Connecticut All Grantees Meeting
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Assessment, Cleanup, & Redevelopment Exchange System (ACRES)

Measuring Success in ACRES
Connecticut Accomplishments

• 426 Properties with Assessments Completed
• 14 Properties Cleaned Up/Ready for Re-use
• 208 Acres Cleaned Up/Ready for Re-use
• Cleanup Completions at 19 Properties (Funded)
• 3,187 Jobs Leveraged
• $406M Leveraged
Assessment Grants in CT
- $14.3M since 1994
- 49 CAs

128a Grants in CT
- $5.9M since 1994

RLF Grants in CT
- $17.2M since 1994
- 21 CAs

Cleanup Grants in CT
- 11.8k M since 1994
- 48 CAs

Ready For Re-use
How Are These Successes Measured?
Who needs to use ACRES?

What is ACRES?

When do we use ACRES?

Why do we have ACRES?

How can we get help with ACRES?
Who Needs to Use ACRES?

Everyone!

- **All Grantees** are required to use ACRES to input Property Profile Form data.
What Is ACRES?

- Web-based reporting tool tracks your RLF cleanup milestones, redevelopment info, jobs and dollars leveraged, and other key data.

- Eliminates paper Property Profile Forms and also help to achieve goals under Paperwork Reduction Act
When Do We Use ACRES?

• When Assessment Activities Begin
  ✓ Phase 1
  ✓ Phase 2
  ✓ Supplemental Assessment
  ✓ Cleanup Planning

• When Cleanup Activities Begin
  ✓ Cleanup activities in the field
  ✓ Show Cleanup Funding
When Do We Use ACRES?

- Assessment Completion
- Cleanup Completion
  - Completion date (definition)
  - Jobs and dollars leveraged (report only once)
  - Match dates to cleanup grant (if any)
- Post-Cleanup
  - Institutional controls
  - Redevelopment dates, jobs, and dollars
Why Do We Have ACRES?

The Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) requires federal programs to demonstrate programmatic results for funding received and/or requested. As such, the success of each federal program hinges on its ability to produce verifiable results and outcomes.
Why Do We Have ACRES?

So what does this mean?.....

That in order to justify and continue funding the Brownfields program we have to collect and report data on our accomplishments
Did You hear Something?
How Can I Use the Data in ACRES?

• Manage information about your brownfields projects
  ✓ Quarterly Reporting
  ✓ Budget Tracking
  ✓ Contractor Performance

• Build your case locally
  • Show economic benefits and leveraging
  • JOBS, JOBS, JOBS!
  • Project tax revenue expected from public investment
  • Outreach / property access
How Can I Use the Data in ACRES?

• Writing your next EPA Brownfields grant proposal
  • Programmatic Capability, Outputs and Outcomes, Leveraging
  • All funders, including EPA, like to see measurable results
  • Could also be included in transportation, housing, and other grants
How Does EPA use the Data in ACRES?

- Documenting program success
  - Environmental metrics
  - Leveraging metrics

- Responding to:
  - Congressional inquiry
  - Administration
  - Press
  - Public

Brownfields Program Analysis – Sept 2010

Brownfields At A Glance – July 2010
Are My Data Publicly Available? Yes!

- Brownfields Grant Fact Sheet Search Tool
  - [http://cfpub.epa.gov/bf_factsheets/index.cfm](http://cfpub.epa.gov/bf_factsheets/index.cfm)

- Cleanups in My Community (CIMC)
  - [http://www.epa.gov/cimc](http://www.epa.gov/cimc)
  - Powerful tool with robust mapping capabilities
  - Includes data from several EPA Programs: Brownfields, Superfund, RCRA Corrective Action, and Federal Facilities
Data Organization in ACRES

- Each Cooperative Agreement is one record in ACRES
- A single property may be associated with more than one grant

Diagram:
- Assessment Grant
- Cleanup Grant or RLF
- 57 Chestnut Street
- Arthur’s Auto
Common Data Issues in CT

- Different Names for Same Site
- Duplicate property records
- Cleanup completion date definition
- Misreporting of leveraging info
  - Leveraged funds – Other People’s Money (not EPA)
Recent Enhancements

- Work Package Sharing
- Data Entry for Closed Grants
- Faster Loading of Search Page
- Google Maps Function

Coming Soon / PPF Revision:
- Additional Media
- Cost Share vs. Leveraging
- More Automation
- Quarterly Reporting??
Quiz Time!

• How often should you enter data in ACRES?
• What types of EPA funding can be reported as leveraged?
• How many Cooperative Agreements can be associated with a single Property record?
• When should you go back and enter redevelopment data?
Questions?
Help with ACRES?

“Contact Us” link in ACRES at top right hand corner. Phone number and email for help.

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