Revitalizing New England: Brownfields Summit 2026

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Day 1 – Wednesday, December 9, 2026

7:30 AM – 5:00 PM — **Summit Check-In** (No On-Site Registration)

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM — **Morning Pastries and Coffee** (Provided)

8:30 AM – 9:15 AM

Welcome Remarks

Mark Sanborn, Regional Administrator, *U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 1*
Terrence Gray, Director, *Rhode Island DEM*
Hilary Fagan, Executive Director, *Newport Restoration Foundation*

9:15 AM – 10:00 AM

Opening Plenary: **"Reflecting on the Importance of Density, Diversity, and Good Urban Design on City Building, Through the Lens of Boston History"**
Daniel Dain, Founder and President, *Dain Torpy Le Ray Wiest & Garner, P.C.*

10:00 AM – 10:30 AM — **Networking Break and Refreshments** (Provided)

10:30 AM – 11:45 AM

Session 1A *Connecticut State Showcase*	Session 1B	Session 1C	Session 1D
"A Legacy of Progress: The Continuing Evolution of Connecticut's Brownfields Program" Amanda Limacher, *CT DEEP Brownfields Program* **"Evaluating Long-Term Brownfield Strategy - Torrington, CT"** Molly Spino and William Wallach, *City of Torrington, CT* **"Redevelopment of 43 Hempstead Street"** Kathleen Barrett and Lisa Cygan, *Freedom Trail Neighborhood Association* Moderator Diane Duva, *Connecticut DEEP*	**"Rust to Roots: Developing Brownfields into Green Spaces that Align with Community Needs"** Speakers Brad Buschur, *Groundwork Lawrence* Vidya Tikku, *The Trustees of Reservations* Lorraine Byrne, *US EPA R1 Brownfields Program* Joe Spencer, *Weston & Sampson Engineers* Moderator Abigail Anderson, *MassDEP Brownfields Program*	**"Leveraging Multiple Funding Sources and Programs Towards Addressing Portland Harbor Sediment Contamination While Restoring Berthing Capacity to a Critical Working Harbor"** Speakers Denis McGrath, *Nobis Group* Jim Byrne, *US EPA R1 Brownfields Program* Bill Needelman, *City of Portland, Maine* Charles Springer, *TRC Companies* Moderator Nancy Martin, *City of Portland, Maine*	**"Pick Our Brains: How We Manage a RLF and Make the Grantee and QEP Partnership Succeed"** Speakers Raegan Young, *SMPDC* Emily Wassmer, *TRC Companies* Moderator Paul Pietrinferni, *US EPA R1 Brownfields Program*

11:45 AM – 1:00 PM — **Lunch** (Provided)

Luncheon Plenary: **"Brownfields Myth Busting and Knowledge Building"**

1:00 PM – 2:15 PM

Session 2A *Maine State Showcase*	Session 2B	Session 2C *Innovative Remediation Strategies*	Session 2D
"Using CWAGST to Promote Cooperative Federalism" Dale Mitchell and Leah Moore, *Passamaquoddy Tribe at Sipayik* **"French Island: A Case Study"** Sean O'Brien, *Penobscot Nation* **"Unlocking One North: Our Katahdin's Sequencing Brownfields Assessment & Cleanup to Enable Industrial Reuse of the One North Site"** Steve Sanders, *Our Katahdin* Jim Byrne, *US EPA R1 Brownfields Program* Ted Wolfertz, *Maine DEP* Nick Sabatine, *Sevee & Maher Engineers* Moderator Jaime Madore, *Sevee & Maher Engineers*	**"Engagement into Action: Community Liaisons in Brownfields"** Speakers Nylab Noori, *NERHA* Katie Malgioglio, *UConn TAB* Doreen Abubakar, *CPEN* Moderator Randi Mendes, *UConn TAB*	**"Using Horizontal Remediation Wells to Clean Contaminated Sites Without Impeding Redevelopment Construction"** Elliott Andelman, *Directional Technologies* **"From Uncertainty to Action: PFAS Analytical Strategies That Support Brownfield Redevelopment"** Jonathan Thorn, *Eurofins* **"Combining Remediation Technologies in Parallel of Redevelopment of Former Commercial Cleaners"** Paul Dombrowski, *ISOTEC* Moderator Kelly Owens, *Rhode Island DEM*	**"We Are from the Government, and We Are Here to Help"** Speakers Charlie Musick, *US EPA Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization* Paul Pietrinferni, *US EPA R1 Brownfields Program* Moderator Dorrie Paar, *US EPA R1 Brownfields Program*

