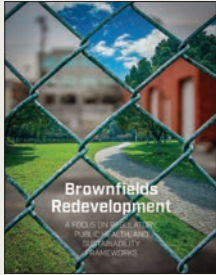


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ABOUT THE COVER



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that there are 450,000 brownfield sites in the U.S. Less than 7% of the estimated brownfields in the U.S. have undergone assess-

ment and only a fraction have been cleaned up. This low percentage highlights the challenges associated with brownfield sites from economic, regulatory, environmental, and public health perspectives. This month's cover article provides an overview of brownfields redevelopment in the U.S. with a focus on regulatory, public health, and sustainable development frameworks. A broader focus on brownfields redevelopment could reduce the inequity and health disparities typically seen in areas with distressed environments, as well as improve population health and the environment over the long term.

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