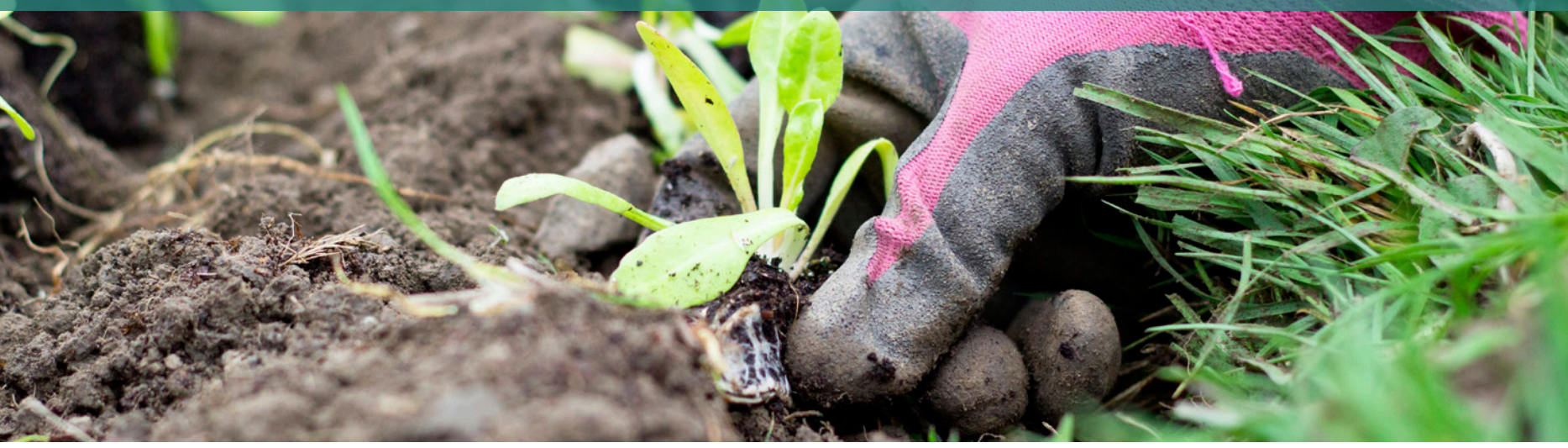
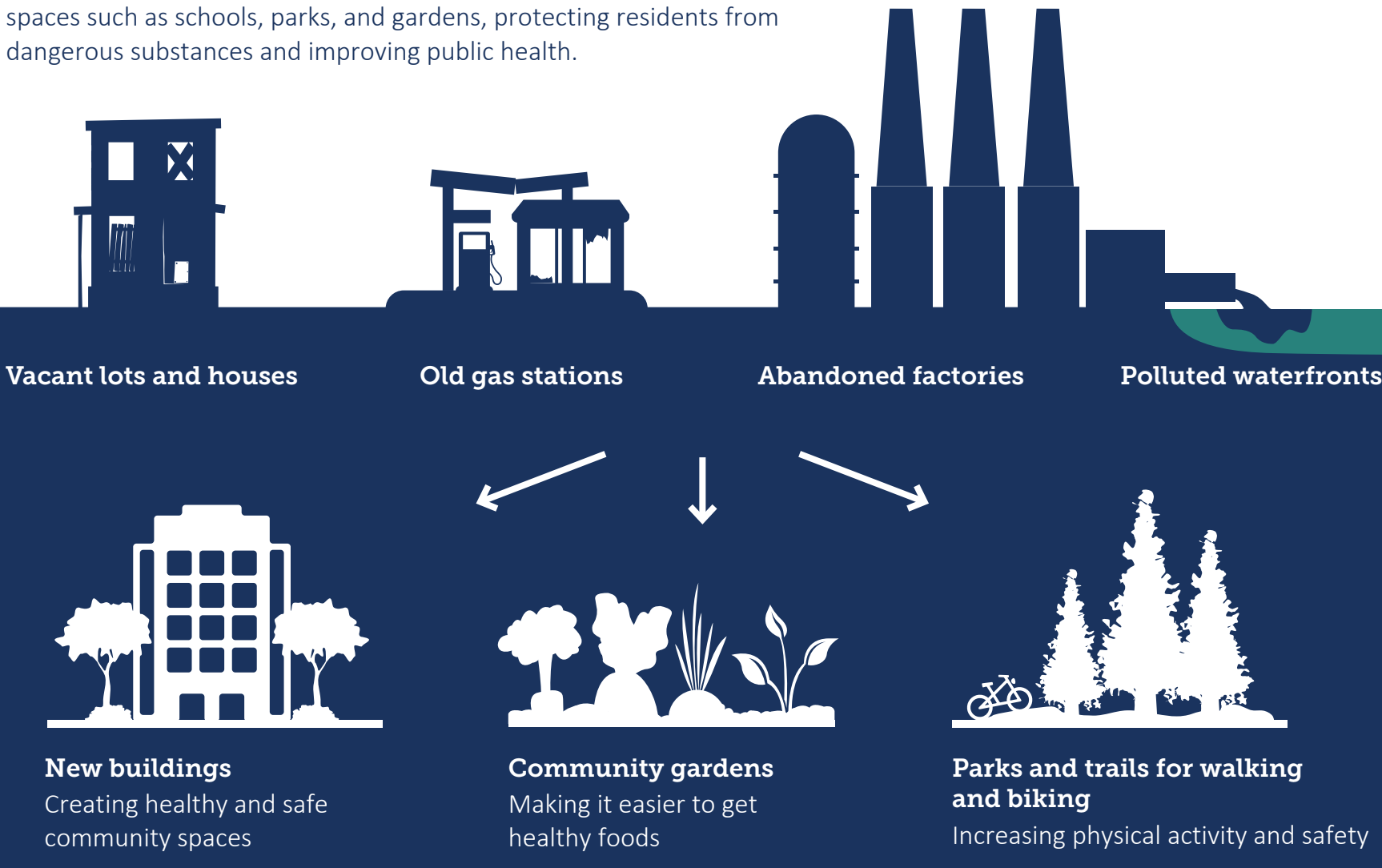


