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107 SELDEN STREET, BERLIN, CONNECTICUT
8:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.



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- **GEI Consultants**, an environmental, geotechnical and water resource engineering company;
- **Robinson & Cole LLP**, a full service law firm with practice groups focusing on environmental and municipal law;
- **Blum Shapiro** of West Hartford and Southport, certified public accountants and business consultants with a dedicated Governmental Services Group

IDENTIFYING THE CHALLENGES AND THE OPPORTUNITIES

- Connecticut's cities and towns are plagued by undervalued, underutilized, and underperforming environmentally impaired properties that drain resources from economic centers and put development and infrastructure pressures on suburban and rural areas.
- Recent market forces and regulatory changes may encourage private industry to divest even more environmentally impaired properties, further draining tax roles and jeopardizing resources.
- Most of these properties do not qualify for funding under existing programs, and yet many represent great potential.
- Understanding the economic and regulatory challenges posed by these properties is essential to reducing suburban sprawl, revitalizing urban centers, and preserving the character and resources of all our communities.
- The state, agencies, legislature, municipalities, and industry must work together to put in place policies to overcome the challenges of redeveloping environmentally impaired properties and achieving our shared goal of rebuilding our cities and towns.



Before



After

AGENDA

Registration and coffee – 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Morning Program – 9:00 a.m. to noon

- **Introduction and Overview:** The current landscape and the challenges and opportunities it presents
Presenter: Jim Finley - Connecticut Conference of Municipalities
- **Market Forces and Economic Drivers:** The forces that shape the current landscape, including the affect of governmental accounting standards, and their continuing impact
Presenter: Vanessa E. Rossitto, CPA - Blum Shapiro
- **Redeveloping Properties for Higher and Better Use:** Defining environmental risks and liabilities that affect property valuation and redevelopment potential
Presenter: Frederick W. Johnson, LEP - GEI Consultants
- **Understanding the Legal and Regulatory Dimensions:** The laws and regulations that affect ownership, liability, remediation, and land use
Presenters: Earl W. Phillips, Jr., Robert S. Melvin and Kirstin M. Etela - Robinson & Cole LLP

Lunch Program – Noon to 1:30 p.m. (light lunch provided)

John O'Toole, Policy Chairman, CEDAS; Vice Chairman of the National Brownfields Association Connecticut Chapter will moderate a panel* discussion with:

- **Gina McCarthy**, Commissioner
Department of Environmental Protection
- **Marie O'Brien**, Executive Officer
Connecticut Development Authority
- **Senator Bill Finch** (D-22nd District)
Co-Chairman of the Legislature's Environment Committee
- **Eric Brown**, CBIA Environmental Policies Council
- Official from the Department of Economic and Community Development

** All to be confirmed.*

Afternoon Program – 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

Professional facilitator Alden Davis, with municipal decision-making facilitation experience, will lead attendees in a discussion aimed at developing policy objectives to address challenges and take advantage of future opportunities.

Thank you to Northeast Utilities for the generous donation of their conference facility.