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## Center for Creative Land Recycling Executive Director Awarded Two Prestigious International Fellowships

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Board Chair

The Board of Directors of the Center for Creative Land Recycling (CCLR), the leading national nonprofit championing the beneficial reuse of blighted properties for economic revitalization, is proud to announce that its Executive Director, Sarah Sieloff, has been awarded two prestigious international fellowships.

Nicholas Targ  
Holland and Knight  
Vice Chair

Sarah has been awarded both a Hitachi Fellowship to Japan by the Council on Foreign Relations, and a McCloy Fellowship by the American Council on Germany. Sarah plans to use these fellowships to research how population loss impacts cities physically, fiscally, and in terms of sustainability. The fellowships and the research that emerges are part of a compendium of local policy approaches to urban decline.

Zachery Clayton  
City and County of  
Denver, Colorado  
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As CCLR's Executive Director since 2015, Sarah has become an acknowledged leader in mobilizing communities and governments to facilitate redevelopment of environmentally impaired properties. Most recently, Sarah was recognized by the Urban Land Institute for her work through its Advisory Services Program. Her contributions during CCLR tenure include:

Michael  
Covarrubias  
TMG Partners

David Greensfelder  
Greensfelder  
Commercial Real  
Estate LLC

- Established CCLR as a nationally recognized resource for land reuse and sustainable urban growth issues, focusing on issues of environmental, economic and social justice.
- Earned CCLR national recognition as a leader in brownfield policy advocacy and education.
- Led the development of the first National Brownfields Leadership Summit in 2018.
- Advocated for sustaining the EPA's brownfield grant program funding.
- Assisted developers and local governments in identifying, securing and implementing over \$35 million in state and federal funding for environmental assessment and cleanup.

Kevin McCarty  
GEI Consultants

Cynthia Parker  
BRIDGE Housing

Deborah Schmall  
Paul Hastings, LLP

Jonathan Scharfman



- Reenvisioned CCLR’s organization, including acquiring two East Coast nonprofit organizations devoted to advancing sensible brownfield policies, further expanding CCLR’s national reach, strengthening CCLR’s financial resources, and developing a robust network of corporate sponsors, grantors, and government contracts.

Sarah’s Fellowships require that she relinquish her CCLR Executive Director position in early 2020. “Sarah’s vision and leadership has laid the foundation for CCLR’s future as the go-to organization for addressing questions surrounding urban land recycling issues,” said Mary Hashem, the President of CCLR’s Board of Directors, “her leadership has been invaluable, and the Board is actively searching for a new Executive Director who can step into the Executive Director position, build on Sarah’s initiatives, and continue the organization’s thought leadership in land reuse.”

The new Executive Director will focus on:

- Continuing to promote national and state-level policies and thought leadership that support land reuse including brownfield redevelopment, with a focus on broad geographic impacts;
- Continuing development and diversification of CCLR’s institutional and individual bases of financial support;
- Continuing CCLR’s organizational growth, and the development of new mission-driven programs and initiatives.

The Center for Creative Land Recycling (CCLR) is the oldest and only national nonprofit organization whose mission is to enable communities to develop sustainably and equitably by restoring underutilized properties to productive reuse. For 22 years, CCLR has convened, consulted and collaborated with communities, government agencies, and the private sector to facilitate land redevelopment in ways that reduce inequity and increase community wellbeing. CCLR serves as a trusted advisor, facilitator, and project manager focused on the environmental components of brownfield redevelopment. We offer workshops, webinars, online resources and one-on-one technical assistance to build local capacity to support land reuse, create job-generating redevelopment, restore the environment and build more equitable, healthy and prosperous futures.

Please join us in congratulating Sarah on her fellowship awards and wishing her the best with her research.