Brownfield Grants and Area Wide Planning
EPA Brownfield Assessment Grant

- Used for sites impacted by petroleum or hazardous substances
- Environmental site assessment and cleanup/reuse planning
- To support property sale or redevelopment activities
- Areawide Planning is an approved activity of the grant

Brownfield Grants and Area Wide Planning
Project Goals & Desired Outcomes

• Focus on sites with greatest redevelopment potential
• Encourage site reuse projects (infill development)
• Transform underutilized properties into community assets
• Restore the environment and protect human health

Brownfield Grants and Area Wide Planning
Study Process

1. **Learn the Place**
   - Review previous studies, visit with stakeholders

2. **Explore the Possibilities**
   - Assemble potential reinvestment and redevelopment options

3. **Turn Plans into Action**
   - Assemble public-realm green space options, identify planning priorities

4. **Implement Priorities**
   - Document and present plan recommendations

**Visit 1**

**Visit 2**

**Visit 3**

**Visit 4**
Existing Conditions
Downtown Plan Update

Study Area

- Capitol District
- Capitol to River
- River South
- River North
- Kansas Ave Core
- Office & Catalyst
- Civic
- Warehouse & Innovation
- Tower District
- NOTO

- Primary Pedestrian Corridor
  5 Min. Walk (1/4 MI. Increments)
- Activity Hubs
- Van Buren Corridor

Stantec
Planning Considerations
Downtowns deliver 13-64% of citywide tax revenue.

Downtowns are inherently better able to rebound from economic, social, and environmental shocks and stresses.

Downtowns are demographically diverse with large portions of a city’s foreign-born, non-white, and middle-income populations.

Downtowns provide a high quality of life that attracts employers, investment, visitors, and residents.

Downtowns support a variety of retail, infrastructure, and institutions.
Through the 2000s, the clear majority of newly formed households in North America will comprise individuals or couples groups that strongly prefer urban style multifamily housing.

To satisfy growing demand for housing in urban settings, the US alone will need to create tens of millions of walkable multifamily units by the early 2030s.

Knowledge workers want to live in lively urban place, where they cluster jobs and investment follow.
Grow downtown as a REGIONAL...

**Economic engine**—jobs

**Fiscal engine**—tax base

**Amenity engine**—housing

**Civic heart**—common ground

**Cultural celebration**—arts “infrastructure”

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**Walkable**

**Connected**

**Diverse**

**Green**

**Authentic**

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South Bay Retrofit, Boston

Brooklyn Village Redevelopment, Center City Charlotte

Downtown Brockton (MA)

Calgary Downtown Riverfront

Water Street, Downtown Tampa
Barriers and Opportunities
The realignment of I-70 within the River South Neighborhood offers an opportunity to include unique pedestrian and community spaces that can be an asset to the neighborhood.

Working from Stantec's current experience on the I-49 viaduct in Lafayette Louisiana, we have assembled a few examples of best practices for design for this type of transportation infrastructure.
1. WHAT NOT TO DO
I-280 – SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA
I-110 – BATON ROUGE
2. THE REALM OF POSSIBILITIES
UNDERPASS PARK, TORONTO

Before

After
UNDERPASS PARK, TORONTO
14TH STREET VIADUCT - HOBOKEN
14TH STREET VIADUCT - HOBOKEN
14TH STREET VIADUCT - HOBOKEN
FLEA MARKETS, WALLACE, IDAHO
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Comments / Thoughts / Opportunities