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From Toxic, Blighted Land to Community Asset: Toxic Sites and Community Redevelopment

Los Angeles River Center & Gardens
570 W Ave 26, Los Angeles, CA 90065
Friday, August 16 & Saturday, August 17, 2019

Families are welcome; complimentary refreshments will be served.

Learning objectives:

- Attendees will learn what a brownfield is and how it is remediated (and regulated).
- Attendees will learn about successful brownfield redevelopment projects in L.A.
- Attendees will understand how environmental risk and remediation feature in the LA River Revitalization and how they can influence the redevelopment process.
- Information is power: For the community to learn and understand the critical aspects of brownfields and remediation.

DAY 1: BROWNFIELDS: FACTS VS. FEAR

6:00 PM – 6:15 PM WELCOME AND WHY WE'RE HERE

Speakers:

Elsy Hernandez, Field Representative, City of LA, Council District 1
Sarah Sieloff, Center for Creative Land Recycling
Gladys Ocampo, Senior, Sotomayor Center for Arts and Science
Irma Muñoz, Mujeres de la Tierra

6:15 PM – 7:00 PM UNDERSTANDING THE REDEVELOPMENT PROCESS AND HOW IT WORKS

A landscape architect and an engineer will provide an overview of the redevelopment process and outline the steps to take a property from polluted to remediated and redeveloped.

Moderator: Irma Muñoz, Mujeres de la Tierra

Eddie Arslanian, Executive Director, Ramboll
Sarah Sieloff, Executive Director, CCLR

7:00 PM – 7:30 PM FROM POLLUTED TO PARK: GETTING IT DONE

Polluted sites get cleaned up into parks, housing, office space, and more, and it happens all the time. In this panel, we'll look at sites before and after redevelopment, and answer the question "How'd they do that?"

Moderator: Irma Muñoz, Mujeres de la Tierra

Speakers:

Mia Lehrer, Urbanist, Studio-MLA

Mexikatzina Akzayakatl, Engineering Geologist, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Spanish Presentation)

Arthur Heath, Environmental Program Manager I, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (*English Translation*)

Sarah Rascon, Urban River Program Officer, Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority

7:30 PM – 8:15 PM FORUM: WHAT'S NEXT? SPEAK UP, SPEAK OUT

After hearing about successful park redevelopments and the process to get there, what comes next for the LA River, and what is the role of the community? What future steps can neighbors take to get involved in the River's revitalization?

Moderator: Irma Muñoz, Mujeres de la Tierra

Speakers:

Miguel Luna, Community Engagement, DakeLuna

Veronica Padilla, Executive Officer, Pacoima Beautiful

Martha Argüello, Executive Director, Physicians of Social Responsibility Los Angeles

8:15 PM – 8:30 PM QUESTIONS AND WRAP UP

Get more questions answered and join us on tomorrow's bus tour!

DAY 2: SATURDAY, AUGUST 17 – BUS TOUR TO BROWNFIELD SITES

MEET AT THE LOS ANGELES RIVER CENTER AND GARDENS

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM COFFEE + RECAP BROWNFIELDS

Grab a coffee and hear a brief recap of yesterday's workshop. We'll also give an introduction to each of the tour stops.

9:00AM – 12:00PM BROWNFIELDS BUS TOUR

See brownfields in various stages of redevelopment, and learn directly from the people working on the projects. We'll leave and return from the LA River Center.