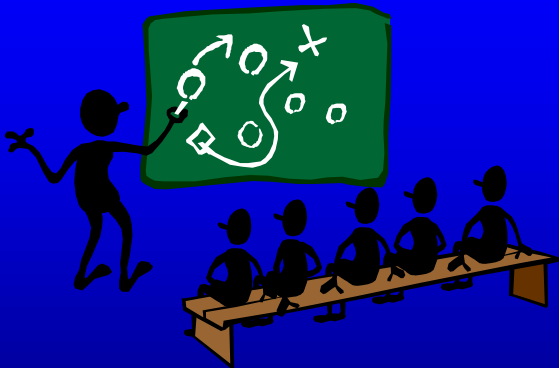




Connecticut All Grantees Meeting July 11, 2012

Assessment, Cleanup, & Redevelopment Exchange
System (ACRES)

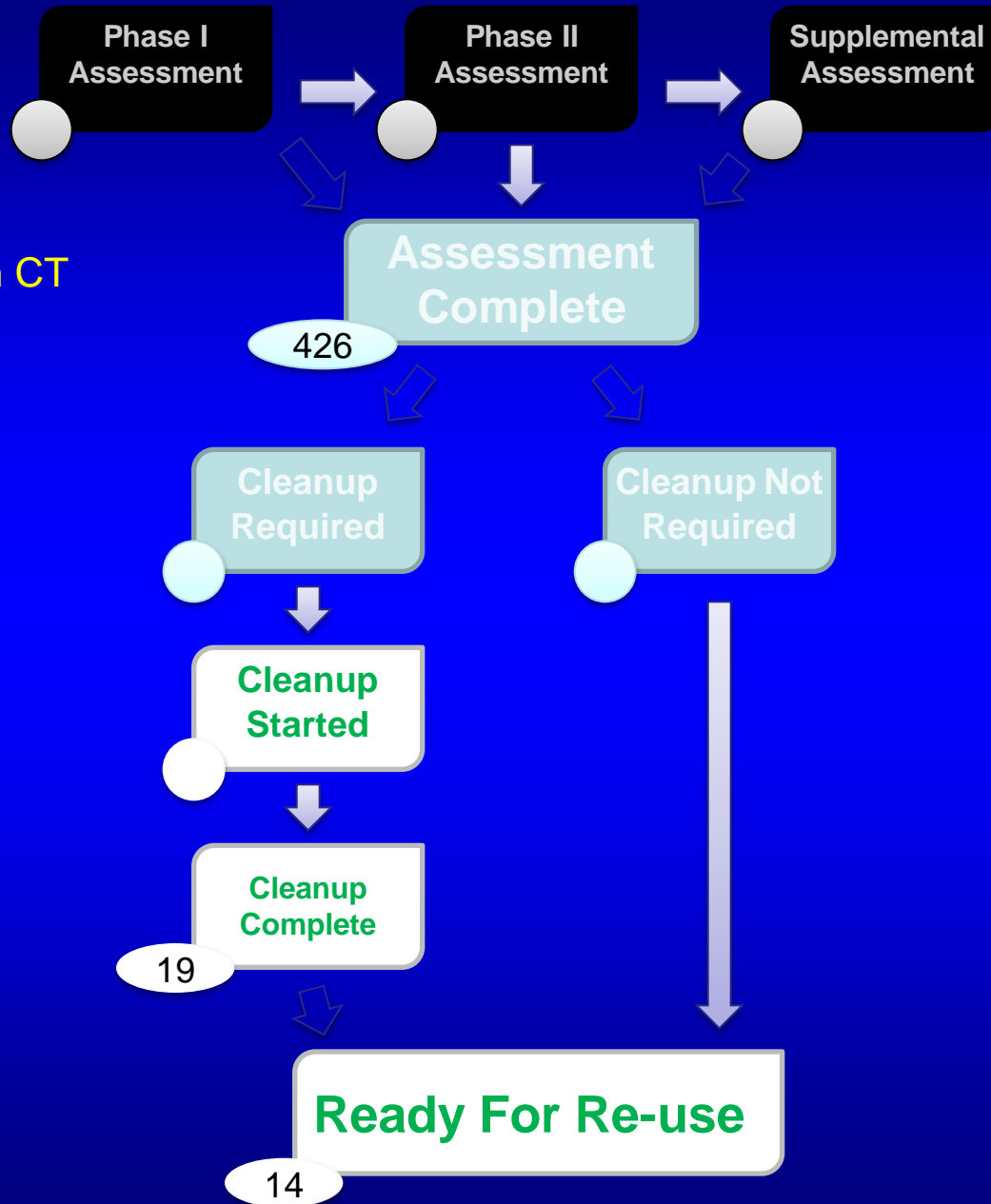


Measuring Success in ACRES



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



How Are These Successes Measured?



ASSESSMENT CLEANUP &
REDEVELOPMENT EXCHANGE SYSTEM



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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!

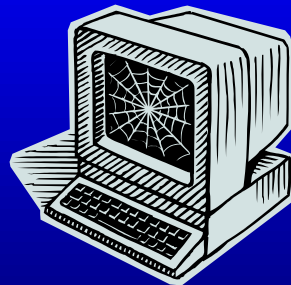
- All Grantees are required to use ACRES to input Property Profile Form data.





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.

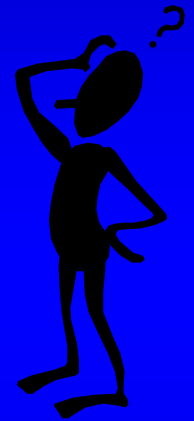




Why Do We Have ACRES?

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?





