

Participatory Brownfields
Redevelopment in the
University Area Community, Tampa



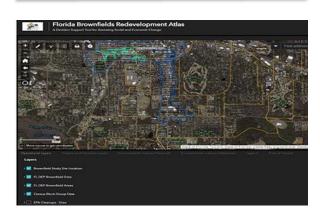
Our mission is to leverage interdisciplinary scientific expertise at the University of South Florida to inform outcome-driven research on environmental toxicants, land use legacies, community health, environmental justice, and sustainable and equitable development.



#### **RESEARCH**

#### **REDEVELOPMENT**

#### **EDUCATION**



Florida Brownfields Redevelopment Atlas: A Decision Support Tool

U.S. EPA Section 128(a) funding through the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, 2017-2022



Brownfields Area-Wide Planning for the University Area Community

U.S. EPA Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Grant, 2017-2019; U.S. EPA Communitywide Assessment Grant, 2019-2022



**Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Program for East Tampa** 

U.S. EPA Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grant, 2020-2022



## **Brownfields** are defined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as properties—"the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant."



**Healthfields** are former brownfield properties that have been redeveloped to improve access to healthcare and healthy living, such as health clinics, community gardens, farmers markets, and recreational parks.





...promote the work of environmental justice by leveraging students' developing skills (in writing, conducting interviews, GIS, and research) and their privileged access to resources (such as time, computers, data, and scholarship) to facilitate community-identified agendas and efforts



## College/Underserved Community Partnership Program

#### **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

The College/ Underserved Community Partnership Program (CUPP) enlists colleges and universities to assist communities with environmental justice challenges through student internships, practicums, and capstone projects.

- Communities receive technical assistance and services on a voluntary basis at no cost.
- Students gain practical experience in developing solutions to enhance the quality of life for communities as well as academic credit through their home institution.
- CUPP has facilitated over 120 partnership projects with more than 70 communities and academic institutions, and the value of services provided to underserved communities is over \$45,000,000.

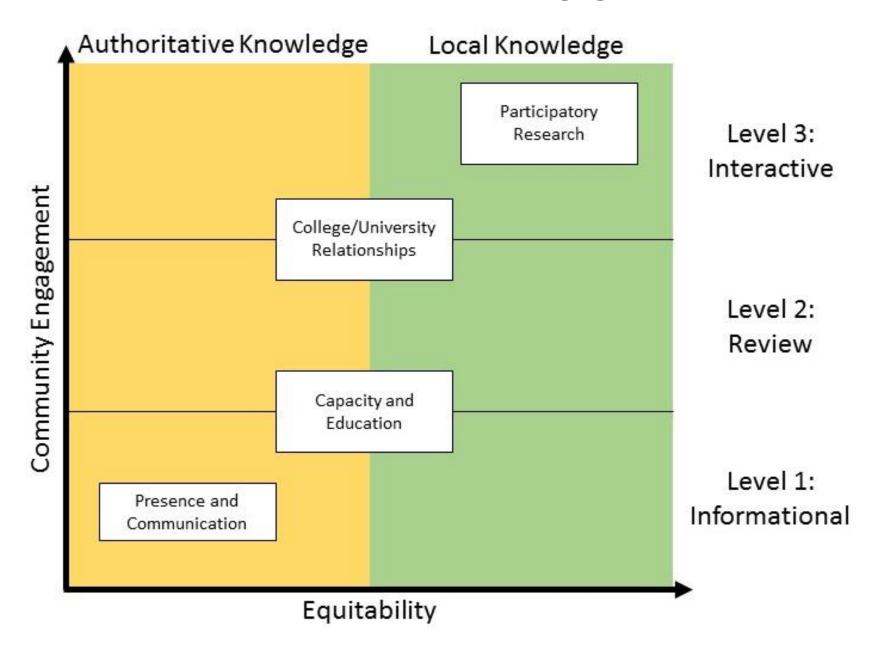
## Participatory Action Research for Brownfields Redevelopment

