

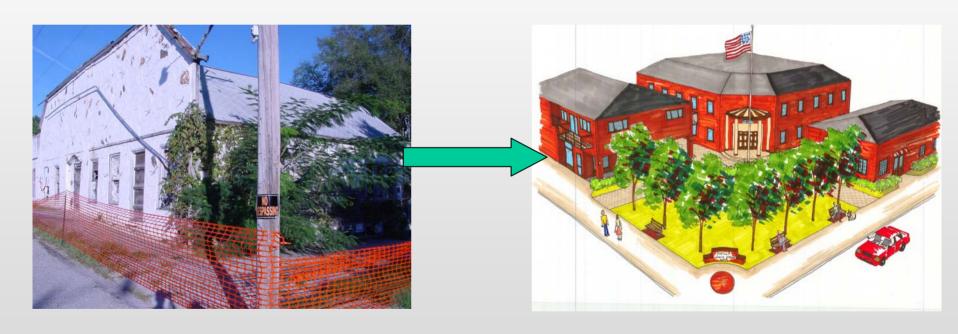






#### **SMARTe Framework**

#### **Present Structure and Ideas for the Future**



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# **Outline**

- Background
- SMARTe Overview
- SMARTe Demonstration
- SMARTe Future
- Contact Information











# What is SMARTe?















#### **SMARTe Overview**

Sustainable Management
Approaches and Revitalization
Tools – electronic

#### **Overcome Revitalization Obstacles**

**Content:** Information, Resources, Case Studies, Links; Checklists; Identify questions to ask

**Analysis Tools:** Technical and Non-

**Technical** 

**Search Engine:** Find Specific Info

**My Project:** Evaluate Reuse Options



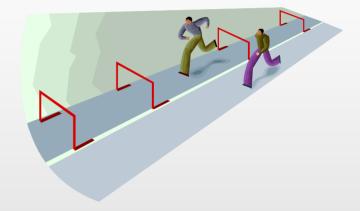






#### **Obstacles to Revitalization**

Challenge: To remove **obstacles** to revitalization



#### Short list:

- Identifying market and non-market costs and benefits of revitalization options
- Identifying private and public financing options
- Evaluating and communicating environmental risks
- Identifying and evaluating characterization, remediation, and long-term monitoring technologies
- Identifying state-specific information









# SMARTe Contributions by:



ATTORNEYS AT LAW

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL LAW GROUP









Hazardous Substance















#### Who can Benefit from SMARTe?

- Community Members
- Brownfield Grantees
- Regulators and Redevelopment Agencies
- Federal, State, and Local Government Officials
- Financial and Legal Stakeholders
- Developers
- Property Owners
- Private Consultants











#### **SMARTe Development and User/Community Input**

- Open Literature, Internet, Databases, Experts, Conferences
- Joint Workshops (CD information at smarte.org)
- Model Projects Revitalization Successes
- User Feedback
- Beta Test Sites
  - Stella, MO
  - Rittman, OH











#### **SMARTe Has...**

- Educated Stella community members regarding where to start and what questions to ask
- Identified social, environmental, and economic issues to be aware of/keep in mind
- Provided ideas for financial resources for site characterization and revitalization
  - EPA's Brownfield Office
  - USDA applying for grants
  - HUD found contact to obtain a brownfield economic development kit; applying for grants
  - DOT found potential funding for road improvements
  - HUD/MO elibrary additional financial resources
  - Grants.gov potential funding for community development
- Provided information related to preserving cultural heritage









#### **User Feedback**

- "It [SMARTe] has also been an inspiration to keep trying."
  - -Carolyn Dyer, resident of Stella
- "I'm discovering more and more the further I go. My how this site has grown!!!! Keep up the good work. I do have some great leads for future land use and financing thanks only to SMARTe. Thank you."
  - Bill Alsop, Mayor of the Village of Stella, MO
- "I entered smarte.org and found economic analysis then went through the steps recommended under market analysis. This is very good information and is giving me a clear direction to cover all the basis [sic] in preparing our package for financing."
  - Mona Hart, community advocate for Stella









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Vision
Previous Plans
Revitalization Motivation
Regional and Local Needs
Marketing the Project Benefits
Sustainable Practices
Keys to Success
Innovative Project Features
Construction/Demolition
Resources and Tools









