







## Pier B Development Story

## **IRRR Brownfield Conference**

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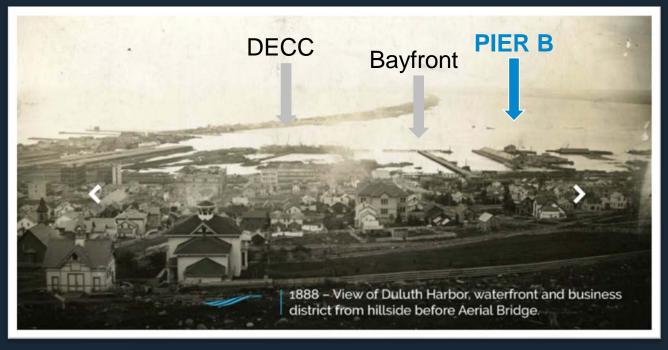
## Agenda

- 1. Site History and Developer Story (Sandy)
- 2. Municipal Story (Heidi)
- 3. Technical Story and Lessons Learned (Ryan)
- 4. Current and Future Plans (Sandy)

## **Site History**

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- Wetland area filled in 1800's
- Commercial / industrial operations between late 1800's – 1990's
- DEDA purchased in 1990's







# **Brownfield Development Challenges and Opportunities**

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#### Challenges

- Permitting
- Aging infrastructure, dock walls
- Contaminated soil & slip sediment
- Geotechnical conditions
- Historical features

#### **Opportunities**

- Prime location
- Grant funding
- Environmental improvements
- Municipal support & experienced team





#### **Municipal Story**

City's role in helping navigate brownfield project process:

- Be open to developer's vision
- Awareness of economic development agency's role
- Identify internal point person
- Communicate with elected officials, funders, and community
- Advocate for project and community
- Celebrate with team and community!!!



#### **Municipal Story – the Team**

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Local, county, state, federal and private partners working together toward shared objectives.





























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## **Technical Story – Historical Fill**

#### **CHALLENGES:**

- Historically filled wetland (debris, industrial material)
- Contamination
- Geotechnical challenges
- Historical artifacts

#### **SOLUTIONS:**

- Investigation and remedial soil excavation
- Off-site disposal and re-use under env. caps
- Geotechnical pilings
- SHPO assessment, documentation, artifact re-use, educational displays







## **Technical Story – Failing Dock Walls**

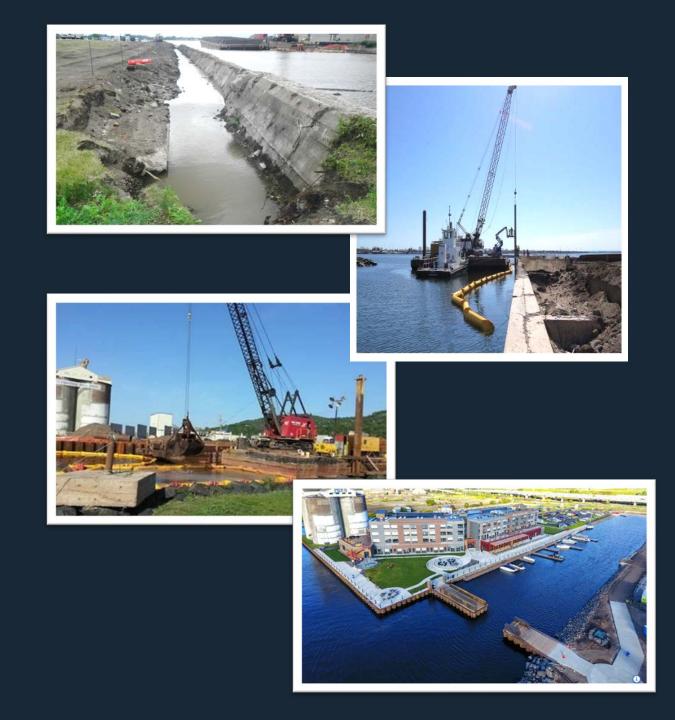
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#### **CHALLENGES:**

- Geotechnical challenge to development
- Contaminated soil migrating into slip/river
- Contaminated sediment in slip
- Slip is a protected fish habitat

#### **SOLUTIONS:**

- Replaced dock wall
- Dredged and capped slip sediment
- Reused sediment as fill beneath a cap
- Created / improved 2-acres of fish habitat and recreational opportunities



#### **Timeline of Events**



**Environmental studies** 

City land-use plan revised, site rezoned to "mixed-use"

Multiple development plans merged

Investment team formed

Local developers tour Pier B

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and remediation

DEED grants secured (nearly \$2 million)

Pier B Resort opens!

Construction

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#### **Lessons Learned**

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Experienced teams lead to brownfield redevelopment success. (developers, public partners, regulators, contractors, consultants).



Environmental investigation and planning can reduce project unknowns, delays, and costs.



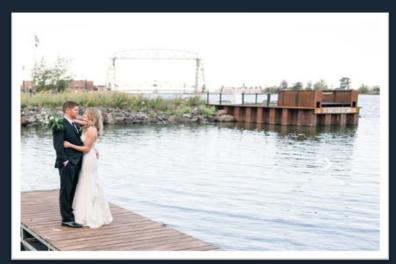
Environmental investigation and cleanup funding support is available for projects that follow the regulatory process.



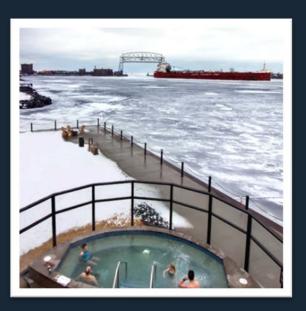
Successful brownfield redevelopments benefit the developer, community, and environment.

## **Current and Future Site**











## **Questions**









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