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2:15 PM – 2:45 PM	**Networking Break and Refreshments** (Provided)			
2:45 PM – 4:00 PM	**Session 3A** *Vermont State Showcase*	**Session 3B** *Navigating Lead Regulations: Risk Management and Brownfields Redevelopment*	**Session 3C**	**Session 3D**
	"Creating Affordable Housing in Wolcott, Vermont" Speakers Hayden Smith, *Trust for Public Land* Caitlyn Bain, *Vermont DEC* Tori Hellwig, *Lamoille County Planning Commission* Annemarie Fortune, *Stone Environmental* Moderator Sarah Bartlett, *Vermont DEC*	**"EPA Perspectives on Lead Issues"** Katy Deng and Emma Rutin, *U.S. EPA Region 1* **"Title TBD"** Judah Boulet, *Rhode Island DOH* **"Health Effects, RSL Basis and Risk Assessment Models"** Stephen Zemba, *Risk Insight, LLC* **"Lead Stabilization in Soils"** Ryan Gadoury and Ross Hartman, *Strategic Environmental Services* Moderator Heidi Caprood, *NHDES Brownfields Program*	**"From Dump to Jump - The Remediation of Mary Dennison Park - from Old Burn Dump to a New Community Hub and an Enormous Skate Park Jump"** Speakers Abigail Anderson, *MassDEP Brownfields Program* Alison Eliot, *City of Framingham, MA* Patrick Lyons, *Weston & Sampson Engineers* Brandon Kunkel, *Weston & Sampson Engineers* Moderator Paul Uzgiris, *Weston & Sampson Engineers*	**"Pour Decisions and Clean Sites: A Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund 'Bar' Trivia Challenge"** Facilitators Dorrie Paar, *US EPA R1 Brownfields Program* Paul Pietrinferni, *US EPA R1 Brownfields Program* Sarah DeStefano, *Weston & Sampson Engineers* ***Light snacks and refreshments provided by Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc.***
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	**Evening Reception – Passed Appetizers** (Provided) **and Cash Bar**			

Day 2 – Thursday, December 10, 2026

8:00 AM – 11:45 AM	**Summit Check-In (No On-Site Registration)**			
8:00 AM – 8:45 AM	**Morning Pastries and Coffee (Provided)**			
8:45 AM – 10:00 AM	**Session 4A** *Massachusetts State Showcase*	**Session 4B** *Creating Housing Through Redevelopment*	**Session 4C**	**Session 4D**
	"From Contamination to Community Assets" Speakers Jay Pateakos, *City of Taunton, MA* Kait Carvalho, MassDEP Brownfields Program Ashley Bosse, MassDEP Brownfields Program Moderator David Foss, MassDEP Brownfields Program	**"Breaking Ground, Building Homes"** Sarah Tatarczuk, *Portland Housing Authority*; and Jaime Madore, *Sevee & Maher Engineers* **"Outside The Industrial Box: Redefining Brownfields to Address Rural Housing"** Jason Langley and Emily Wassmer, *TRC Companies*; and Jennifer Peters, Sunrise County Economic Council **"Housing Forward: What Cities and Towns Can Do Before a Brownfield Becomes Housing"** Elizabeth Haney and Susan Mara, *Weston & Sampson Engineers* Moderator Stephen Dyer, *Sevee & Maher Engineers*	**"Shaped by the Storm: Boston's Resilient Park Evolution"** Speakers Brandon Kunkel, *Weston & Sampson Engineers* Cathy Baker-Eclipse, *City of Boston* Robin Seidel, *Weston & Sampson Engineers* Moderator Joe Spencer, *Weston & Sampson Engineers*	**"Deal or No Deal? Navigating Brownfields RLF Project Development and Implementation"** Speakers Dorrie Paar, *US EPA R1 Brownfields Program* Sarah DeStefano, *Weston & Sampson Engineers* Todd Bridgeo, *Weston & Sampson Engineers* Melinda Bubier, *NHDES Brownfields Program* Moderator Paul Pietrinferni, *US EPA R1 Brownfields Program*
10:00 AM – 10:45 AM	**Extended Networking Break - Hotel Check-Out and Refreshments (Provided)**			

