

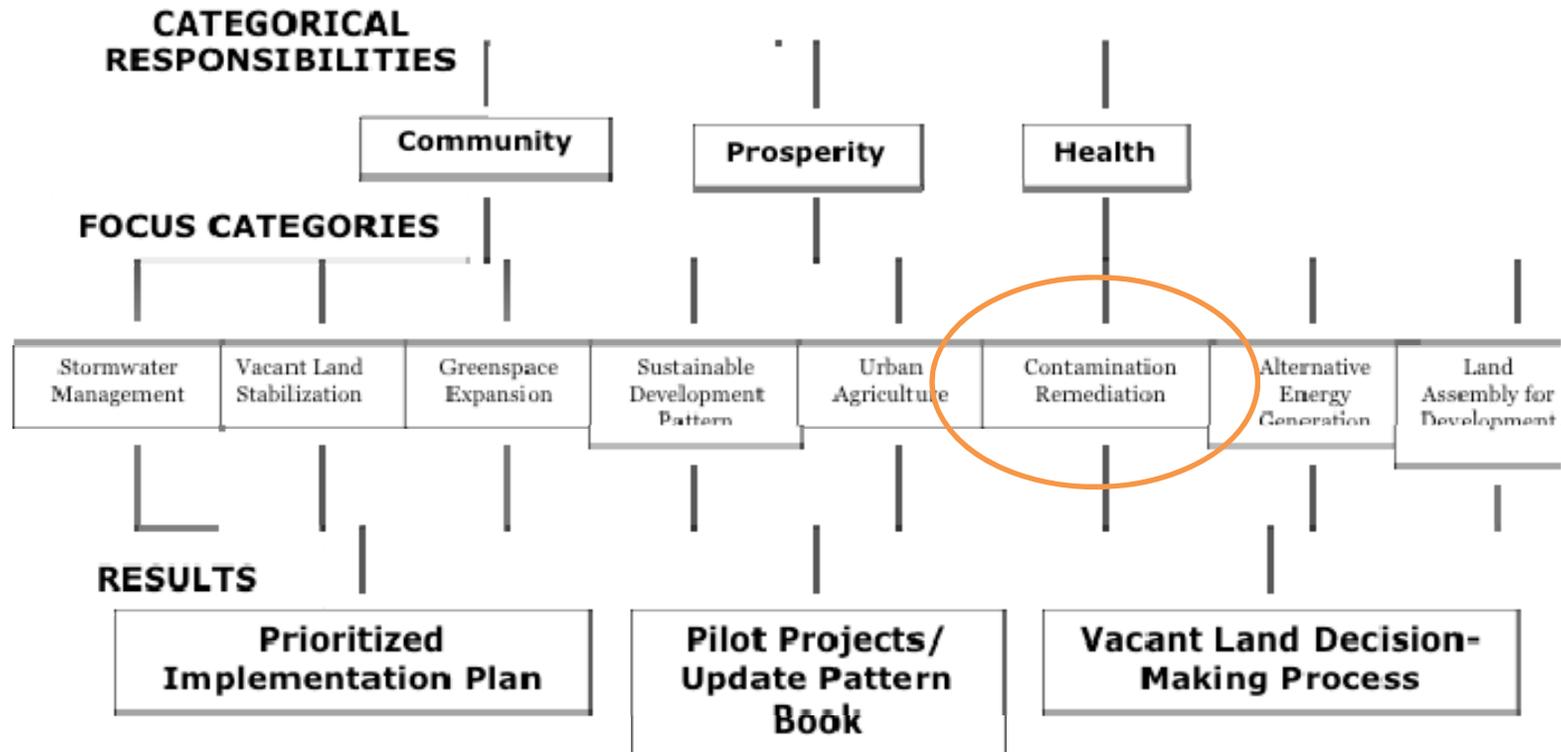
# REMEDIATION

: restoring ecological systems  
and cultural and public health



# THE LARGER FRAMEWORK

## City Wide Vacant Land Reuse Initiative



# METHODOLOGY

Step 1: Read through individual project

Step 2: Discuss projects' strengths and weaknesses as a group

Step 3: Tease out criteria based upon perceived strengths and weaknesses

Step 4: Visit local pub for in-depth analysis; Sleep on it

Step 5: Refine criteria and ensure consistency by analyzing two excellent projects and one weak project as a group

