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SMART, CLEAN AND SAFE INFILL DEVELOPMENT  
THROUGH  
**THE CALIFORNIA LAND REUSE  
AND REVITALIZATION ACT**

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Brownfields are where your projects are.  
Predictability is of first importance...

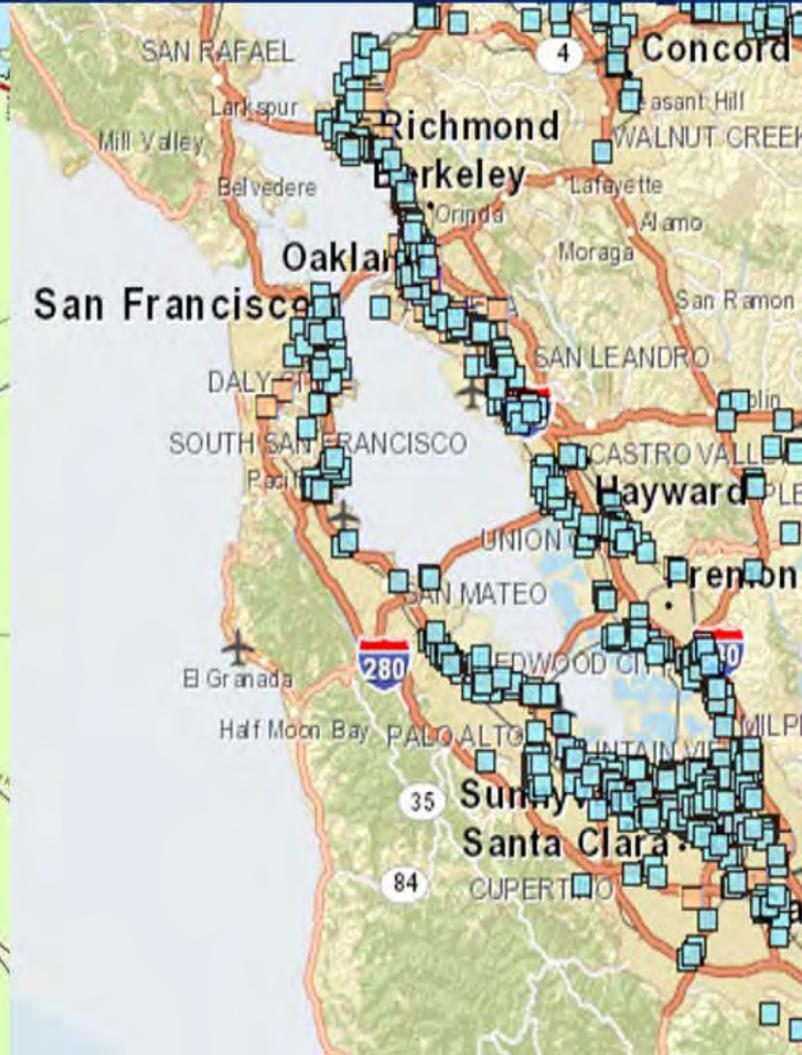
Control for:

- Timing
- Costs
- Regulatory requirements
- Underwriting
- Assurance for downstream buyers

Priority Development Areas



EPA Hazardous Release Sites





## California Land Reuse and Revitalization Act (CLRRRA) Enhances Stability and Benefits Infill Projects:

- » establishes qualified environmental immunities
- » streamlines environmental plans, while retaining public engagement opportunities
- » provides better certainty of schedules and costs
- » protects downstream owners/lessees



## Who Is Eligible to Use CLRRRA?

- » Applicant must qualify for defenses to federal environmental liability (e.g., *Bona Fide* Prospective Purchasers)
- » Applicant commits to and pursues cleanup
- » Applicant owns/leases or is in contract for site
- » Projects must be located in an infill location
- » Site is not a Superfund or state-listed site



## Issues to Consider for Efficient Cleanup (not necessarily CLRRRA specific)

- » Alignment of entitlements, clean-up planning, California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) processing and public engagement
- » Integration of cleanup with development to maximize cost-efficient strategies
- » Insurance acquisition to bracket risk
- » Use of state and federal grants and low-cost loans

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# CLRRRA is a Versatile Tool

## Case Examples

## Example: 401 First Street, Richmond (industrial incubator)

Expansion of usable industrial workspace to 66,000 square feet included:

