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Mission

Promoting sustainable redevelopment while protecting human health and the environment



What is a Brownfield?

Any site where future development may be complicated by environmental contaminants:

- Chemicals
- Petroleum products
- Pesticides
- Asbestos or Lead-based paint



Examples of Contaminated Sites



How does the City help now?

- Free Environmental Site Assessments
- Free Technical Assistance
- Cleanup Loan Funding now available

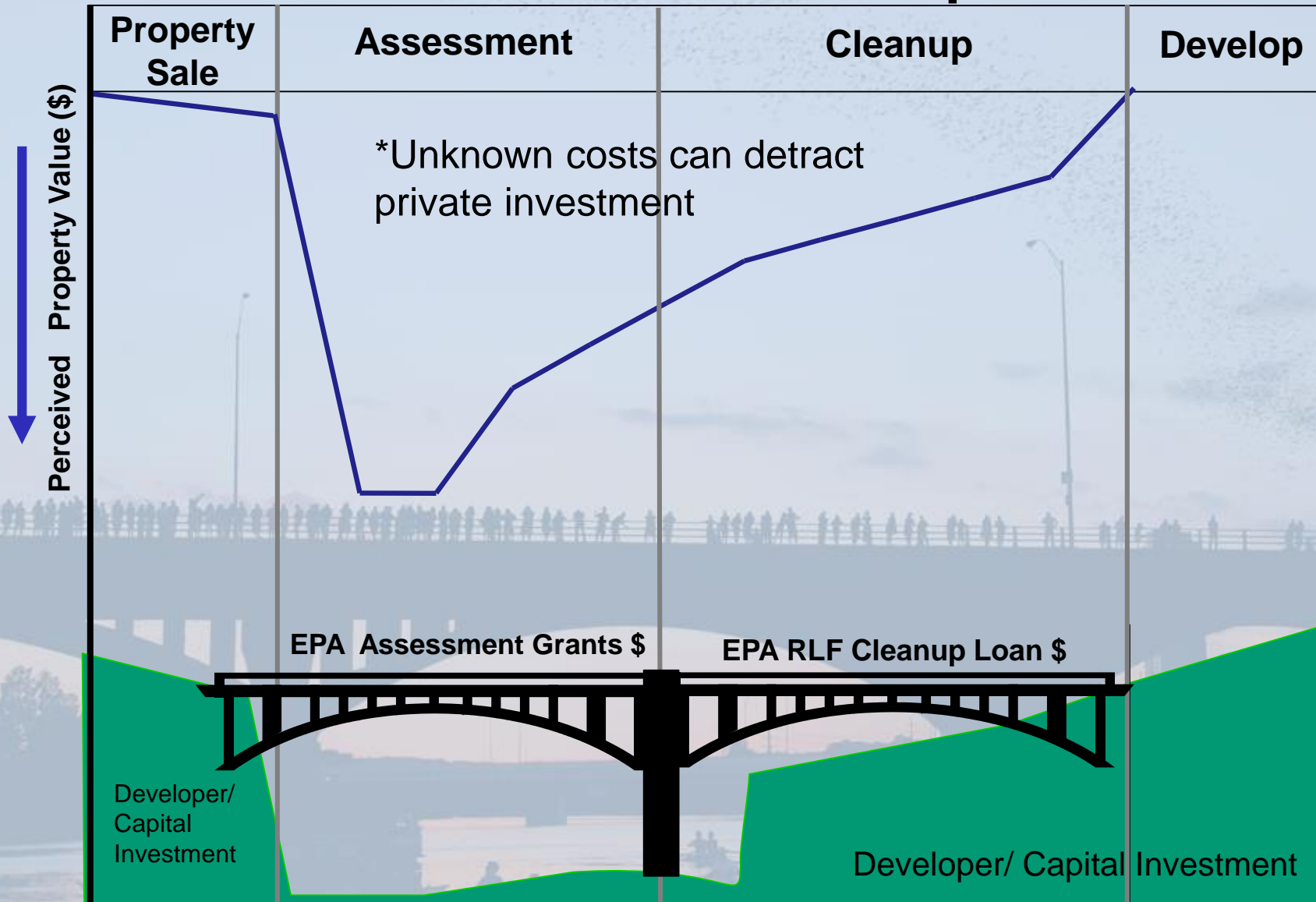


Revolving Loan Fund:

- EPA awarded the City an \$820,000 grant to loan for environmental cleanups
- Any property owner (public, private, nonprofit) is eligible to borrow these funds
- Loans will have **flexible** terms, **low-interest**
- Interest only payments until cleanup is complete



EPA funding is a bridge within economic development



Program Accomplishments:

- Active for almost 20 years
- Over 100 sites have been assessed and/or cleaned up
- The City has received over \$2 million in grant funds from the Environmental Protection Agency
- These grant funds have leveraged over \$240 million in other public and private funding for redevelopment projects



Project Examples:

- Guadalupe Saldana Development Corporation's Net Zero Housing
- The African American Heritage Center
- El Sapo Y Cantina
- East Village Plaza Mixed-Use Development
- Homewood Heights Community Garden
- Habitat for Humanity Housing



How can the Economic Development Committee Help?

- Remember that we provide free assessments for redevelopment projects and loan money for environmental cleanups
- Please pass the word along



Any Questions?

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