Redeveloping Brownfield and Land Reuse Sites to Benefit Communities



ATSDR Is Transforming Communities Across the Nation

Brownfields and land reuse sites are areas that may be contaminated with chemicals from past or current uses. The ATSDR Land Reuse Health Program works with cities, towns, and neighborhoods to help redevelop these sites. We turn them into spaces such as schools, parks, and gardens, protecting residents from dangerous substances and improving public health.



Brownfields Can Harm Your Health

There are over 500,000 brownfields and land reuse sites in the U.S. These sites range in size from less than one acre to thousands of acres. Living near them can lead to health problems.

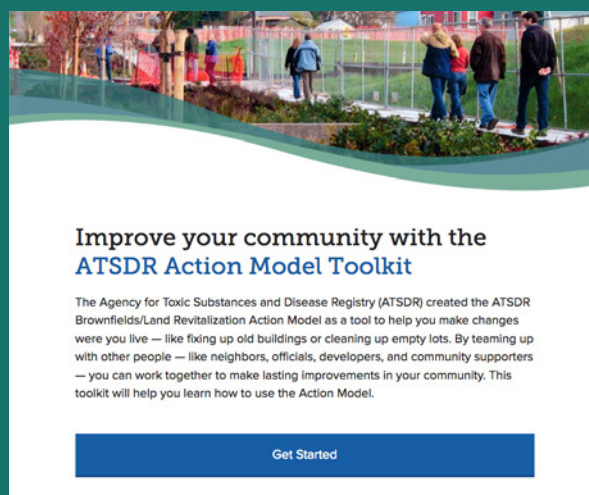


ATSDR Is Helping Communities Rebuild

Our most important job is working directly with community members. We answer questions, provide resources, and stay involved as long as we're needed.



We form Community Partnerships.
ATSDR and its group of expert volunteers — the Brownfields & Reuse Opportunity Working Network (BROWN) — share knowledge and consult in the field with developers, officials, and others.