- » facilitated refinancing to capture equity for reinvestment
- » California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) funding through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Revolving Loan Fund Program
- » green remediation for a solar-powered, pump-and-treat system

## Example: Mixed-Use Development (developer client)

Renewal of 60-plus acres for office, retail and residential use included:

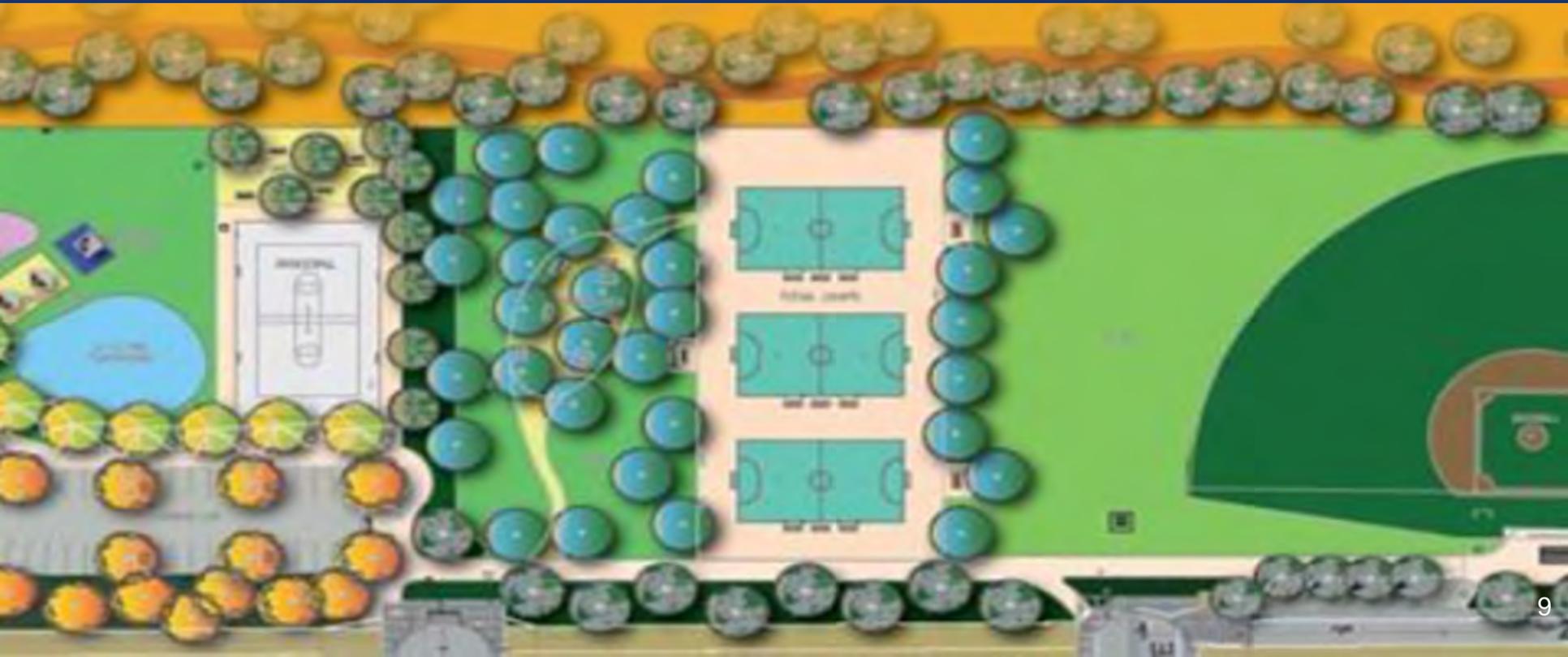
- » high-quality development that was Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certified in a Priority Development Area
- » improved jobs/housing balance
- » increased open space, access to trails and transportation



## Example: Neighborhood Park (nonprofit client)

Revitalization of an 8-acre blighted and vacant lot included:

- » establishing a neighborhood park in a disadvantaged community
- » extensive community planning
- » EPA reasonable steps letter and Technical Assistance Grant (TAG)
- » public-private partnership that leveraged public and private funds





## Brownfields Prospects in 2016

- » Legislative: CLRRA reauthorization
- » Case Law: Consideration of hazards under CEQA
- » Regulatory: Risk assessment associated with vapor intrusion
- » Administrative: Grant and low-cost loan funding opportunities

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