Brownfields-PAR is an approach to learning about environmental toxicants and public health that brings together researchers and residents who work collaboratively to affect positive change using rapid ethnographic assessments:

- To identify brownfields and related redevelopment challenges in the community
- To empower community members to conduct research and create lasting solutions to problems
- To improve human and environmental health in the community and promote equitable development



#### **Model for Stakeholder Engagement**



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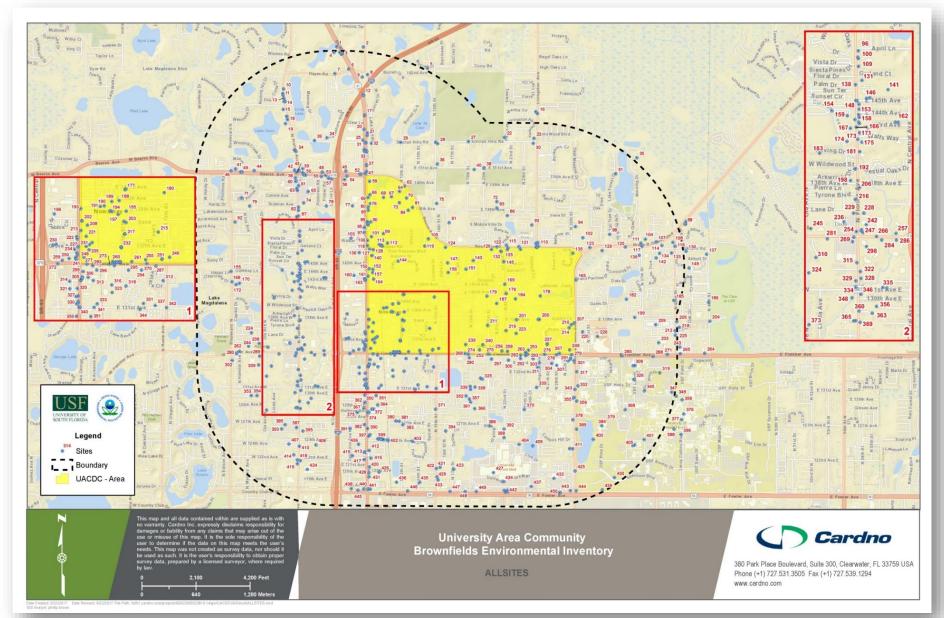
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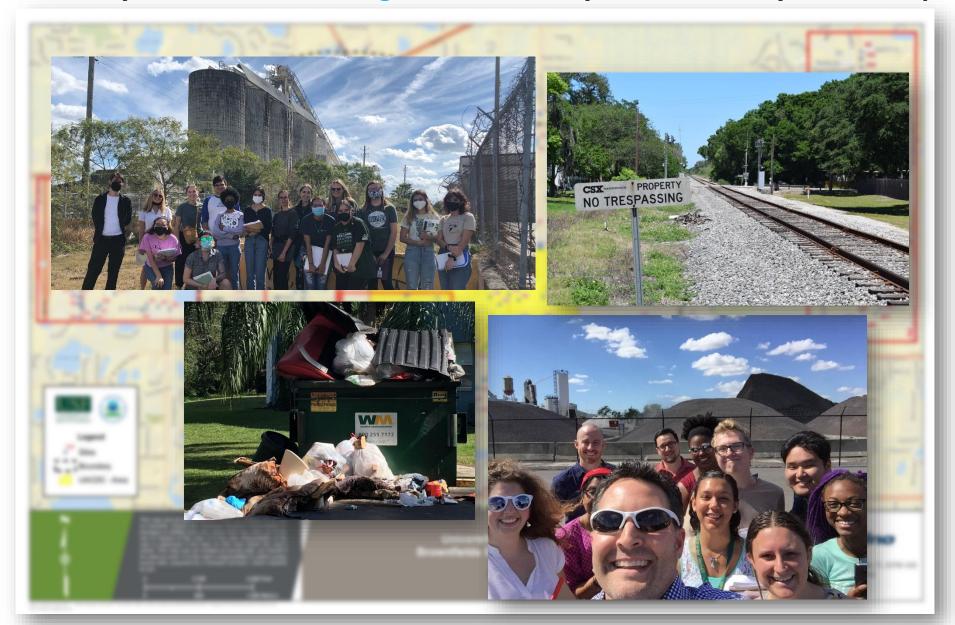
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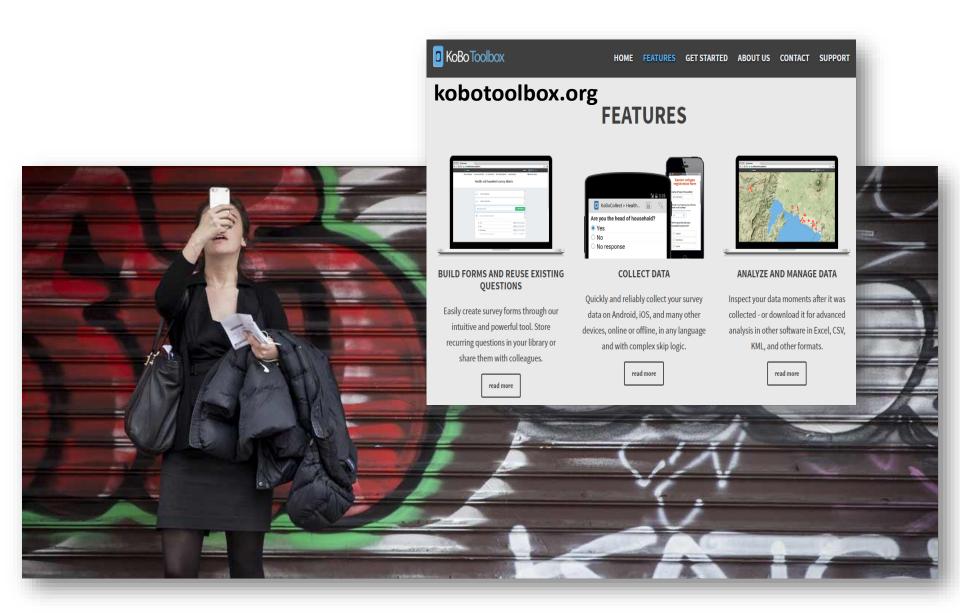
#### Phase II: Precision Intervention



