

2022 APPLICATION & INSTRUCTIONS

Instructions and Changes to the 2022 Project Nomination Process

Welcome to the 2022 ReScape Awards! This year we have enhanced the nomination procedure and award categories, so please read the sections below carefully.

The 2022 application process has two steps. As the first step, please complete this Letter of Intent (LOI) Nomination Form to nominate a project. Anyone with basic knowledge about a project is welcome to submit the LOI Nomination Form.

After submitting this LOI Nomination Form, staff will follow up with project representatives about finalizing the application process. The second step is to submit the full application form, as in past years. Submit the full ReScape Application, attachments and fee by **February 1, 2022**.

ReScape Award Categories

ReScape 2022 will include five award categories. The **Community Impact**, **Economic Impact** and **Environmental Impact Award** categories remain the same as in previous years.

This year a new award category is included for **Promising Projects**. Finalists in this category will be projects which face complex challenges, or have even stalled, while still offering important impact if completed. This award will draw attention to high potential projects, to assist in redevelopment.

Projects employing unique and innovative approaches to redevelopment challenges related to engineering, financing, legal, community outreach, or other issues, will be considered for the **Innovation Award**. One short answer question has been added to the Project Summary section for this award.

Up to two projects will win in each of the five award categories – a **large project winner** and a **small project winner**. Size is defined by total project cost. As a frame of reference, we consider small projects to be those with total cost of around \$10 million or less. However, we reserve the right to adjust this cutoff based on the applications received. The judges will evaluate the relative impacts of projects, as compared to these projects' investment costs, rather than based on absolute impact overall.

A project may apply for any or all of the Community, Economic and Environmental Impact Award categories, or for the Promising Project Award. All projects may also be considered for the Innovation Award.

Application Instructions

To complete this application:

1. For all projects, please complete Sections 1, 2, 7 and 8 of this document. This involves providing information about the project and selecting the [award categories](#) in which you will compete.

2. Complete the award category questions in Sections 3, 4, 5 and 6 – only for those categories in which you choose to compete (minimum one category). You may compete in as many of the Community, Economic, and Environmental categories as you choose, or only in the Promising Project category. Projects will win in only one category. If you compete in more than one, then the judging committee will determine in which category your project is the most competitive.
3. Pay the \$25 application fee at:
<https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/MinnesotaBrownfields/OnlineDonation.html>. On the webpage, under “Reason for Giving,” select “Other Gift,” and in the “Comments” section, include the name and contact information of the project.
4. Submit your application, attachments and fee by February 1, 2022.

Prepare and attach the following

Photo documentation: Please provide five to ten digital images showing the property prior to redevelopment, during remediation (including any innovative technologies used), and the completed project. Finalist project images will be used during the award ceremony and may be used in future Minnesota Brownfields communications. Name photo files using the format: “ProjectName_Before”, “ProjectName_Remediation”, etc. Please provide photo credits in Section 8 of this application.

Video documentation – Optional: If you wish to share a video that helps tell the story of your project, provide a URL or other address. Please provide credits in Section 8 of this application.

Formatting Instructions

1. None of the application questions has a word limit, however, please make sure that the automatically adjusting text size is readable. Please limit responses to the text boxes in the application.
2. Please submit all photos individually as .jpg files, not combined in a .pdf. Photos may be submitted in a .zip folder.

Application Submission

Send email submittals to rescapeaward@mnbrownfields.org. Please include the “ProjectName” in the subject heading. If you need to send multiple emails for a single project, label each email as “ProjectName 1 of 3”, “ProjectName 2 of 3”, etc. You will receive email confirmation for all submissions.

Section 1: Project Data and Award Category Selection

Note: Projects must have been completed between January 1, 2019 and August 31, 2021.

Name of project:	
Address:	
Current use:	
Project website:	
Date of completion:	

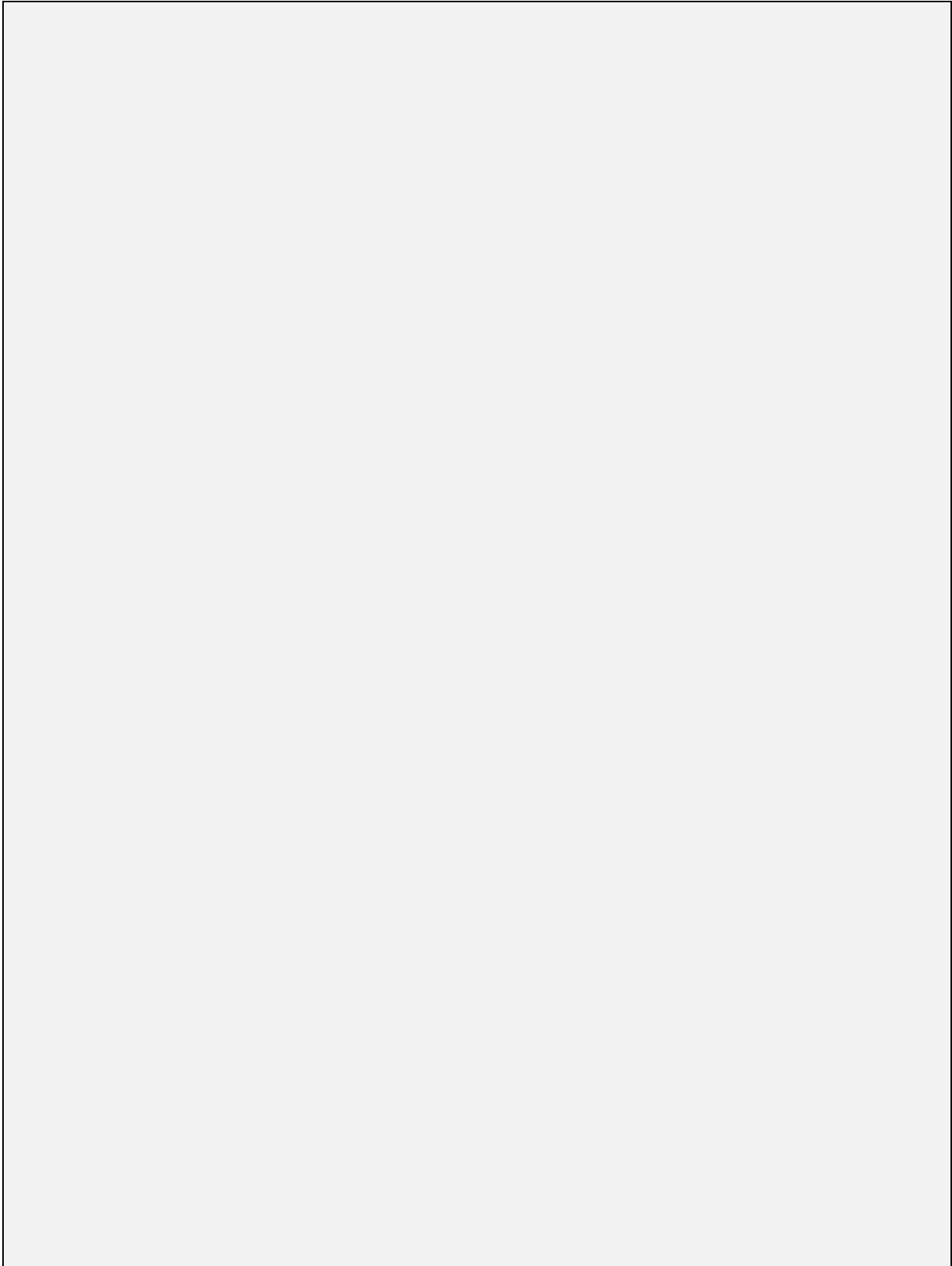
Select Award Categories:	Select one or more of the following categories. This may be changed when completing the full application form.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Community Impact Award
	<input type="checkbox"/> Economic Impact Award
	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Award
	or
	<input type="checkbox"/> Promising Project Award
	and
	<input type="checkbox"/> Innovation Award

