



# Idaho Brownfields Conference

BUILDING COMMUNITIES

**June 21 & 22, 2023**  
**Boise State University**  
**8:00 am – 5:00 pm (MDT)**

## June 21, 2023 – Pre-conference Tour(s) and Social

*We'll meet on the rooftop of the 9th & Front Parking Garage in Boise.*

3:30 – 5:00 pm

### **Optional Pre-conference Brownfields Discussion & Tour**

*Join us for a pre-conference discussion of brownfields projects in downtown Boise. Hear from Idaho DEQ and project representatives as they discuss the opportunities and challenges brownfields pose to community revitalization and economic development. The tour will continue to local brownfields sites and end at a local brewpub for networking and refreshments.*

5:00 – 6:30 pm

### **Networking and Social**

## June 22, 2023 – Idaho Brownfields Conference

*Location: Boise State University*

7:30 – 8:30 am

### **Breakfast and Networking**

8:30 – 9:15 am

### **Conference Kick-off and Keynote Presentation: Idaho Brownfields Success Stories**

Presented by Eric Traynor, Brownfields Program Manager at Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

9:15 – 10:30 am

### **Hot Topic Session – Environmental Justice**

This session will cover the foundations of environmental justice, including what it is and how it has emerged as one of the most pressing issues in environmental regulation and policy today. Learn from regulators, consultants, and an environmental attorney as they discuss environmental justice and its significance in brownfields redevelopment.

Moderator: Kathy Lombardi, Principal Engineer, Maul Foster & Alongi, Inc.; Panelists: Jessica Glenn, Senior Environmental Scientist, Maul, Foster & Alongi, Inc.; Wade Foster, Associate, Stoel Rives, LLP; and more coming soon!

10:30 – 10:45 am

### **Stretch Break**

10:45 – 12:00 noon

### **The Nexus Between Affordable Housing and Brownfield Redevelopment**

Nearly every US city, large or small, has a housing shortage, particularly affordable housing, and Idaho is no exception. Infill redevelopment on brownfields presents a unique and sustainable opportunity to increase the housing inventory. This might mean repurposing the upper floors of historic downtown buildings in small towns, creating vibrant, walkable neighborhoods. In large cities like Boise, brownfields are often located along transit lines and near services, allowing decreasing commuter miles and easing traffic congestion. This session will cover 1) overcoming environmental issues to facilitate housing redevelopment on brownfields, 2) the status of the “A Home for Everyone” initiative in Boise, and 3) a discussion regarding how affordable housing development differs from market-rate housing development. Moderator and Panelist: Leonard Farr, Principal, Stantec Consulting Services; Panelists: Noel Gill, President, Northwest Real Estate Capital Corp.; and Niki Hellenkamp, Mayor's Housing Advisor, City of Boise.

12:00 – 1:30 pm

### **Lunch Break & Featured Keynote Presentation**

1:30 – 1:45 pm

**Stretch Break**

1:45 – 3:00 pm

**Show Me the Money - Brownfields Funding Options**

This session will focus on the current unprecedented Brownfields funding. The session will feature an informative panel discussion on brownfields funding options in Idaho by federal, state, tribal, and regional agency representatives. Funding discussions will cover grants, technical assistance resources, revolving loan funds, eligibility, and information from the experts on seeking brownfields funding in Idaho. Moderator: Jon Munkers, Principal Scientist, Alta Science and Engineering  
Panelists: Terri Griffith, Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 Brownfields Coordinator; Beth Bahem, Brownfields Analyst, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality; Dr. Michelle McFarlane, Brownfields Program Manager, Region IV Development.

3:00 – 4:15 pm

**Community Engagement & Partnerships**

This dynamic session will provide specific examples of communications and community engagement. Including topics such as conflict resolution when things don't go as planned and how to build successful partnerships. Moderator: Lauren Ghazikhanian, Communications Manager, Center for Creative Land Recycling; Panelists: Wilhelm Welzenbach, Project Scientist, NewFields, and Jennifer Wynkoop, Principal Environmental Scientist, Landau Associates.

4:15 pm

**Conference Adjourns & Networking**

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**Redeveloping Idaho's Brownfields.**

Northwest Environmental Business Council is pleased to present a one-day brownfields conference. This conference will deliver an exceptional learning and networking environment for those working to make contaminated properties economically viable for reuse.

**Real Examples & Practical Learning.**

This one-day event provides both long-time professionals and novices with insight into the brownfields redevelopment process from start to finish and the knowledge of how to find and manage critical resources for each project step. The agenda includes several hot-topic sessions led by the region's leading environmental consulting firms.

**Who Should Attend?**

Are you in the brownfields industry or part of a locale with a brownfields site? Are you looking to revitalize your community, spur economic growth, restore the local environment, and protect public health? If so, plan on attending the 2023 Idaho Brownfields Conference.

- Local, state, and federal government leaders
- Real estate developers and investors
- Environmental consultants, engineers, and service providers
- Financial and insurance providers and risk management practitioners
- Tribal representations
- Financial and insurance providers and risk management practitioners
- Community leaders
- Attorneys