and bottoms), the associated short- and long-term responsibilities and costs, and the regulatory and legal frameworks. The recently completed Zidell remediation project on Portland's Willamette River will serve as a case study.  *Moderator:* Paul Fishman, NorthWest Ecosystem Services, Inc. *Speakers:* - David Ashton, Port of Portland - Jim Maul, Maul Foster & Alongi, Inc. - Joan Snyder, Stoel Rives LLP  **Track C. Where's the Money & How Do I Match Up?** Learn what Federal and fund sources are available and how you can be competitive. In this interactive session, the panelists will address a variety of questions and provide advice on how you can position your project for funding success.   *Moderator:* Ignacio Dayrit, Center for Creative Land Recycling *Speakers:* - David Koch, Terracon - Evans Paull, National Brownfields Coalition - Roy Sholl, U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development |
| **2:30** | **Conference Ends** |
| **3:15** | **Portland Harbor Boat Tour** [[Details]](http://nebc.org/content.aspx?pageid=139)  Limited to 35 Participants - Registration Required |