Section 2: Project Summary

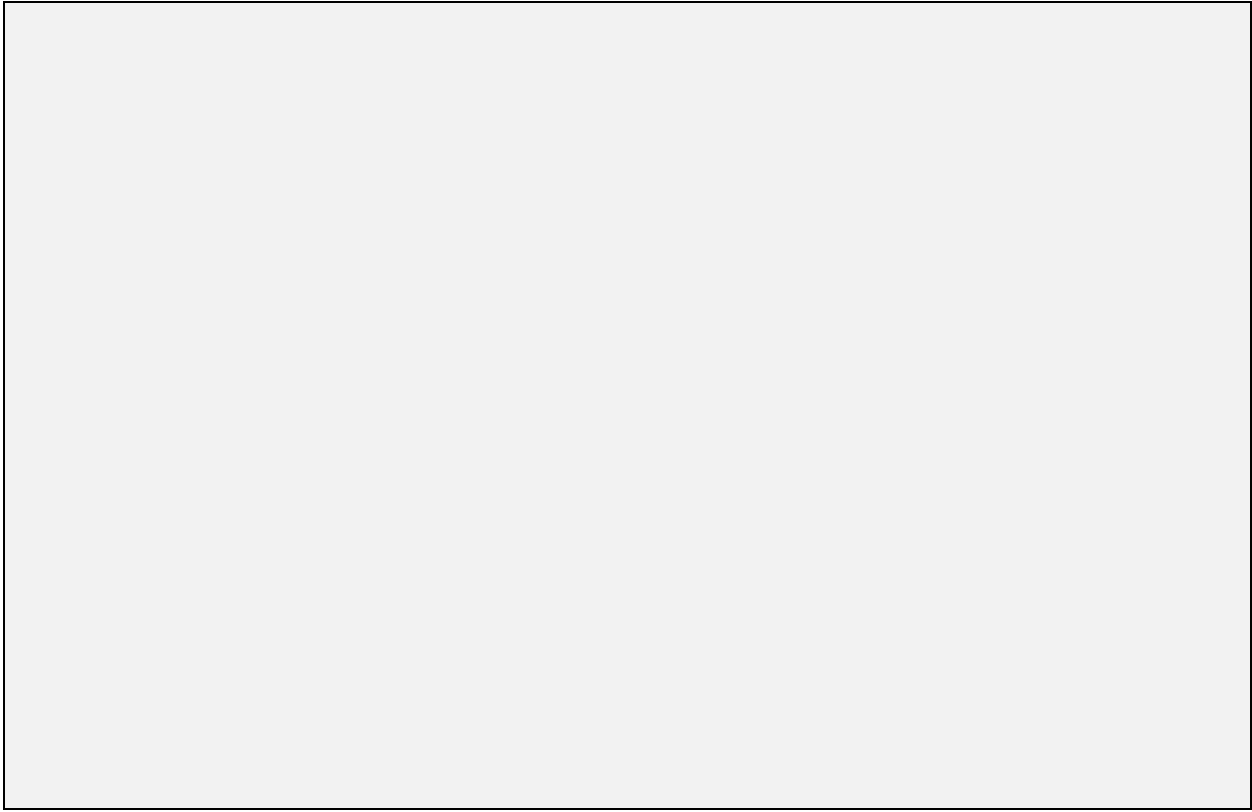
Note: responses required for applications in the Community, Economic or Environmental Award categories. For Promising Project nominations, please provide all information currently known.

Total project cost	
Total remediation cost	
Property size	
Jobs before/after remediation	
Contaminants found on site	
Tax base increase	
Net change in property value	

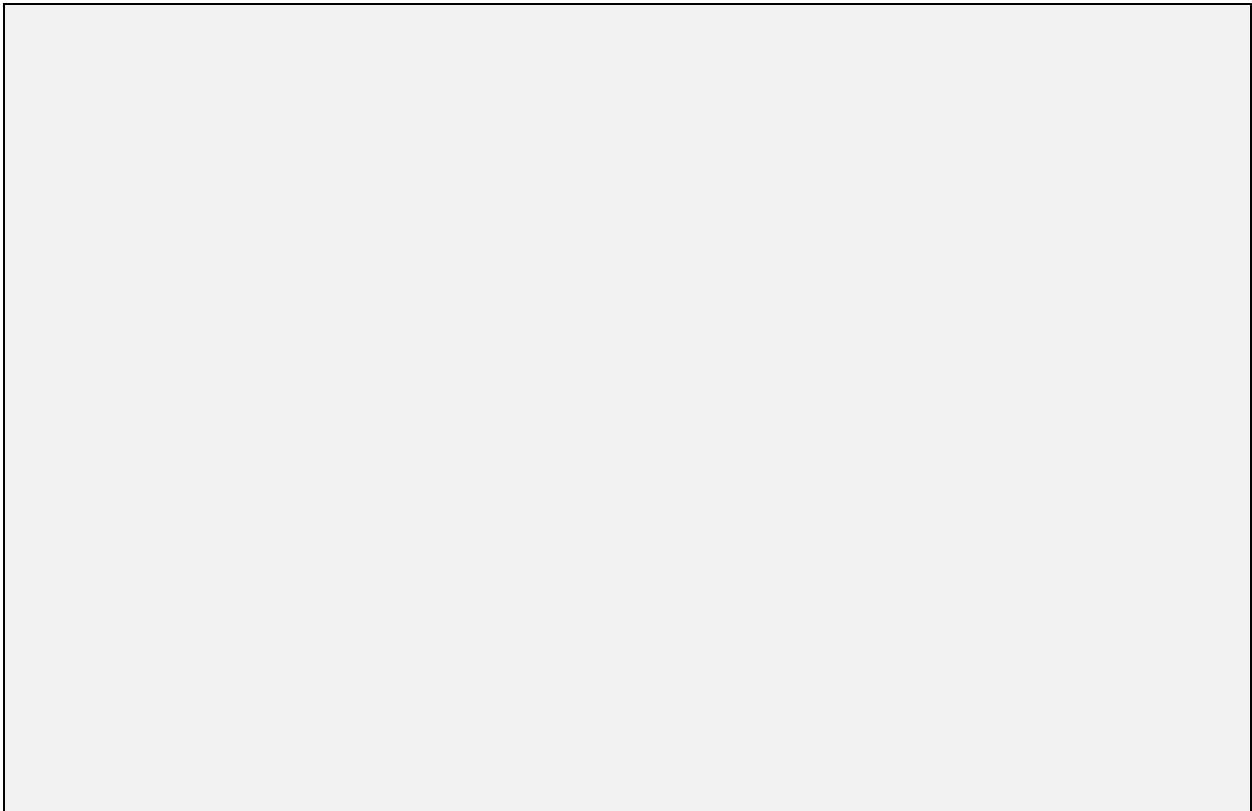
1. Why should this project win a ReScape Award? What makes it unique?