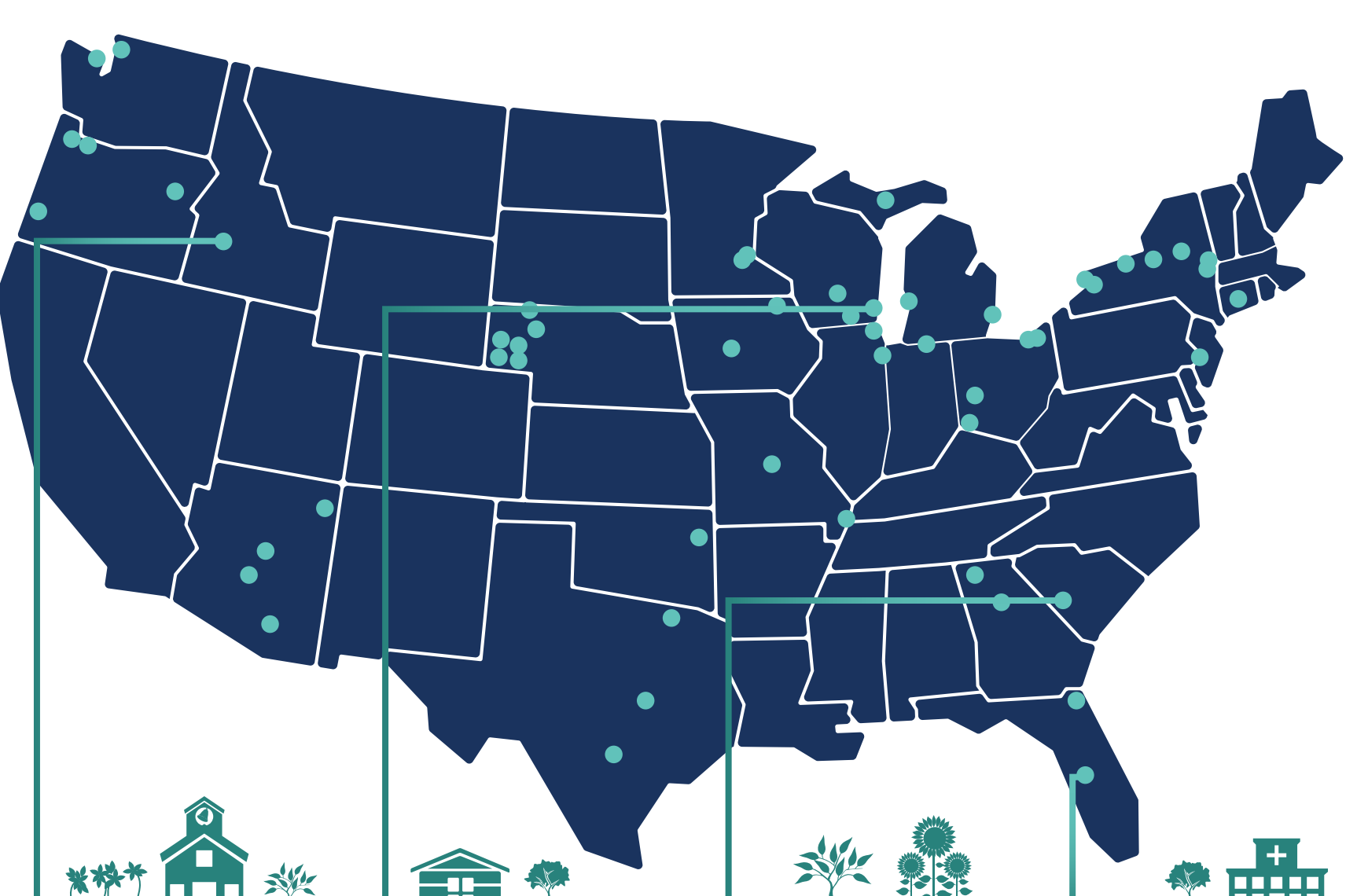
We create tools and resources.
These materials help people assess the effects of brownfields and land reuse sites, and they allow communities to track their successes during and after redevelopment.



We help communities get funding.
ATSDR awards grants for improving community health in areas with brownfields and land reuse sites.

Success Stories

The Land Reuse Health Program has led over 60 projects to improve community health all over the United States. Here are a few examples:



Boise, Idaho
Before: Abandoned church formerly used as a meth lab
After: Center for children's art education

Kenosha, Wisconsin
Before: Abandoned brass factory
After: New school and homes

Graniteville, South Carolina
Before: Land devastated by a 2005 chlorine spill
After: Community gardens

Mulberry, Florida
Before: Brownfields in a medically underserved area
After: Community health clinic

We've also assisted on over 400 other sites — consulting with communities about possible exposures and contamination from brownfields.

Want to make your community healthier and safer by renewing and redeveloping it?

To learn more about the Land Reuse Health Program, visit:
www.atsdr.cdc.gov/sites/brownfields
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