Step 6: Rank applications individually

Step 7: Aggregate group rankings



# CRITERIA

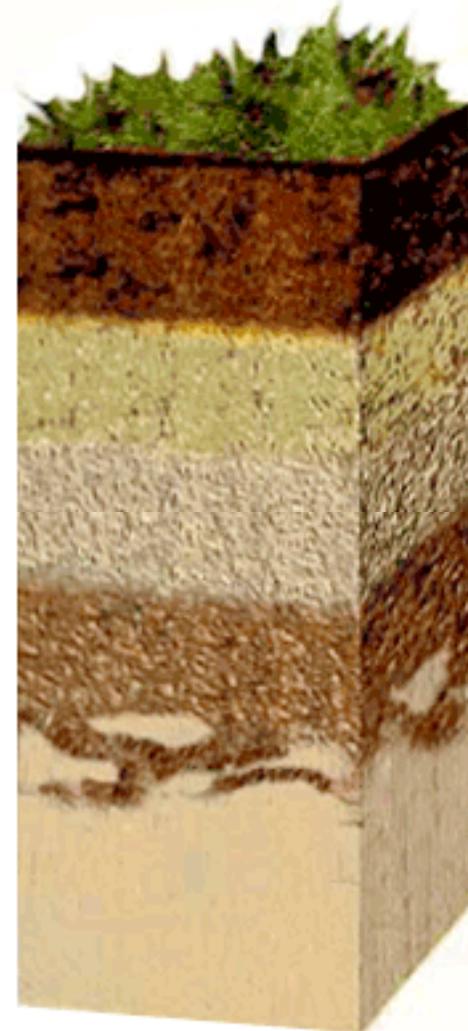
- Effectiveness
- Budget (realistic, complete, return)
- Ecological benefits (natives, remediation, negative impacts)
- Community benefits (economic, educational)
- Community support (active involvement)
- Larger applicability (scalable, replicable, visible, innovative)
- Organizational structure (history, ability, capacity)
- Future issues (future uses, worst case scenario)



Criteria	Remediation	Planting Garden	Parking Lot
Effectiveness	Green	Green	Red
Budget	Green	Green	Red
Ecological Benefits	Yellow	Yellow	Red
Community Benefits	Green	Green	Yellow
Community Support	Green	Green	Yellow
Larger Applicability	Green	Green	Yellow
Organizational Structure	Green	Green	Red
Future Issues	Green	Green	Red

# FINAL RANKINGS

1. Nature Node Planting Garden (1.43)
2. Scientific Remediation (1.71)
3. Naturehood (3.86)
4. Sunflower Garden (4.29)
5. Yard Expansion (4.71)
6. Slavic Park Expansion (5.00)
7. Slavic Parking Lot (7.00)



# KEY QUESTIONS FOR CRITERIA

- **Effectiveness**
  - Assuming the steps discussed in the project are carried out, would the steps achieve the goals stated for the project?
- **Budget**
  - Does the budget cover all of the materials, equipment, and steps required by the value project?
  - Is the pricing for the items in the budget realistic? (e.g., too little or too much budgeted for an item)
  - Is the return for the cost of the project reasonable (e.g., what is the “bang for the buck”?)
- **Ecological benefits**
  - Will native species be used and are they identified in the proposal?
  - Are there any potential negative impacts to wildlife?
  - Are there environmental remediation benefits?
- **Community benefits**
  - Are there economic, infrastructure, or educational benefits? other community benefits?
- **Community support**
  - Is the community actively involved in the project’s creation? delivery?
  - To what degree would the project be welcomed by the local community?
- **Larger applicability**
  - Is the project scalable?
  - Is the project replicable?
  - Does the project provide an innovative idea that has not been tested elsewhere (or in Cleveland)?
  - Does the project have visibility for the community or others?
- **Organizational structure**
  - What is the history of the proposing organization?
  - Has the proposing organization demonstrated the ability and capacity to complete the project?
- **Future issues**
  - What is the worst case scenario if the project fails?
  - How does the project affect potential future uses of the lot?