2. Describe the remedial action plan. Were all the required response actions completed?

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3. What was the most challenging aspect(s) of the project?

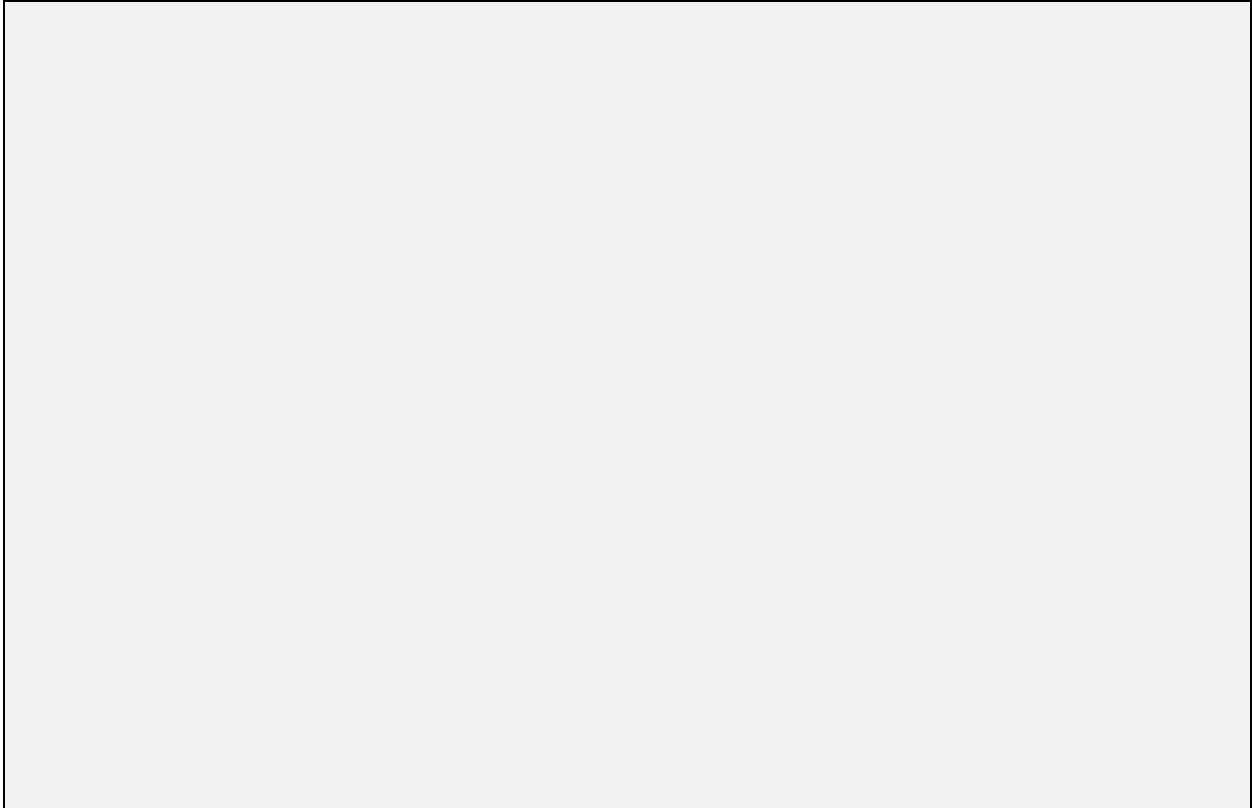
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4. What were the primary sources of funding for brownfield investigation, cleanup and redevelopment?

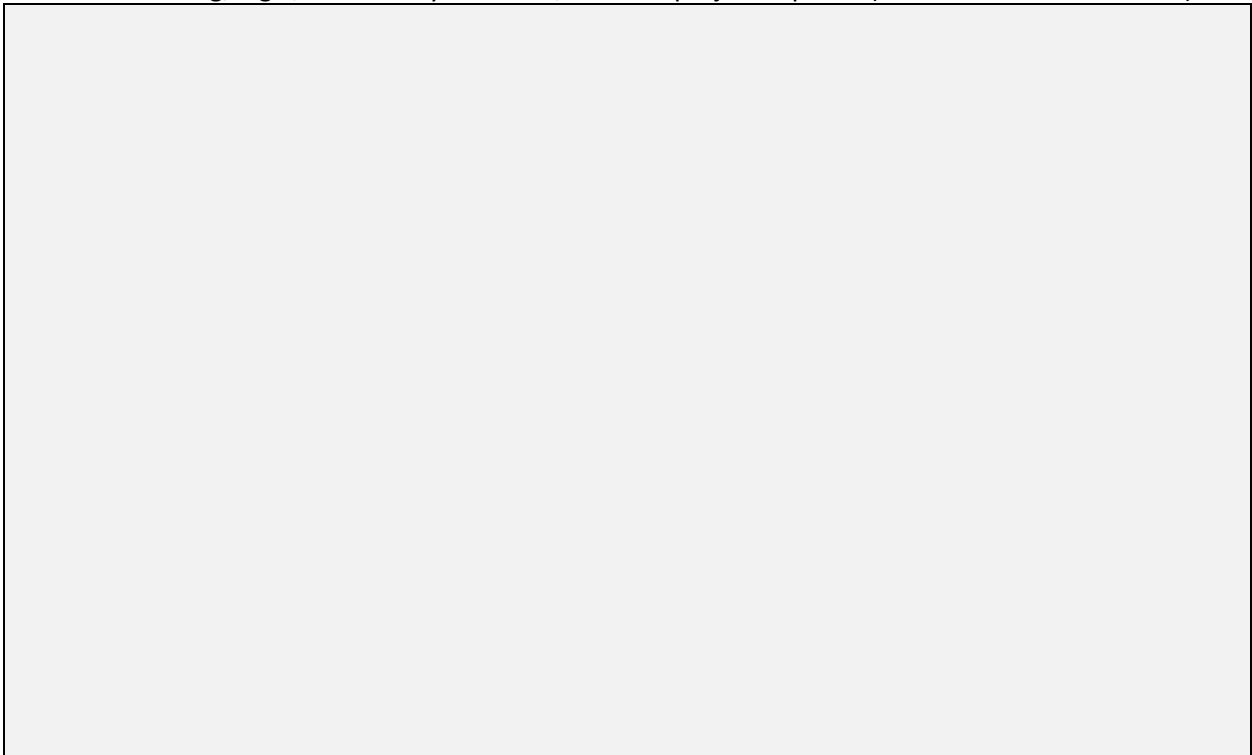
Source Type	Source Name*	\$ Amount	% of Project Funded
Private capital/equity			
Loans			
Federal funding			
State funding			
Regional funding			
Local/county funding			
Other			

* Please list specific grant sources (i.e. Metropolitan Council TBRA, Hennepin County ERF, MN DEED Contamination and Cleanup, etc.)

