What the BUILD Act Could Build

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Agenda and Speakers

Evans Paull, National Brownfields Coalition
- Overview of the BUILD Act

Judy Sheahan, US Conference of Mayors
- Status of the Bill
- Next steps on Capitol Hill

Katy Hartnett, Smart Growth America
- How to educate members of Congress
- Best ways to share your success story

Lee Hoffman, Pullman & Comley, LLC
- Success at Harbor Point in Stamford, CT
EPA Brownfields Program Productivity Data

- 20,300 properties assessed;
- $19.3 billion in cleanup and redevelopment dollars leveraged (an 18-to-1 leverage ratio);
- 87,100 jobs accommodated in existing developed areas;
- 33 to 57 percent reductions in vehicle miles traveled relative to sprawl development patterns;
- 44 to 88 percent reductions in runoff relative to sprawl development patterns.
Brownfields Utilization and Investment Act of 2013 – BUILD Act

• Renews program that expired at the end of 2006

• Themes:
  – Creates flexibility for grantees
  – Creates new grants to support federal priorities in the areas of energy efficiency and waterfront renewal
  – Eliminates arbitrary eligibility barriers
  – Enhances assistance and eliminate barriers for disadvantaged, small/rural communities
  – Increases grant ceilings

Polouse, WA site
Courtesy Maul-Foster-Alongi
Increased Flexibility for Grantees

• Multi-Purpose Grants *
  – Site assessment, cleanup, and RLF
  – Individual MP grant awards capped at $950,000
  – Total number of MP grants awarded can’t exceed 15% of total 104(k) funds available each fiscal year
  – Additional ranking criteria to evaluate to include in MP grant guidelines
    • Overall plan for revitalization of 1 or more BF sites
    • Demonstrate capacity
    • Demonstrate need
New grants: Energy Efficiency & Waterfront Renewal

• **Clean Energy Grants** *
  
  – Clean energy project: renewable electricity (wind, solar, or geothermal energy) and energy efficiency (combined heat and power and district energy)
  
  – Activities: assessment, cleanup, RLF
  
  – Grants capped at $500,000

• **Waterfront Brownfields**
  
  – Definition: site adjacent to a body of water or federally designated floodplain.
  
  – EPA to consider if waterfront brownfield sites are served by the grant and give consideration to waterfront brownfield sites.
Eliminate arbitrary eligibility barriers

• Non-profit eligibility *
  – Eligible for all categories of grants
  – 501(c)(3) plus LLC and limited partnership subsidiaries to 501(c)(3)’s

• Site assessment eligibility for publicly owned sites acquired before 2002 *
  – Property acquired before January 1, 2002 is eligible without the burden of proving bona fide prospective purchaser status

Baltimore Aquarium – Center for Aquatic Life and Conservation
Enhanced assistance: Disadvantaged, Small/Rural Communities

• Eliminates the Administrative Cost Prohibition *
  – Allow recipients to use up to 8% of grant funding for administrative costs.

• Small Community Technical Assistance *
  – EPA prioritize TA for small communities, Indian tribes, rural areas, or low-income areas with a population less than 15,000

• Targeted Funding for States
  – Up to $2M of 104(k) funding can be used for 128(a) eligible activities

• Non-Profit Eligibility

Indian Creek, Caldwell, ID
Higher Grant Ceilings

• Increased funding for remediation grants
  – Increase the cleanup grants amount to $500,000
  – Entities can request a waiver up to $650,000

Harper-Thiel Site, Wilmington, DE – $800,000 in cleanup costs
BUILD Act: Status on Capitol Hill

“The Brownfields Program has a proven track record of helping communities replace abandoned, polluted properties with new businesses, parks and residential areas.” – Sen. Lautenberg
BUILD Act: Status on Capitol Hill

Introduction

• March 7\textsuperscript{th}, 2013

• Lead Sponsors
  – Frank R. Lautenburg (D-NJ)
  – James M. Inhofe (R-OK)
  – Mike Crapo (R-ID)
  – Tom Udall (D-NM)

• Amends the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA)
BUILD Act: Status on Capitol Hill

Environment and Public Works Committee

Barbara Boxer (Chairman) (CA)  David Vitter (LA)
Max Baucus (MT)  James M. Inhofe (OK)
Thomas R. Carper (DE)  John Barrasso (WY)
Frank R. Lautenberg (NJ)  Jeff Sessions (AL)
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Tom Udall (NM)  Deb Fischer (NE)
Jeff Merkley (OR)
Kirsten Gillibrand (NY)
BUILD Act: Status on Capitol Hill

Senate
• Co-sponsorship drive to pair Rs and Ds
• Not very much momentum since introduction
• Goal is to make sure all Senators are hearing that this is a priority

House
• Have approached a few members regarding sponsorship and introduction in the House
• Planning to take same bipartisan approach as in the Senate
How to tell your story

The Linen Building in Boise, ID
How to tell your story

Publicly

• How to decide on a story to tell
• The best facts and figures to use
• Very helpful to talk about new businesses, jobs, revitalization of a neighborhood
How to tell your story

Harrison Commons in Harrison, NJ
How to tell your story

On the Hill

• Focus on the local impact of the project
• Again, focus on facts and figures
• Feel free to bring examples good opportunities to redevelop but need assessment, clean up, etc.
Harbor Point – Stamford, CT
711 Canal Street – Before and After

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National Brownfields Coalition
101 Park Place – Before and After
Harbor Point – Facts and Figures

- 100+ acre brownfield project in Stamford, CT
- 1,100 new rental units
- 450,000 new square feet of office space
- 120,000 square feet of retail
- 12 acres of public parks
- Over 1 mile of waterfront has been opened

- Subject to a master plan of development
- Additional 3,000 rental units to be built at Harbor Point
- Additional 3,000 units of housing being built elsewhere in Stamford
- 300 seat beer garden scheduled to open this summer
Questions?

Please type your questions into the chat box and we will read them aloud.
See you at Brownfields 2013!

Healthfields: Transforming polluted parcels into resources for revitalization

- Wednesday, May 15, 2013 from 12:00-3:00 PM in Atlanta (walking distance from the Conference Center)
- To attend, RSVP to Elizabeth Schilling

Heard on the Hill: National Brownfields Coalition breakfast

- Friday, May 17, 2013 at 7:15 AM
- To register, visit http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org/brownfields/news
To join the leadership circle, sponsor upcoming events, or get more information:

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