

## Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection









#### **GREENER CLEANUPS**

# Integrating More Sustainable Approaches into Site Remediation in Connecticut

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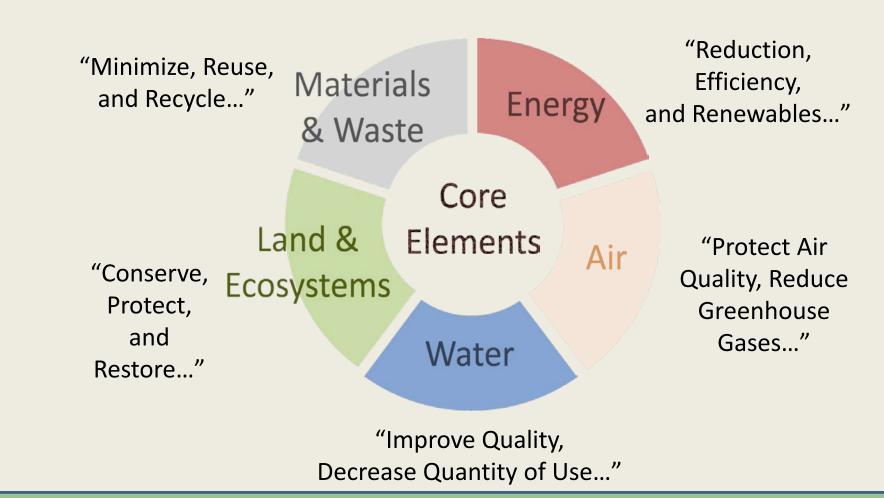
## What are Greener Cleanups?

## Reducing the Environmental Footprint of Cleanups:

- Begin from the perspective of sustainability
- Consider Greener Cleanup Principles during project planning
- Select investigative and remedial options that are greener



#### **EPA's Core Elements**





### **Examples of Best Management Practices**

Recycled concrete for erosion control

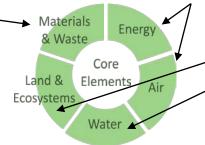
Mobile solar system to power tools

Wetlands for stormwater & habitat









#### Green Remediation in Connecticut

- No state regulatory or statutory requirements for regulated community
- DEEP encourages use of the ASTM Standard Guide for Greener Cleanups in site investigation and remediation



#### How does Green Remediation Fit In?

 DEEP's Remediation, Brownfields, and Renewable Energy Programs

Current guidance on conducting greener cleanups in Connecticut



## Connecticut's Remediation Programs

- CT part of EPA's Region 1 Green-Clean Energy and Remediation workgroup (since September 2015)
  - Collaboration between EPA and states
  - Information resources
  - Provide sustainable means of remediating sites
  - Tracks locations suitable for renewable energy production
- DEEP and DECD staff training
- Public Outreach
  - Remediation Roundtable
  - Website



#### **Green Remediation Resources**

- Green Remediation webpage www.ct.gov/deep/greenremediation
  - Resource links and existing guidance
- EPA's Clu-in www.cluin.org/greenremediation
  - Site profiles, BMP fact sheets, quantitative evaluation
- ASTM Greener Cleanups Standard www.astm.org/Standards/E2893.htm
  - Complimentary reading <a href="www.astm.org/E2893-16">www.astm.org/E2893-16</a>



## Connecticut's Remediation Programs

- CT Superfund sites
- Property Transfer Program
  - LEP Verification forms for Property Transfer
- Voluntary Remediation Program
- Green Circle and Sustainability Award
- Leading by example
  - Use at state landfills
- Tracking sites which use Green Remediation



## Connecticut's Remediation Programs

- Conducting a greener cleanup is a process, not any one technology
- Applied on a phase-by-phase basis throughout investigation and remediation by:
  - 1. Analyzing several remedial alternatives
  - 2. Evaluating how greener technologies may apply
  - 3. Choosing the remedy that optimizes the selected cleanup alternative in minimizing waste and reducing adverse impacts



## Connecticut's Brownfield Program

Developing Brownfields is "'green' as it saves land, reduces the effect of contamination... and provides redevelopment where existing infrastructure exists." – Task Force on Brownfields Strategies (February 2009)

- Redevelopment of brownfields with a greener cleanup in mind can provide cost savings and better environmental and societal outcomes
  - CT Brownfields webpage www.ct.gov/deep/brownfields



## Connecticut's Brownfield Program

#### **DECD**

• Sec. 4e-50. Contracts for environmental remediation of brownfields. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the general statutes, whenever a state agency or quasi-public agency, as defined in section 1-120, solicits bids, makes a request for proposals or negotiates a contract for the environmental remediation of a brownfield property, such bid, proposal or contract shall include a provision whereby the employment and utilization of green remediation technologies shall be accorded due consideration.

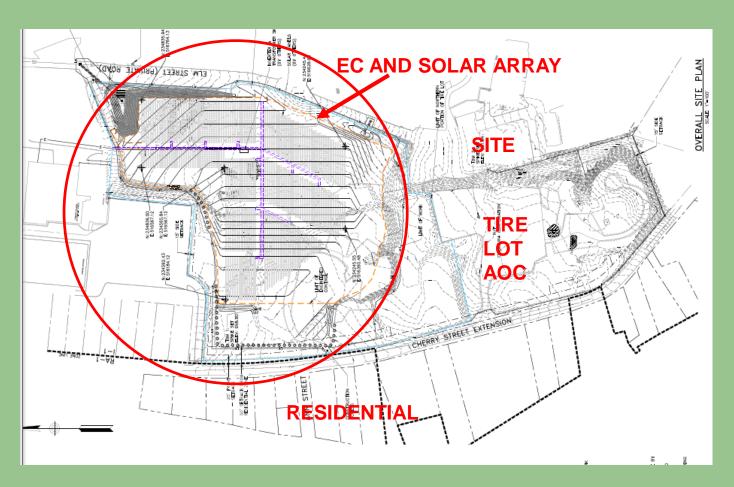


## Renewable Energy in Connecticut

- Achieve greener cleanups through state incentives for renewable energy
  - Database of State Incentives for Renewables & Efficiency <u>www.dsireusa.org</u> lists 79 state and federal policies and incentives in CT
    - Tax credits, loan programs, financial incentives Renewable Portfolio Standards, Green Buildings Tax
       Credit Program, ZREC, net metering, PACE, CEFIA
- Tracking sites which use renewable energy on formerly contaminated properties



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## Renewable Energy in Connecticut

Siting Clean Energy on Brownfields
 www.ct.gov/deep/brownfieldrenewableenergy

- financial incentives for use of renewable energy
- List of Landfills



#### **Future Outreach**

- Remediation Roundtable
  - Survey
  - Presentations on technology, implementation, etc.
- Website
  - Revise guidance to incorporate Green
     Remediation
  - Add success stories
- EPOC
  - LEP training credits





#### Supporting greener cleanups results in...

- economic benefit to our state and business/industry through cost savings and job growth
- energy efficiency and conservation through best use of natural resources
- better environmental practices and outcomes





#### Take-Aways:

**Works at ANY Site** 

No Regulatory Review Needed

Better
environmental,
societal, and
economic
outcomes



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#### Q&A

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