6. Describe the collaboration the among various parties that were involved in the project.



7. Describe the most innovative aspect of this project. Innovations may relate to engineering, financing, legal, community outreach, or other project aspects. (for the ***Innovation Award***)



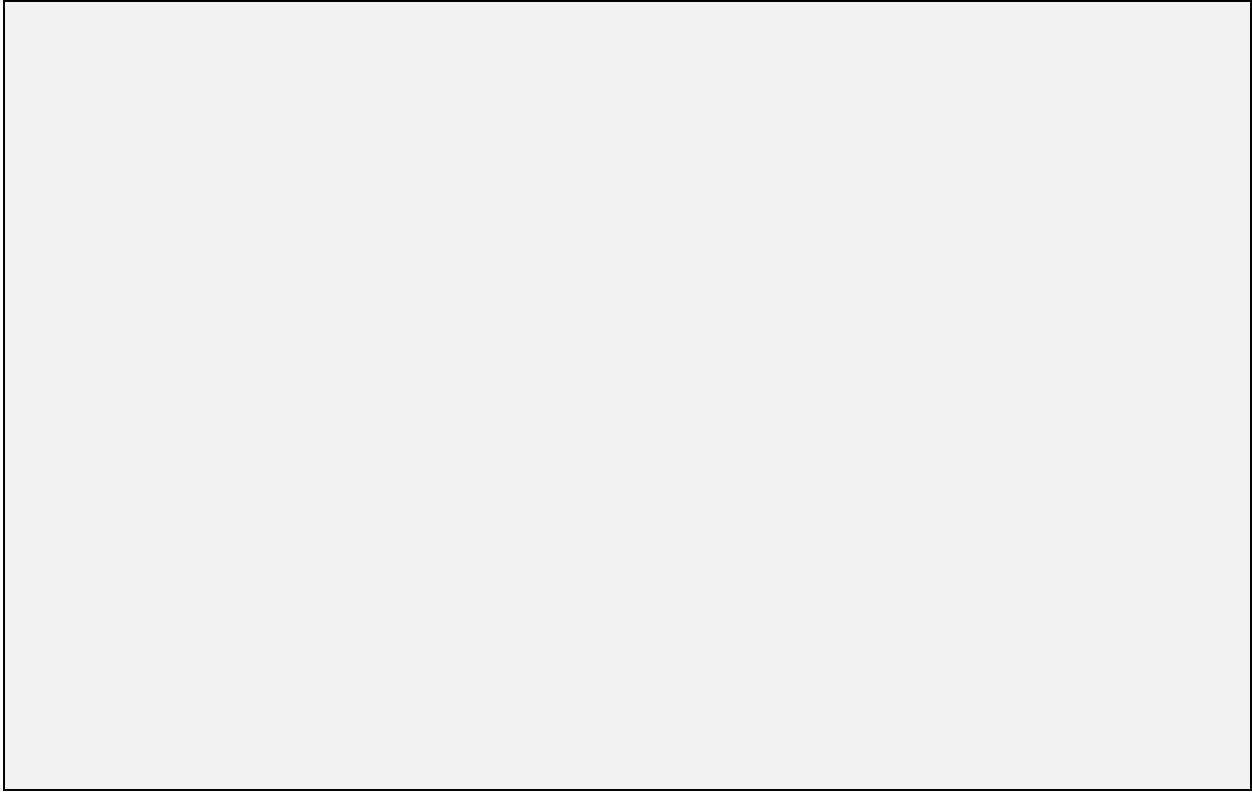
Section 3: Community Impact Considerations

Note: Questions for Community Impact Award applicants only

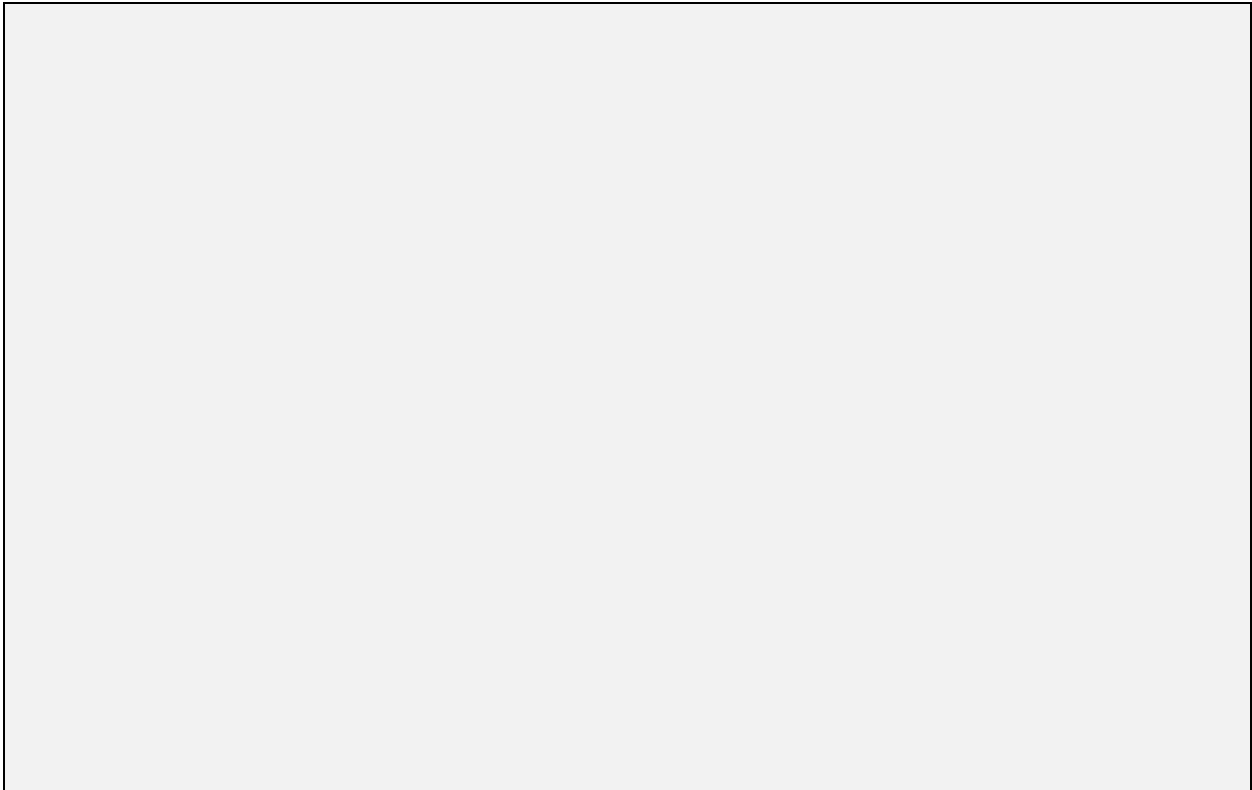
1. Who is the community benefiting from the project?