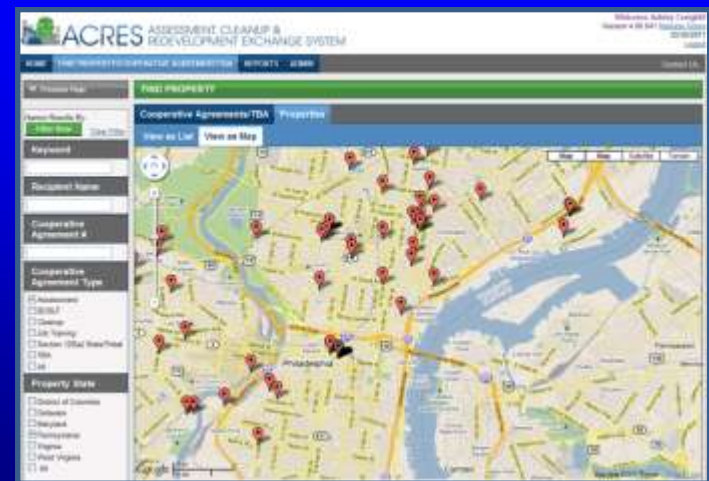
How Can I Use the Data in ACRES?

- 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



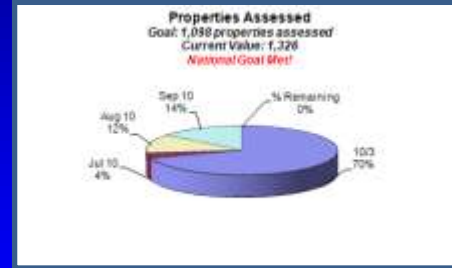


How Does EPA use the Data in ACRES?

- Documenting program success

- ✓ Environmental metrics
- ✓ Leveraging metrics

Brownfields Program Analysis – Sept 2010



- Responding to:

- ✓ Congressional inquiry
- ✓ Administration
- ✓ Press
- ✓ Public

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
- Cleanups in My Community (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



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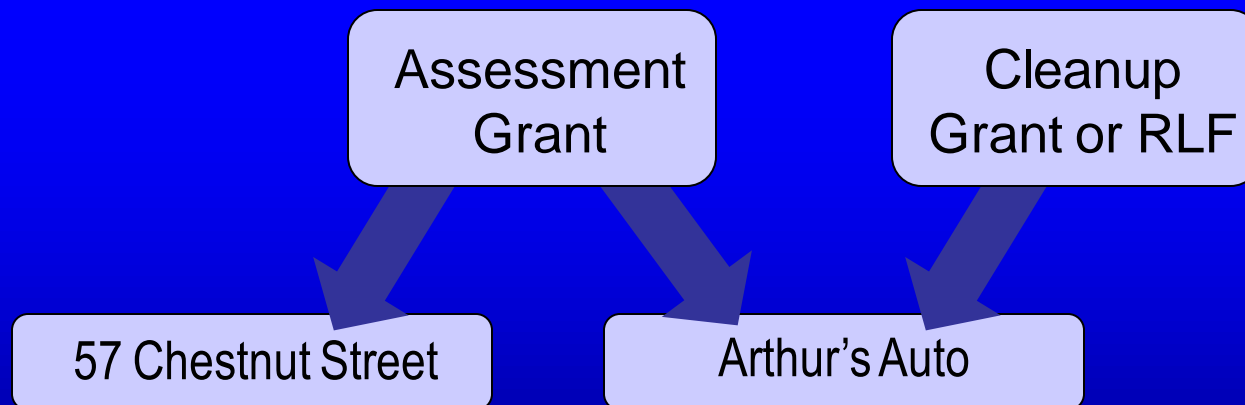
CIMC – April 2011





Data Organization in ACRES

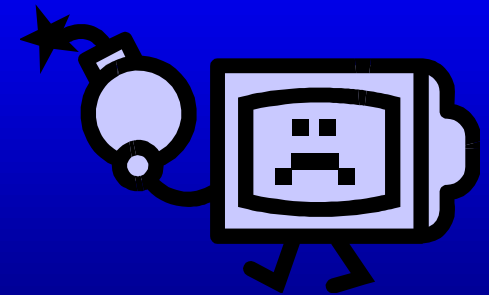
- Each Cooperative Agreement is one record in ACRES
- A single property may be associated with more than one grant





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??





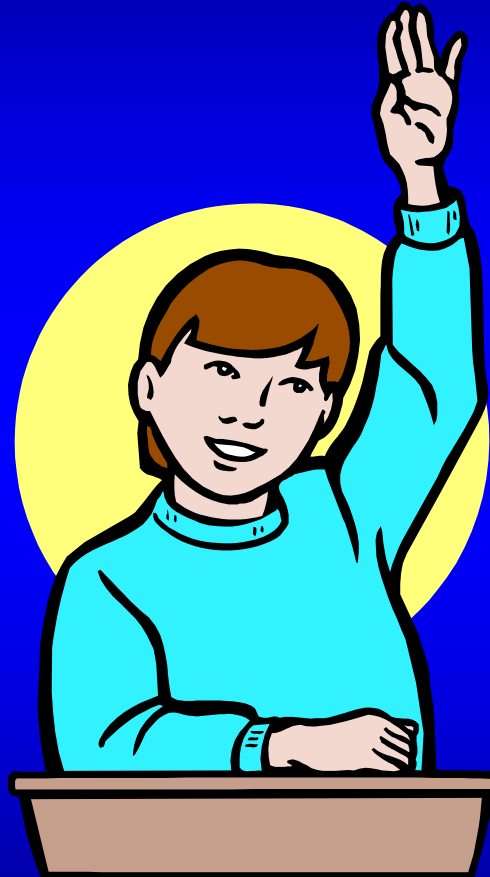
Quiz Time!

- 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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