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Leadership in Brownfield Renewal Program

FCM's Leadership in Brownfield Renewal program connects municipal practitioners and helps them develop knowledge and skills to better facilitate brownfield redevelopment.

▶ Join now!

Questions?

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About LiBRe

The Leadership in Brownfield Renewal (LiBRe) program is a network of Canadian municipalities that are committed to bringing their brownfield sites back into productive use. Offered through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Green Municipal Fund™ (GMF), the program helps communities build capacity to understand, navigate and reduce barriers to brownfield redevelopment.

Municipalities that join LiBRe benefit from peer learning activities, networking opportunities and knowledge resources. Membership is open to any municipality, large or small, that has pledged to: support community brownfield redevelopment; make progress through the LiBRe best practices framework; and to report on progress annually.

LiBRe is designed for municipalities at various stages of pursuing brownfield redevelopment: from those ready to start taking action to those with experience in revitalizing underused sites. Members may wish to apply for GMF funding to support their work in progressing through the steps in the LiBRe framework, involving plans, feasibility studies and remediation projects.

Goals

LiBRe seeks to:

- ▶ Help municipal practitioners develop the knowledge and skills necessary to become better facilitators of brownfield redevelopment
- ▶ Promote knowledge sharing and peer networking among municipal brownfield practitioners
- ▶ Build a national network of municipalities committed to brownfield redevelopment
- ▶ Track progress and recognize achievements of member municipalities

LiBRe best practices framework

The LiBRe program is structured around a best practices framework consisting of seven steps to becoming a brownfield champion municipality. Complete the steps in an order best suited for your community, whether you follow them one-by-one, undertake several simultaneously, or build on work already accomplished.



Commit to action:

Raise awareness and secure a formal municipal commitment to support brownfield redevelopment



Understand the landscape:

Conduct a detailed analysis of brownfield sites and the local context



Build partnerships:

Build relationships with key brownfield stakeholders



Devise a strategy:

Develop a formal policy and programs for facilitating brownfield redevelopment



Promote programs and opportunities:

Build awareness of brownfield issues, programs and redevelopment opportunities



Manage programs and projects:

Foster the redevelopment of local brownfield sites



Evaluate, improve and celebrate:

Assess and improve brownfield redevelopment policies, programs and processes, and celebrate success

Program activities

LiBRe members will engage in online learning activities with their peers and other brownfield experts, and participate in annual face-to-face workshops. They may also connect and support one another outside of formal learning activities, through LinkedIn, email, phone calls or meetings.

There are no fees to join; however, applicants must agree to:

- ▶ Submit a letter from their supervisor confirming their commitment to join the program
- ▶ Participate in up to five online learning activities and one face-to-face workshop per year
- ▶ Provide feedback to FCM on learning activities and materials, as required
- ▶ Work toward completing program deliverables and report on progress annually

Members will submit program deliverables and reports to GMF as they are completed. This facilitates knowledge sharing within the LiBRe network and among other municipalities (via the GMF website), and allows GMF to stay updated on members' progress through the LiBRe framework.

GMF brownfield knowledge resources

Visit www.fcm.ca/brownfields for a range of resources:

- ▶ Brownfields — Sustainability Snapshot
- ▶ Brownfield roadmaps
- ▶ Sustainable remediation web portal
- ▶ Sustainable Communities Awards winner videos and case studies
- ▶ GMF webinars
- ▶ GMF case studies

Program deliverables

LiBRe Framework Step	Deliverable(s)
Commit to action	<p>A municipal policy or strategy document that identifies brownfields or revitalization as a municipal priority (e.g. official plan, council resolution)</p> <p>Evidence that the municipality has established an internal brownfield working group (e.g. list of members and terms of reference)</p>
Understand the landscape	<p>Evidence that the municipality has researched the local brownfield context (e.g. brownfield inventory, assessment of priority sites)</p>
Build partnerships	<p>Evidence that the municipality has identified and is collaborating with local brownfield stakeholders (e.g. community brownfield advisory committee)</p>
Devise a strategy	<p>A municipal brownfield policy document (e.g. brownfield strategy, Community Improvement Plan)</p>
Promote programs and opportunities	<p>Documents, materials and/or websites promoting the municipal brownfield programs and/or redevelopment opportunities</p>
Manage programs and projects	<p>A short description and photos of brownfield redevelopment projects undertaken in the past year (e.g. studies, remediation, risk management, interim use or redevelopment)</p>
Evaluate, improve and celebrate	<p>Evidence of periodic assessment and reporting on brownfield program impacts (e.g. a brownfield program evaluation report or memo, a revised brownfield strategy)</p>

Support through GMF funding

Several steps of the LiBRe framework involve initiatives eligible for GMF funding. Members may wish to apply for:

- ▶ **Grants** for brownfield strategy development (LiBRe Step 4) and feasibility studies.
- ▶ **Low-interest loans** for completing brownfield remediation projects (LiBRe Step 6).

See the FCM web site for details on GMF brownfield sector funding.

Benefits to joining LiBRe

- ▶ **Connect and network** with peers, brownfield experts and FCM staff who can support you in advancing your work in brownfield redevelopment and other sustainability initiatives.
- ▶ **Share knowledge** and showcase your achievements in brownfield redevelopment at a national level.
- ▶ **Receive tailored support** from FCM to help you progress through the LiBRe steps.
- ▶ **Get inspired** by success stories and proven models used in other municipalities, and learn from experienced “brownfielders.”
- ▶ **Understand and reduce barriers** to brownfield redevelopment, and create conditions for success.

Join now

Are you ready to take action on community brownfields?
Do you have knowledge and lessons to share?

Visit the FCM web site and complete the online LiBRe membership form. FCM will follow-up with you to discuss upcoming events and activities, and request any program deliverables that your municipality has completed to date.

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