

REGION 1 RLF ALL GRANTEES WORKSHOP

APRIL 6-7, 2017

Southbridge Hotel, Southbridge, MA

PRESENTERS

Will Armitage is the Executive Director of the Biddeford-Saco Area Economic Development Corporation (EDC). He has a BA from Beloit College in Wisconsin and a Master's Degree in Public Policy & Management from the Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service at USM. Will has almost 30 years of banking and public sector financing and management experience and is certified as an Economic Development Finance Professional through the National Development Council. In addition to Will's professional experience and education, he has conducted research and analysis on tax increment financing on the regional and Maine economy; and, has taught economic development financing seminars across the country.

Jim Byrne is a member of the EPA Region I Brownfields Section. He manages the Cleanup Grant Program & the State Brownfields Funding Program. He has projects in all six New England States across all Brownfields Programs.

Michele Christina is co-owner of Brownfield Redevelopment Solutions, Inc. (BRS). BRS has managed over 120 federal cooperative agreements to include those associated with EPA Brownfields Assessment, Cleanup, and Revolving Loan Fund awards. Michele assists with the implementation and fund management of several RLFs in the northeast.

Bill Coleman is Deputy Director of the City of Bridgeport's Office of Planning and Economic Development. He is involved in deal-structuring and finance, particularly with mixed-use projects where EPA RLF dollars have played a key role.

Cory DiPietro is a member of the Rhode Island DEM Office of Waste Management's Voluntary Cleanup Program/Brownfields Program team and formerly worked in private consulting. As the Program Manager for the RI DEM TBA Program, he also works with a wide range of municipalities, native tribes, and non-profits within Rhode Island to realize site assessments of brownfields properties.

Jim Drummond is a member of the Office of Grants and Debarment's Senior Environmental Employment enrollee team. He was formerly the EPA Headquarters Brownfields grants attorney. Jim provides technical assistance to EPA programs on grants issues. In that capacity he does not speak for the Agency officially on legal or policy matters.

Rodney Elliott is the Director of Brownfield Redevelopment for the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection in Boston MA. Rodney coordinates with state and federal agencies and many other Brownfield partners to provide assistance to parties undertaking brownfields projects. He provides outreach and training to developers, LSPs, grantees, and municipalities.

Joe Ferrari is a member of the EPA Region 1 Brownfields team. He is on loan to EPA from the Army Corps of Engineers. Joe is the EPA Region 1 Revolving Loan Fund Lead and a brownfields project officer working with communities in ME, MA, NH, RI & VT.



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Amy Fisk is a Senior Planner with the Niagara County, New York Department of Economic Development. Amy manages all of the County's EPA brownfield grants and is the President of the Niagara County Brownfield Development Corporation.

Frank Gardner is the Brownfields Coordinator for EPA Region 1, managing EPA Brownfields grants and program activities for the six New England states. Frank also serves as the Regional Data Coordinator for EPA's efforts to measure and track assessment, cleanup, and redevelopment successes at project sites receiving EPA funding. Frank previously worked at EPA as an On-Scene Coordinator in the Emergency Response Program, a RCRA Corrective Action Project Manager at EPA Region IX, and in the private sector as an engineering consultant.

Nick Hodgkins is the Coordinator for Maine's Brownfields & Voluntary Response Action Programs (the state's VCP). Nick and his program staff provide support/assistance to entities assessing, cleaning up and redeveloping contaminated properties throughout Maine.

Mark R. Lewis is the Brownfields Coordinator for the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection. Mark works with municipalities, developers, property owners, EPA, other state agencies and other partners to facilitate cleanup of brownfield sites throughout Connecticut, and return those sites to productive use. Mark is also a firefighter and squad boss on DEEP's Interstate Fire Crew, which responds to wildfires throughout the United States and in Canada.

Brett Long is an Executive Director with the Vermont Department of Economic Development. He is primarily responsible for managing the State's business support efforts. In this role, he promotes the growth and expansion of existing Vermont businesses and promotes the State as a destination for companies looking to expand or relocate. Prior to joining the State, he spent many years as a banker and small business owner.

Christine Lombard has been in the EPA Brownfields Program for 15 years. She is the Region 1 Assessment Lead and a project officer currently working with grantees in municipalities and regional planning organizations in ME, MA and NH on all areas of the Brownfields Program.

Michael McCluskey is the Brownfields Coordinator for the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. He currently administers NHDES' Brownfields Program, including its Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund, and serves a point of contact for the cleanup of contaminated sites throughout the state. He has over 30 years of experience as an Environmental Engineer in consulting, private industry, and for the past 18 years with NHDES.



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John Podgurski is the Chief of the EPA Region 1 Brownfields Team. He manages a team of eleven dedicated, customer-focused professionals responsible for carrying out all aspects of the Region's brownfields program.

Kelley Race is a Program Manager at TRC Environmental (TRC) working in the New England area, coordinating Brownfields assessment, cleanup, and remediation. She strategizes with communities, regional planning commissions, nonprofits, and developers on Brownfields redevelopment including repurposing, adaptive reuse focusing on creative redevelopment options/strategies for highest and best use. She manages projects funded with USEPA Brownfields Assessment, Cleanup, and Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) monies.

Paul Schumacher is the Executive Director of the Southern Maine Planning and Development Commission (SMPDC) in Saco, ME. He has a BA from the University of New Hampshire and a Masters from Tufts University in Urban/Environmental Policy. Paul has been with SMPDC for 20 years (EGAD!). Prior to that he worked on Cape Cod and also in two Maine communities as the Town Planner. He is particularly proud of the achievements of the SMPDC Brownfields Program and how the program has helped transform city and village centers around the region.

