



# Resources for Redevelopment

The Minnesota Environmental Initiative's Resources for Redevelopment program (R4R) fosters neighborhood improvement and community revitalization through brownfields redevelopment projects. R4R facilitates reuse of properties for affordable housing, nonprofit facilities (such as community centers, education facilities, recreational facilities, etc.), green space, natural areas and other open-space reuses. R4R can assist community groups, local government units, state agencies and nonprofit organizations on such projects.

Since 1995, R4R has helped dozens of nonprofits get past environmental hurdles impeding their ability to redevelop and reuse contaminated properties. Now those properties are affordable housing, soccer fields, a school for autistic children, a women's shelter and other critical community-sustaining facilities operated by nonprofit organizations. R4R continues to provide assistance for such projects.

At the same time, R4R has resources to provide technical and project management assistance, as well as hard-cost funding for environmental work, to nonprofits and community groups that are endeavoring to recover brownfields for reuse as green space and natural areas. (The support of the funders listed below allows R4R to provide such services at no cost to its nonprofit and community group partners.)

R4R can help with:

- **phase I & II environmental assessments**
- **remediation plan development**
- **cleanup and fundraising for cleanup**
- **securing liability assurance from the state**
- **community outreach & neighborhood involvement**
- **project management.**

*R4R helps its nonprofit and community partners realize their brownfields redevelopment goals!*

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