2. Describe the public benefits the project brings to the community (e.g. added community amenities, improved public use or community image).

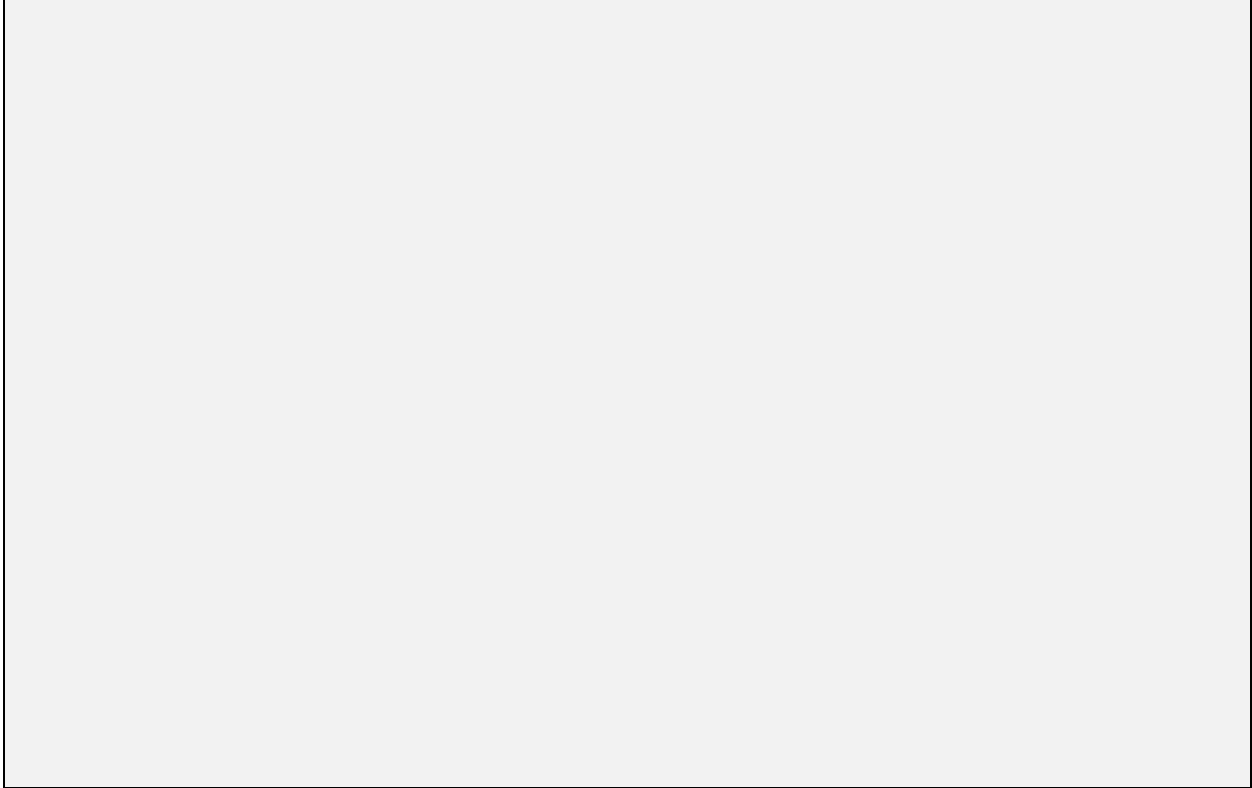
3. Describe the involvement of the community in the visioning, cleanup or redevelopment of the project. Describe the community outreach plan and how it was implemented.



4. Describe the impact of the project on equity, [Environmental Justice](#) zones or [Areas of Concentrated Poverty](#), or through other public policy initiatives (e.g. port revitalization, etc.).



5. Describe the sustainable features in the project, or innovations providing social benefit to the community (e.g. transportation proximity, density, workforce opportunities, walkability, improved public health or safety, etc.).



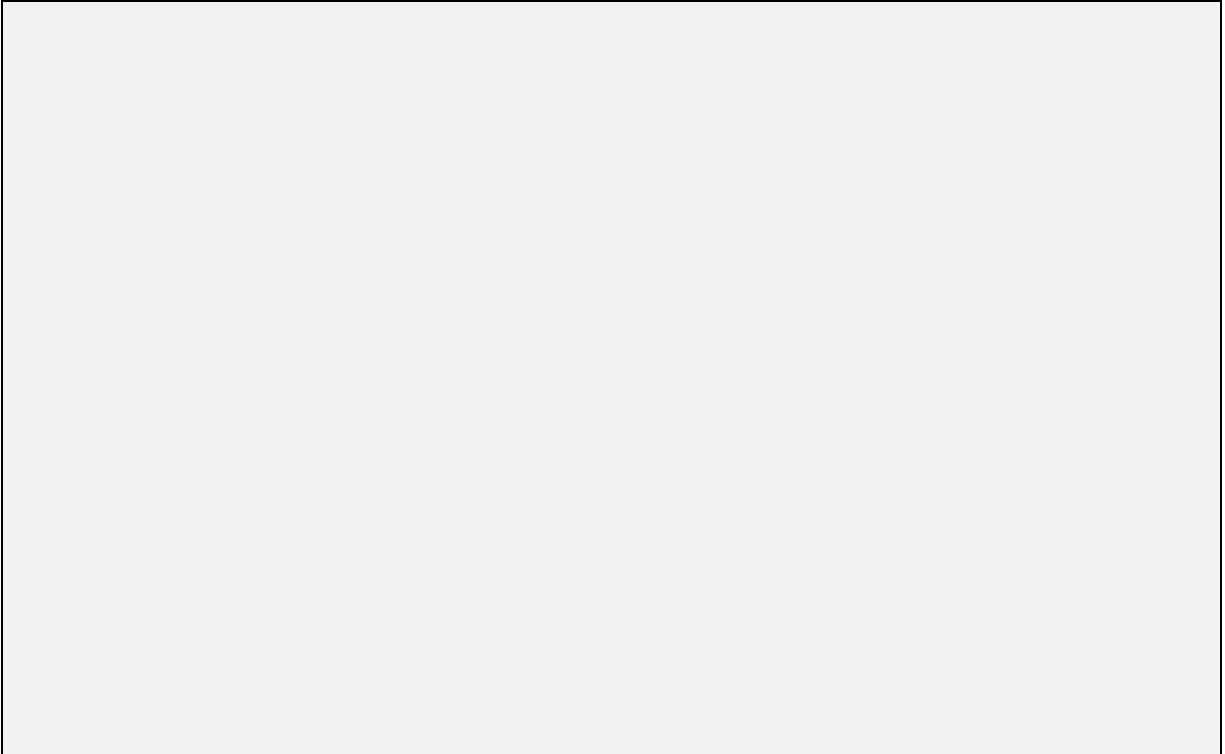
Section 4: Economic Impact Considerations

