# Henrietta Bridge Farm Brownfields Cleanup A Story of Partnership





### **Neighborhood Challenges**











### **Neighborhood Outreach**





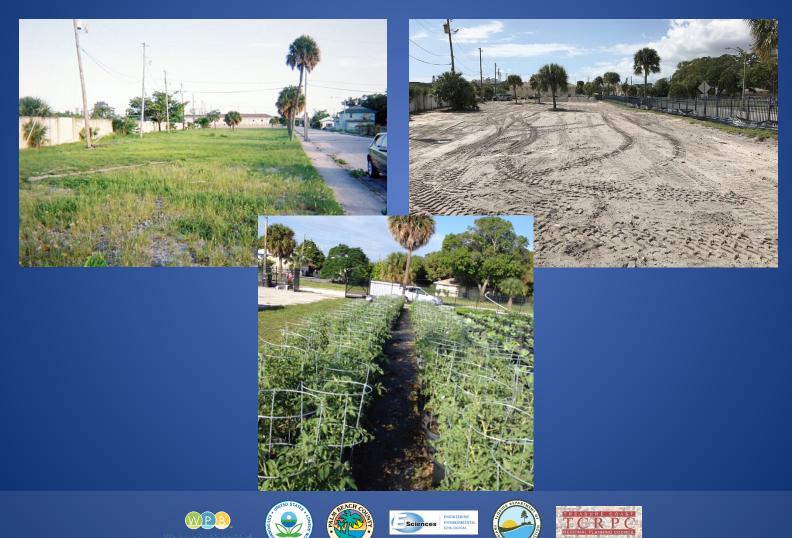




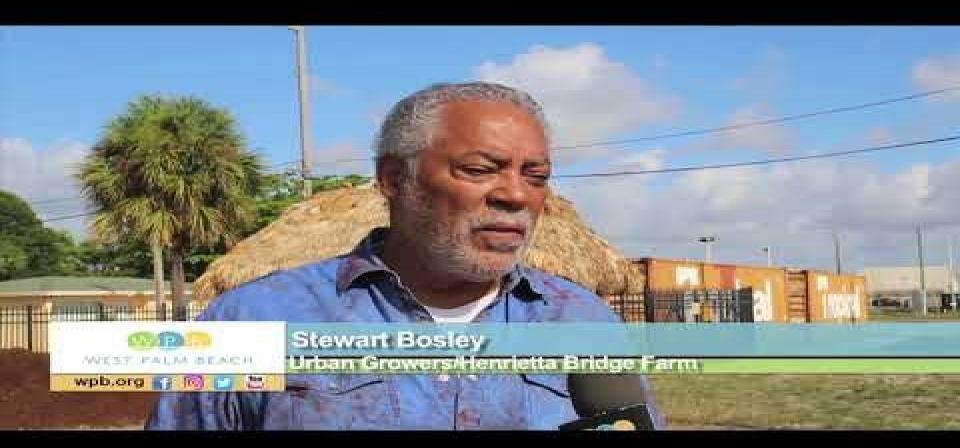




# Turning a Brownfield into an Urban Farm



### **WPB Launches Community 'Food Forest'**













### **Benefits of Partnerships**

# Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council (TCRPC) partnered with Palm Beach County

- EPA Assessment Coalition Grant
  - Phase I & II ESA
  - Draft ABCA

### West Palm Beach partnered with Palm Beach County

- Grant application
  - Experience with EPA grants & cleanup projects
- Optimizing cleanup funds for an Urban Farm
  - Project approach Decision units











### **Benefits of Partnerships**

#### **EPA Assessment Coalition Funds**

- TCRPC partnered with PBC
  - Additional site assessment
  - Update and finalize ABCA
  - Preparation of Source Removal Plan

### **EPA Cleanup Grant funds**

- Site remediation
- Programmatic costs













### **Benefits of Partnerships**

#### Palm Beach County contacted the Solid Waste Authority

- Conveyed the importance of the project
  - Coleman Park neighborhood
- In-kind donation
  - Contaminated soil disposal







### Background Phase I ESA

- Phase I ESA funded by TRCRPC Grant in 2014.
- Historical activities occurred in the vicinity of the Site since the early 1900s. Several of those former land uses included activities that used, stored, or disposed of petroleum products or chemicals.
- While no records of contamination were identified, these operations occurred prior to the enactment and enforcement of current environmental regulations.
- City elected to conduct Phase II ESA as a conservative approach based on the proposed use of the site.