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#### **University Area Community**

- Urban disadvantaged unincorporated community
- History of racial segregation
- High residential densities
- High proportions of renters
- Aging housing stock
- Proximity to hazardous wastes
- Lack of critical infrastructures

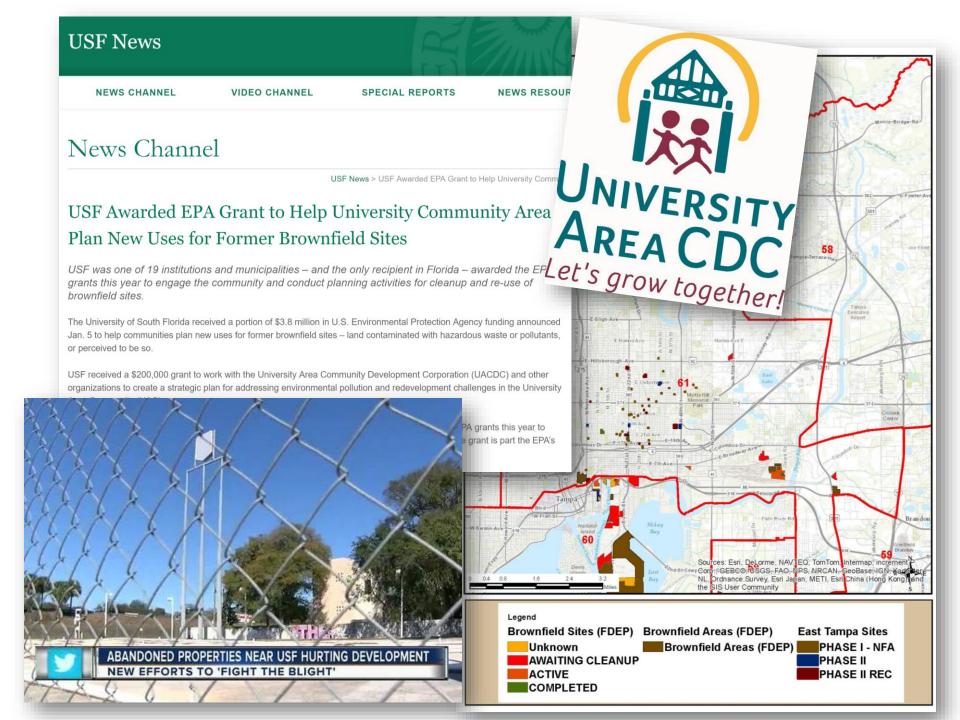


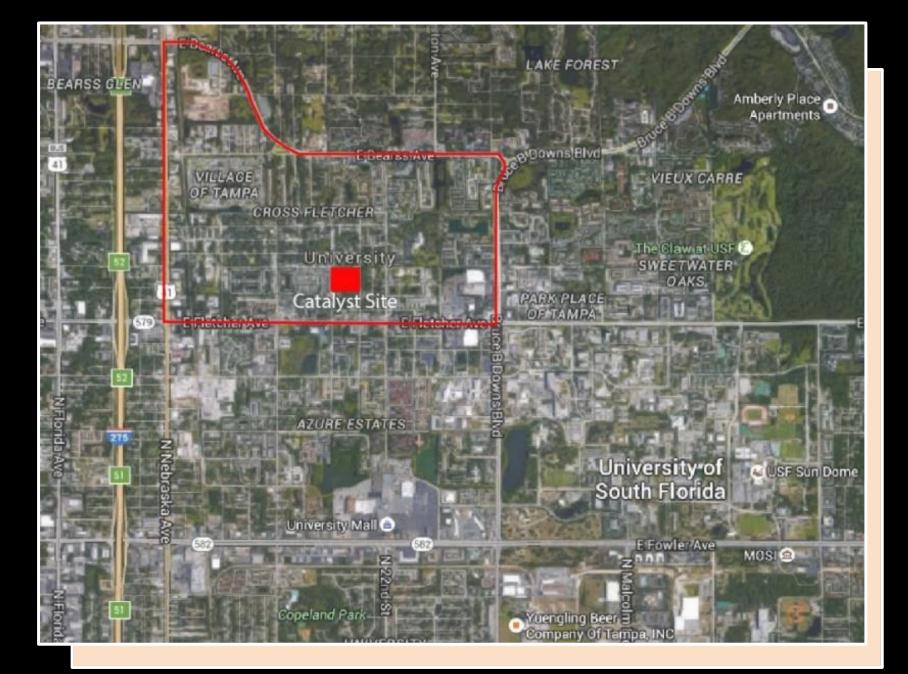












#### **PROJECT ACTIVITIES**

**Environmental Inventory Economic Market Analysis** Rapid Health Assessment Social Impact Assessment **Needs-based Assessment GIS for Redevelopment Planning** Community Outreach Community Design Charrette **Community Advisory Board Key-informant interviews** Strategic Communication & Marketing





















## University Area Harvest Hope Park Online Discovery Tool



#### About Harvest Hope

Harvest Hope Park sits in the heart of the University Area community, on 7 acres of land where development plans are underway to build a friendly space for residents that encourages family play, healthy eating, environmental sustainability, education and community interactions. The park will consist of a community garden, harvest hope teaching kitchen, sports field, playground, walking trail and tilapia fish pond. For more information about Harvest Hope Park along with other community projects and events,



http://hhcusf-usfaist.opendata.arcgis.com

## University Area Harvest Hope Park Website: uacleanup.com



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### **University Area Community Brownfields Area-Wide Plan**











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## Place-Making in the University Area Community VISION: Harvest Hope Park



## Place-Making in the University Area Community VISION: Harvest Hope Housing