Note: Questions for Economic Impact Award applicants only

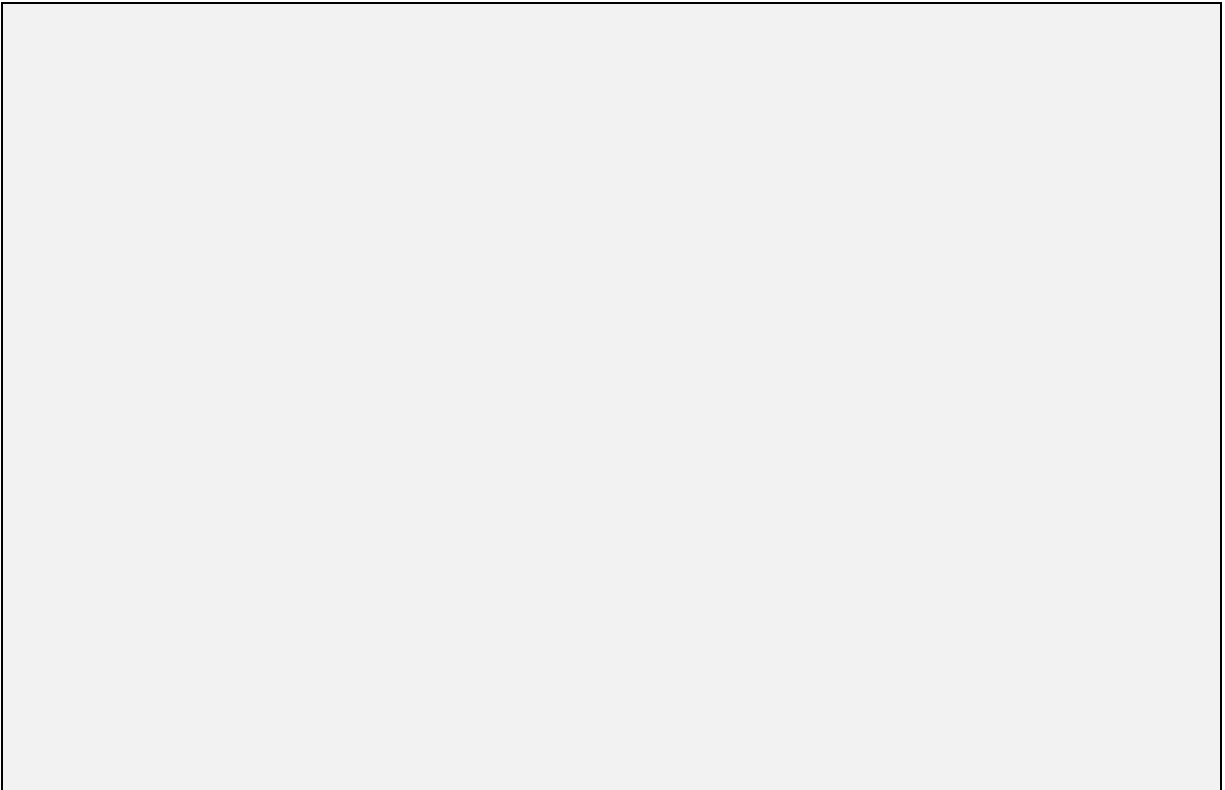
- 1. Describe the economic benefits the project brings to the community.

- 2. How are these economic benefits measured, and how rapid is the ROI? Please comment from the perspective of the development and from the perspective of the community.

3. Describe any market or financial impediments to redevelopment, and the innovations or approaches used to overcome these challenges.

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4. What factors may impede economic sustainability? How will the project ensure long-term success?

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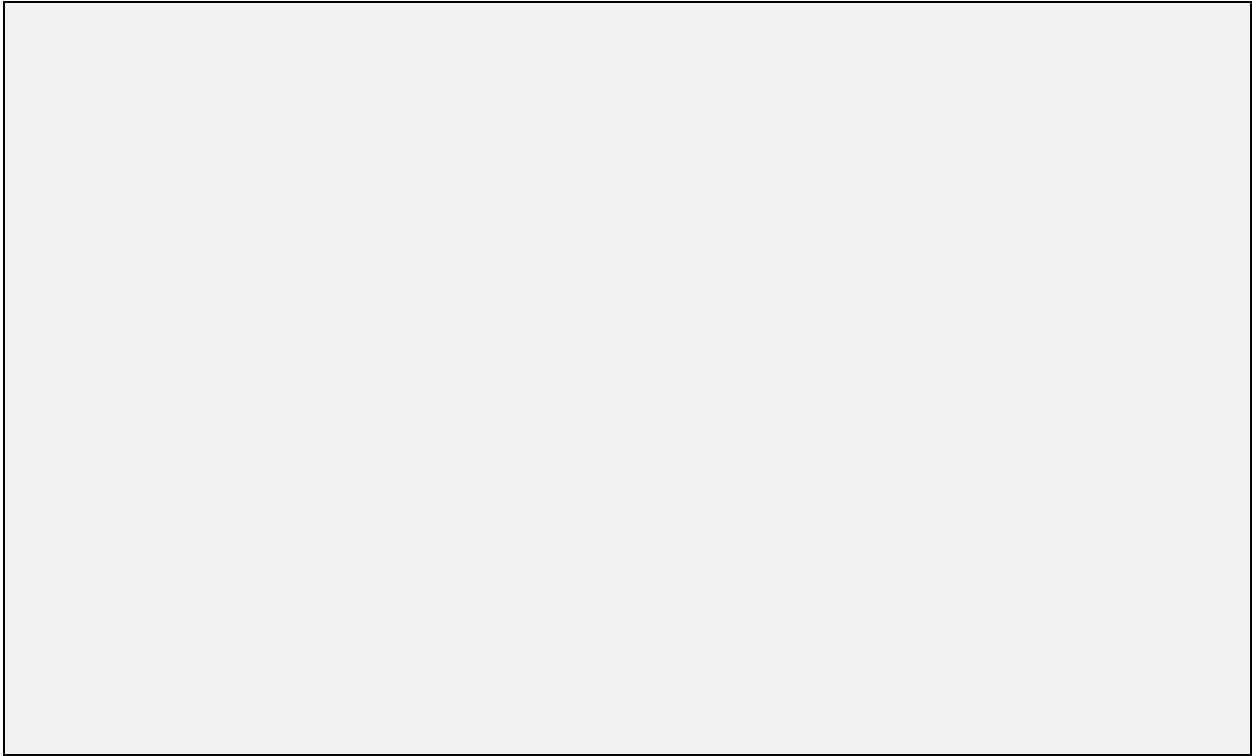
Section 5: Environmental Impact Considerations