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10:45 AM – 12:00 PM	**Session 5A** *New Hampshire State Showcase*	**Session 5B**	**Session 5C**	**Session 5D** *From Capital to Construction: Making RLF Redevelopment Projects Work*
	"All's Wool That Ends Wool: Innovative and Resilient Remediation Strategies at New Hampshire's Former Textile Mills" Beth Fenstermacher, *City of Concord, NH* Laura Pasquine, *NHDES Brownfields Program* Eric Feldbaum, *New Hampshire DNCR* Moderator Melinda Bubier, *NHDES Brownfields Program*	**"Aligning Brownfields Remediation, Arts-Based Placemaking, and Downtown Redevelopment in Rural Vermont"** Speakers Jody Fried, *Catamount Arts* Kimberly Caldwell, *Vermont DEC* Daniel Voisin, *Stone Environmental* Kristie Farnham, *Vermont DED* Moderator Annemarie Fortune, *Stone Environmental*	**"The Power of Persistence: The Story of a Community-Led Path to Cleanup"** Speakers Todd Bridgeo, Weston & Sampson Engineers Nancy Mendel, *Town of Chesterfield, NH* Julianna Dodson, *Town of Chesterfield, NH* Moderator J.B. Mack, *Southwest Region Planning Commission*	**"PHA's COMB Block Cleanup and Residential Development"** Panelists Sarah Tatarczuk, *Portland Housing Authority* Jaime Madore, *Sevee & Maher Engineers* Paul Johnson, *Greater Portland COG* **"Our Katahdin's Wastewater Treatment Plant Lagoon Cleanup and Aquaculture Redevelopment"** Panelists Steve Sanders, *Our Katahdin* Nick Sabatine, *Sevee & Maher Engineers* Tanner Hanes, *Eastern Maine Development Corporation* Moderator Dorrie Paar, *US EPA R1 Brownfields Program*
12:00 PM – 1:15 PM	**Lunch (Provided)**			
	Luncheon Plenary: **"The Meeting Street School: A Brownfields Success Story"** John Kelly, President, *Meeting Street School*			
1:15 PM – 2:30 PM	**Session 6A** *Rhode Island State Showcase*	**Session 6B**	**Session 6C** *Redevelopment Success Stories*	**Session 6D**
	"Potter Hill Mill Site Remediation – Title TBD" Dale Faulkner, *Town of Westerly, RI* Patrick Dowling, *Fuss & O'Neill* **"The Paddock Project: Transforming a Racetrack Brownfield into Community-Focused Affordable Housing"** Peter Grivers, *VHB*; and John Padien, *BVDC* **"Supercharging Brownfields: RIPTA's Electric Bus Charging Facility"** Brian Kortz, *Fuss & O'Neill* Moderator Rachel Simpson, *Rhode Island DEM*	**"You Can Afford It All! From Hazard to Home: Solving the Housing and Affordability Crisis"** Speakers Taylor Lange, *University of Maine* Nefeli Bompoti, *UMass Dartmouth* David Foss, *MassDEP Brownfields Program* Tim Clinton, *Fuss & O'Neill* Moderator David Foss, *MassDEP Brownfields Program*	**"Abandoned Inner City Brownfield Property Becomes an Elementary School"** William Hoyerman and Cameron Indeck, *Civil & Environmental Consultants* **"How Maine's New Statewide Redevelopment Authority and Land Bank Can Catalyze Brownfields Projects"** Gabriel Gauvin, *Maine Redevelopment* **"From Parking Lot to Public Good"** Emilio Paleo and Jacob Klaybor, *U.S. DOT Volpe Center* Moderator Daniel Voisin, *Stone Environmental*	**"But Did You Document It? Preparing Your Brownfields Program for an Audit"** Speakers Scott Martin, *US EPA Office of Inspector General* Brenda Vazquez Fuentes, *US EPA Office of Inspector General* Additional speakers from EPA's Grants Management Team TBD
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	**Transition to Atrium for Closing Plenary – Refreshments (Provided)**			
2:45 PM – 3:30 PM	Closing Plenary: "**The Developer and the Regulator - Building Partnerships to Redevelop Brownfields**" Colin Kane, Principal, *Peregrine Group LLC*			
3:30 – 3:45 PM	**Summit Reflections** – 2026 Brownfields Planning Committee Members			
3:45 PM	**Adjourn**			