

## SUBGRANT FACT SHEET

# BROWNFIELD REVOLVING LOAN FUND GRANT TO REMERGE INC. FOR 597 AUBURN AVENUE NE



## City of Atlanta Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund Program

The City of Atlanta Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund (BRLF) Program:

- Provides subgrants and loans to private property owners and non-profit organizations for brownfield remediation in compliance with Georgia's regulatory cleanup standards.
- Is federally funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and jointly administered by the City of Atlanta and Invest Atlanta.
- Ensures oversight of all cleanup activities by a City of Atlanta Brownfield Program Qualified Environmental Professional (QEP), in accordance with applicable laws and EPA requirements.

## WHAT IS A BROWNFIELD?

A brownfield is a property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

## Remerge's Community Building Studio at 597 Auburn Avenue NE

Remerge Inc., a community-based organization with a focus on Auburn Avenue, facilitates collaborative opportunities that accelerate belonging and flourishing in local communities.

Remerge Inc. employs a 'Reconnect, Rethink and Reimagine' strategy that is implemented through programs like Sweet Auburn Friends, The Sweet Auburn Community Museum, the Giving Grace Network, the Community of Reconcilers, and Color ATL.



597 Auburn Avenue NE:

- Is currently developed with a one-story building built before 1910s.
- Was originally constructed as a residential building and used as a church since the 1940s.
- Occupies a triangular lot in the Old Fourth Ward neighborhood of NPU-M and Council District 2.

Remerge Inc. submitted a BRLF subgrant application to the City of Atlanta and Invest Atlanta for the remediation of 597 Auburn Avenue NE prior to the renovation of the existing building as the future location of its Community Building Studio.

- Soil collection and analysis in Phases I and II Environmental Site Assessments identified Barium and Lead contamination above Georgia Environmental Protection Division's (EPD) Notification Concentrations (NCs). Contaminated soil will be remediated by excavation and disposed of off-site.
- An inspection for asbestos-containing materials (ACM) confirmed the presence of asbestos in the roof flashing and exterior cementitious siding.

- All Regulated ACM (RACM) will be removed and disposed of at an approved landfill.

## Clean Up Document

The City of Atlanta's Qualified Environmental Professional prepared several environmental documents required by EPA for sites receiving Brownfield Revolving Loan Program funding. These documents, which will be posted at [atlantaga.gov/brownfields](http://atlantaga.gov/brownfields) are:

- Analysis of Brownfield Cleanup Alternatives (ABCA)
- Site Specific Quality Assurance Project Plan (SSQAPP).

## Cleanup Costs

A \$50,000 subgrant, approved at Invest Atlanta Board's Nov. 17, 2021 meeting, will fund remediation costs.

## GET INVOLVED

Community Meeting For  
597 Auburn Avenue SE

WHEN - Jan. 26 from 6:30pm - 7:30pm

WHERE - Remerge's office at  
340 Auburn Avenue.

30-day public comment period is  
Jan. 23 to Feb. 22, 2023.