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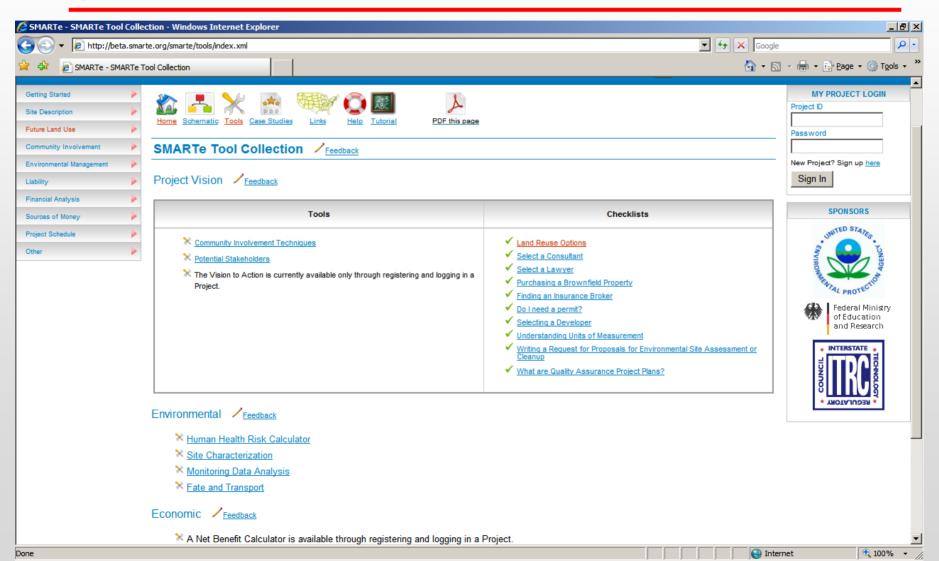








#### **SMARTe Tools**

















**Park** 



**Speedway** 



Housing











# **My Project – Compare Reuse Options**

#### For each reuse option, enter:

- Development Costs
- Soft Costs
- Environmental Costs
- Operating Costs
- Revenues
- Tax Credits
- Financing
- Community Value



### Then compare options!









#### **To Access SMARTe 2009**

### smarte.org

Requires Internet Explorer 6.0 or Mozilla/Firefox 1.1 & higher









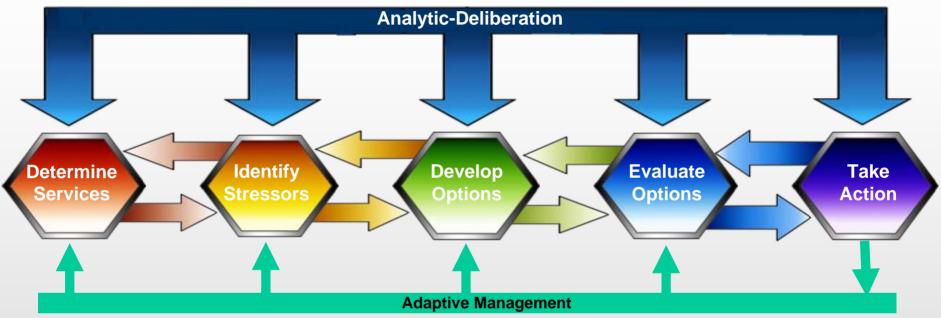
#### **Future SMARTe Focus Areas**

- Planning Land Use Sustainably (PLUS)
  - Regional Infrastructure and Transboundary Management
  - Financial Management
  - Brownscape Design and Pre-Development
  - Methods of Governance/Communication and Data Management/Decision Support
  - Additional Analysis Tools

#### **Decision Making Occurs at Multiple Levels DRIVES** Federal Decisions, Policy, and Laws Influences e.g., Clean Water Act Stakeholders who Impacts **Impacts** Influence decision **Federal Lands** making Non profit groups **Drives decision Public** making **Lobbying groups** Resource requirement Regional/State/Tribal Congress Political and economic Government **Scientists** environment **Decisions, Policy, and Laws** Media **Public health** pacts **Science** Impacts Influences **Impacts** Many decisions/choices are **State Lands** ultimately made locally but have huge and cumulative **Impacts Local Government Decisions** impacts on regional, Private, **DRIVES** national, and global delivery (e.g., Counties, Townships, Local Gov. of ecosystem services Lands

Individuals)

# A Framework for Making Land and Resource Use Decisions to Maintain Healthy Ecosystem Services (Provisioning, Regulating, Cultural, Supporting)

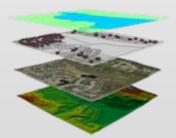




Define region, map current uses, capacity of services, and prerequisites for maintaining healthy ecosystem services



Identify Stressors to ecosystem services and human health



Develop sustainable land and resource use options to protect ecosystem services, meet human needs/values, and manage risk



Stakeholders negotiate inputs, evaluate options, determine path forward, begin to implement



Carry out plan with adaptive management









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#### **Web Sites**

#### Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR)

http://www.epa.gov/brownfields

**US-German Bilateral Working Group** 

http://www.bilateral-wg.org/

Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council

www.itrcweb.org

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