### Background

#### Phase II ESA

- Phase II ESA funded by TRCRPC Grant in 2014.
- Incremental Sampling Methodology (ISM) soil sampling and groundwater sampling.
- ISM provides a "snapshot" of the Site. Full site treated as a Decision Unit.
- Analytical results revealed the presence of Benzo(a)Pyrene compounds (BaPs) above state cleanup target levels (CTLs) in surface soils.
- No obvious indication of discharges, spills or environmental incidents were identified during the Phase I ESA and Phase II ESA that would explain the presence of BaPs in the soil.
- BaPs impacts concluded to be anthropogenic.
- No groundwater impacts identified.













### EPA Cleanup Grant - 2017

- EPA Cleanup Grant awarded to City of West Palm Beach partnered with Palm Beach County.
- \$200K award to achieve cleanup and closure of the Site.
- Assessment and Cleanup to be conducted under FDEP Chapter 62-780.
- Work completed in accordance with EPA grant requirements.













### FDEP 62-780 Site Assessment Approach

- Use data collected during Phase II to guide assessment.
- Incremental Sampling Methodology
  - Known site use/history. Similar current and historic land use across the Site.
  - No point-source for the contaminant of concern has been identified.
  - Distribution of the contamination expected to be relatively uniform.
  - Limited variability of the soil characteristics across the Site.
  - Ability to define decision units based on the proposed use of the different areas.
- Alternative SCTL
  - Memorandum published by UF dated August 1, 2017 concluded that CTL values of 1 mg/Kg for residential scenario and 3.1 mg/Kg for commercial/industrial scenario reflect the most current toxicity values and assumptions.

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- Assessment limited to site boundaries.
- The sampling depth extended down to 24 inches.
- Sampling Plan document dated July 20, 2017.









### FDEP 62-780 Site Assessment Approach

	Decision Unit	0-6 inches	6-24 inches
	DU-1	BaP above Res. ACTL	BaP above Res. ACTL
	DU-2	BaP above Res. ACTL	No impacts
	DU-3	BaP above Res. ACTL	BaP above Res. ACTL
	DU-4	BaP above Res. ACTL	No Impacts
	DU-5	BaP above Res. ACTL	No Impacts
Units DU 1: Fruit Tree Planting Area - Aboveground beds currently used DU 2: Planting Area DU 3: Hoop House DU 4: Tree Farm DU 5: Planting Area DU 5: Planting Area	Contraction of the local division of the loc	ite Assessment Report Iovember 13, 2018.	(SAR) dated











### **Clean up Goals**

- Eliminate exposure to contaminants
- Maximize removal of impacted soil known to extend to a minimum of 2-ft within two DUs.
- ✓ Dispose of impacted soil at a landfill
- ✓ Replace with clean soil in select areas
- Work completed in accordance with EPA and state guidelines
- An Analysis of Brownfields Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA) was prepared as an initial step to cleanup planning based on the information contained in the SAR and the proposed activities at the Site.













### FDEP 62-780 Clean-up



- The City and the County leveraged additional funds in order to complete the excavation of the delineated soil impacts.
- A total of 2,173.63 tons of soil were removed from the Site and disposed of at the Solid Waste Authority (SWA) Class I Landfill.
- Site was backfilled to uniform grade.
- To complete the vertical delineation in DU-1 and DU-4 excavated to 24inches, confirmation bottom samples were collected and analyzed using ISM. Analytical results revealed the presence of BaPs below the ACTL.

Source Removal Report and No Further Action Proposal (SRR/NFAP) dated May 6, 2019











### FDEP 62-780 Final Closure

- Review and technical guidance provided by FDEP Office of District and Business Support - Division of Waste Management
- Assessment and Source Removal deemed complete by FDEP.
- Based on the implementation of the ACTLs, the Site will need to be recorded into the Institutional Control Registry. (RMO III)
- This closure will allow the unrestricted use of the Site and the realization of the farm to its full potential







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#### Prior to excavation-putting in perimeter controls











#### Looking North Before Excavation













#### Excavation and Stockpiling











#### **Excavated Soil Cover Until Disposal**













#### Truck Preparing to Leave the Site













#### Backfilling with Clean Soil















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