



The NYC Brownfield Partnership Announces the



2020

Big Apple Brownfield Awards

Guidelines for Nomination Essays

Supportive/Affordable Housing Award

This award will be given to the brownfield project that created or preserved affordable housing units for low, medium, or moderate-income tenants and/or supportive housing for an underserved community group. The narrative should quantify and concisely state the number of housing units created, individually and as part of the larger development (if applicable). For affordable housing projects, the targeted Area Median Income (AMI) of buyers should be stated. For projects that fall under supportive housing, the community identified to fill the units should be described, as well as, any additional supportive services offered. Indicate if the project provided for the creation of housing that resulted in long-term affordability and/or supportive services to the current residents of the community where their homes are located.

Brownfield Opportunity Area Connectivity Award

This award will be given to the brownfield project that demonstrates the most effective integration of a development with a Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) community plan. The narrative should explain the manner in which the BOA community plan was incorporated into the redevelopment, the process of engagement between the developer and the BOA grantee, and the projects' subsequent benefit to the community. Nominations for this category must provide a signed letter from the BOA grantee in support of the nomination noting how the project comports with the BOA community plan.

Climate Resiliency

This award will be given to the brownfield project with a pioneering design that incorporates the rising awareness to address the vulnerability of communities, structures and infrastructure within the *five* boroughs with regards to the environmental consequences of climate change. Up for consideration are structures or places that include innovative design elements, which function to protect the integrity of the building in the event of climate change. Design examples that take into account climate resiliency may also include brownfield projects that can be utilized as emergency response centers and/or housing for displaced populations. The narrative should describe the functionality of the project in regards to both climate change and specific disaster relief uses.

Collaboration Award

This award will be given to a brownfield project that has achieved the greatest success in collaboration between different entities involved in the remedial process. This award will gauge the complexity of the collaboration network and the means employed to establish success in the collaborative process. The narrative should define the shared or disparate goals and explain the features of the collaborative effort. Parties may include individuals, businesses, non-profit groups, governmental agencies (local, State, regional or Federal), or organizations.

Community Outreach

This award will be given to the brownfield project that demonstrates the most innovative approach to engagement of the community during a brownfield project through citizen participation, community education, implementation of community job training programs, entrepreneurship, or other programs of value to the community. The narrative should describe the efforts taken and the benefits rendered as a result of these efforts.

Economic Development Award

This award will be given to the project that demonstrates the greatest benefit to local economic development, as measured by job creation, tax revenue generation, or other forms of economic benefit. The narrative should describe and quantify the value and benefits imparted by the project, including direct and indirect benefits. If the project contributed to substantial job creation, quantify and concisely state the number and primary job classifications created during the project and/or upon completion of the brownfield redevelopment. If the project generates revenue, discuss methodology used to establish this or calculate. Discuss present and future growth potential engendered by the project in the surrounding community.

Environmental Protection Award

This award will be given to the brownfield project that accomplished the most significant improvement in public health and environmental protection. The narrative should quantify the environmental or public health benefits of the remedial work from the perspective of contaminant removal, treatment, and sequestration. Examples of topics that may be considered include total and relative contaminant mass reduction at the site, risk reduction at the site due to either the removal of exposure pathways or reduction in site contamination toxicity, and challenges overcome in implementing the remediation. Narrative should include the total project cost for environmental remediation.

Green Building Award

This award will be given to the brownfield project that resulted in a development with the most remarkable green building design. The narrative should describe the green building design elements and the means by which the remediation supported that design. Other sustainable principles applied to site selection, such as principles of smart growth, accessibility to mass transit and/or bike paths, and open-space design should be included. Examination of green building design components should refer to one of the following for a comprehensive list of sustainability criteria widely accepted in land use planning and building design: Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's (NYSERDA) Multi-Family Building Performance Program or EnergyStar Labeled Homes Program; or Enterprise's Green Communities Criteria. Also, if the project incorporated Green Collar *jobs*, this should be described in the narrative of the project.

Innovation Award

This award will be given to a brownfield project that has used or developed innovative means in conducting a brownfield remediation by utilizing creative remedial technology, project financing and/or project marketing techniques. One or more categories may be described, with weight given to multiple approaches to innovation. The narrative should describe the methods that were applied and explain why and how they were unique and innovative.

Open Space Award

This award will be given to a brownfield project with a design that provides the most remarkable and valuable features for community benefit in the form of parks, recreation, and other open space. The narrative should explain the goals of open space design and provide pertinent details, such as usage, total area, shape, grade, landscape design, plantings, construction materials, and connectivity with other open space.

Sustainable Remediation Award

This award will be given to the brownfield project that achieved the most success in incorporating sustainable practices during the remediation. This nomination may consider linkage with green building design but emphasis will be placed on remedial methods. The narrative should describe how practices were adopted for the remediation that went beyond current industry norms to reduce the material, energy, or water used during the remediation, noting where such reductions led to remedial cost reductions without compromising the integrity of the remediation. Material use reduction may include re-use of locally-derived, non-virgin materials. Examples of energy use reduction include methods causing a decrease in total transportation requirements, higher efficiency transportation methods, and the use of renewable fuels for generators or vehicles. Also to be considered for this award are engineering controls that require electrical power for which renewable energy sources have been substituted for conventional on-the-grid electricity.