Note: Questions for Environmental Impact Award applicants only

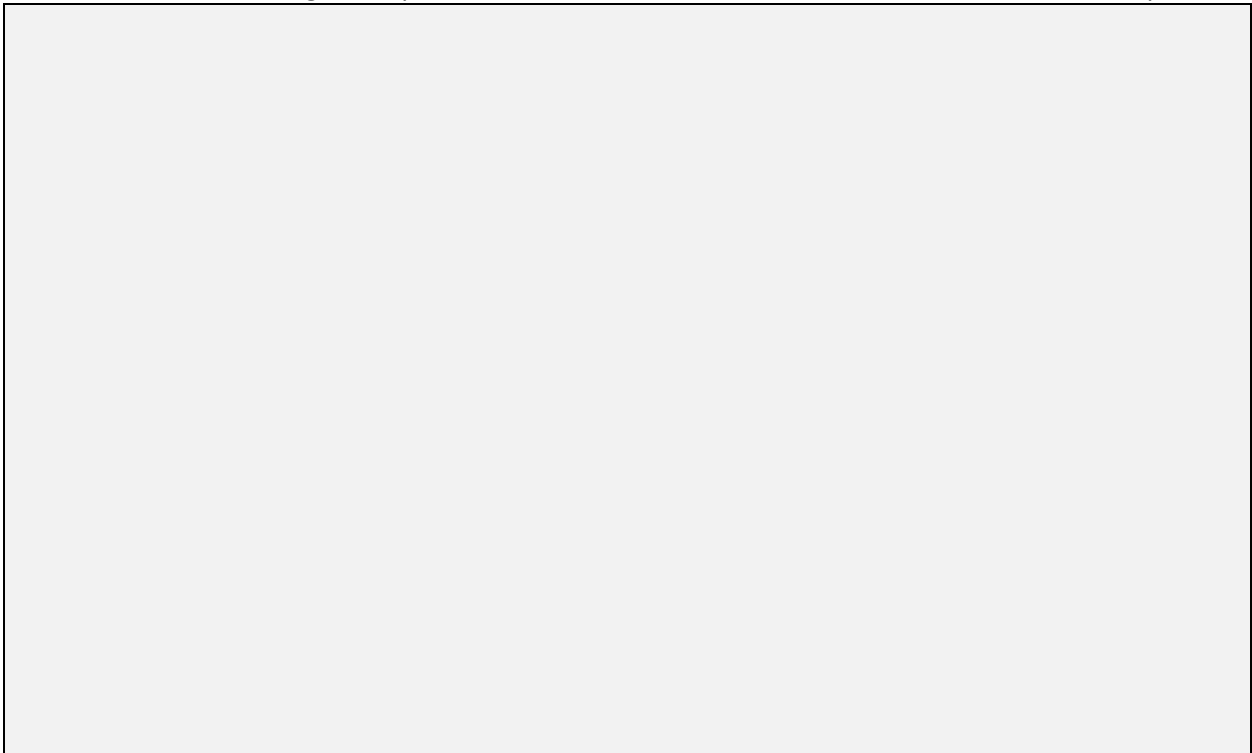
1. Describe any engineered barriers or institutional controls put into place if contamination remains after redevelopment.

2. Describe any innovative environmental solutions used in the project.

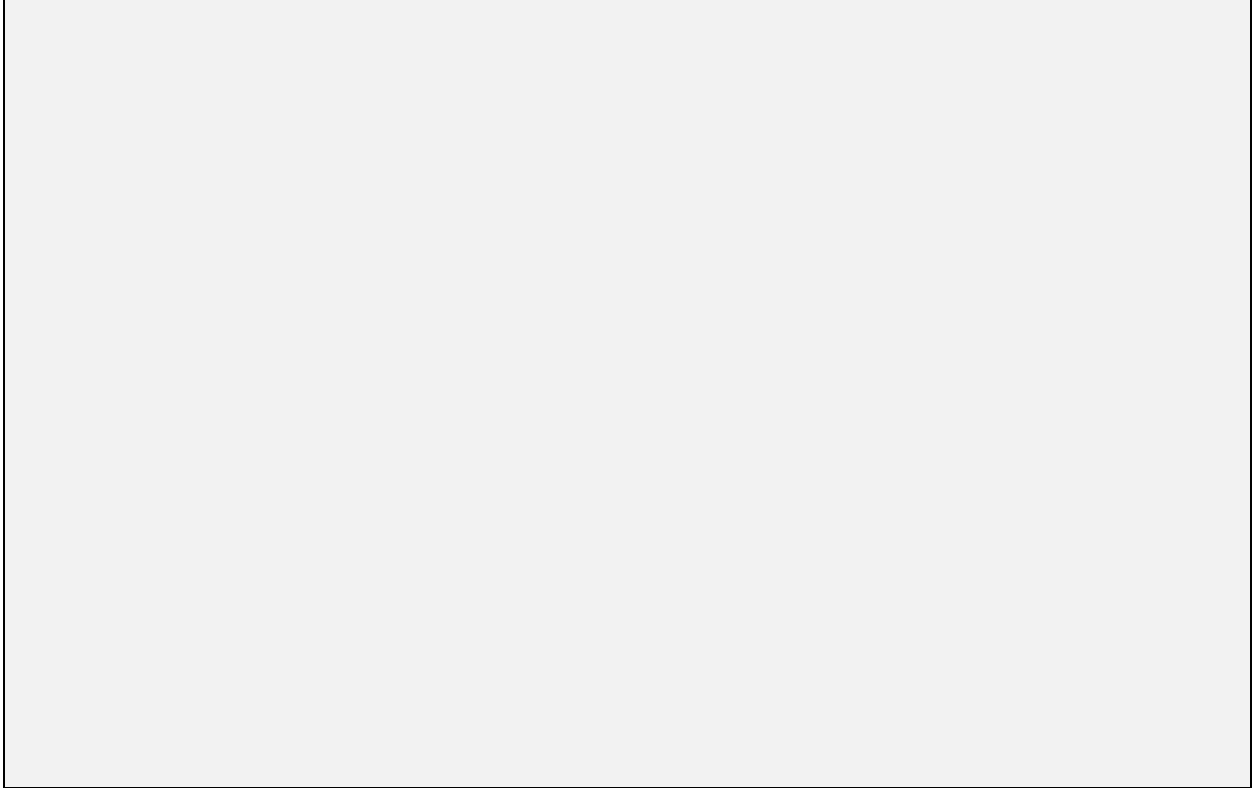
3. Describe any environmental restoration activities in the project (e.g., land conservation, habitat preservation, wetland mitigation).



4. Describe any communication strategies or outreach methods used to address environmental concerns of the general public, or efforts to educate them about contamination cleanup.



5. Describe any sustainable development features in the project with an environmental impact on the community or development (e.g., LEED certification, reduction of carbon emissions, improvement in air or water quality, use of recycled materials).



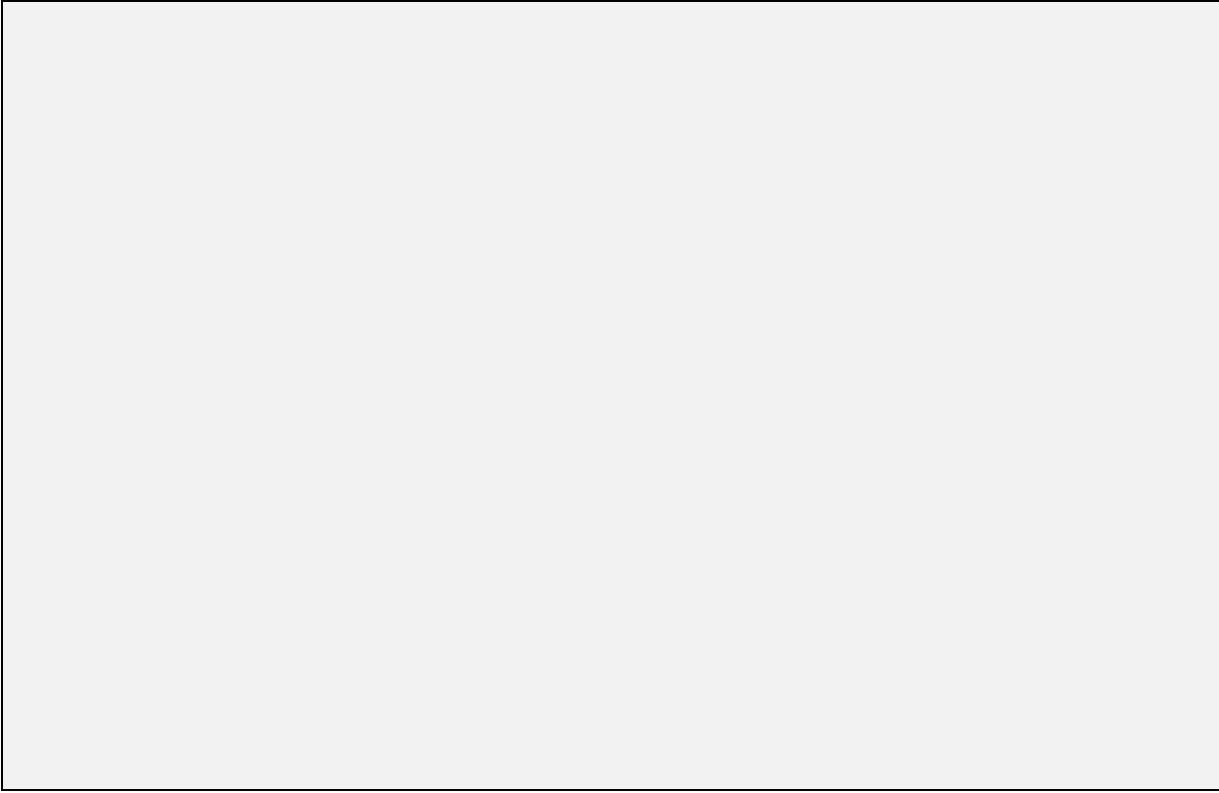
Section 6: Promising Project Award Considerations

Note: Questions for Promising Project Award applicants only

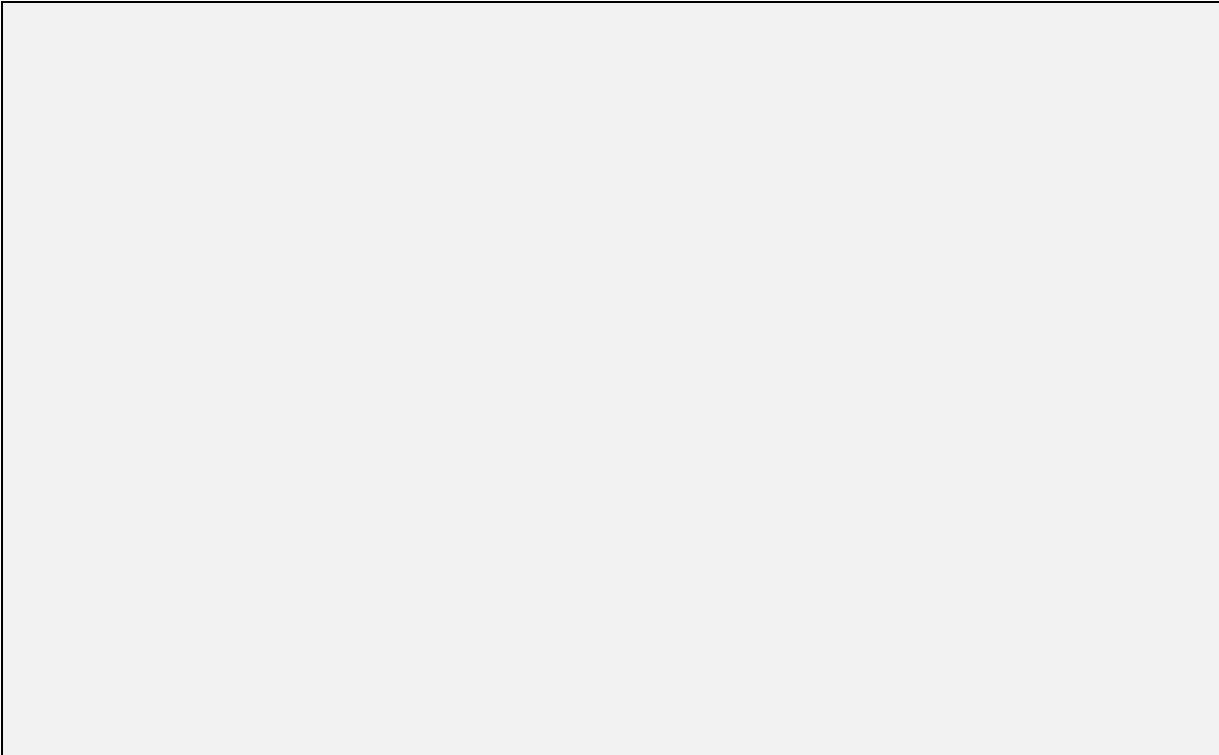
1. Describe the current status of the project, as well as any unique challenges that that have made project completion difficult.

2. Describe any unexpected findings or events that made the project more challenging or complex in the course of investigations, cleanup, or redevelopment.

3. Describe the approaches or innovative methods used to overcome the challenges, and the results of these efforts.



4. Describe the envisioned/future benefits (community, economic, or environmental) that the project would bring to the community if completed.



Section 7: Applicant Information

Date of Application	
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Principal contact name:	
Name of applicant organization:	
Email address:	
Phone:	
Project partner(s) who are Minnesota Brownfields members:	

Signature

I confirm that the information on this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I authorize reuse of images & narrative from this application in future Minnesota Brownfields communications.

Entity name	
Signature	
Print name	
Title	

Section 8: 2022 ReScape Application Checklist Assistance

Read ReScape 2022 Application Instructions (the first page of this document) Questions? Contact

Elizabeth Kluesner at ekluesner@mnbrownfields.org

- Project Summary (required for all applicants)
- Award Category Information (Complete at least one of Sections 3-6 of the application form.)

Attachments

- Photos (format .jpg, maximum size 1MB). Please provide photo descriptions or names (i.e. "ProjectName_Remediation", etc.), and photo credits.

Photo name	Photo credit

- Optional: Video (YouTube or other format, 2 minutes or less)

Video name	Video credit

- Application Fee (\$25 payable to Minnesota Brownfields at <https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/MinnesotaBrownfields/OnlineDonation.html>)

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