

## Ryerson University Consent Agreement

You are being invited to participate in a research study. Please read this consent form so that you understand what your participation will involve. Before you consent to participate, please ask any questions to be sure you understand what your participation will involve.

**PROJECT TITLE:** Removing Market Barriers to Brownfields Redevelopment in the GTHA – A Private Sector Perspective

**INVESTIGATORS:** This research study is being conducted by Christopher De Sousa, and his student, Nicholas Hiley, from the School of Urban and Regional Planning at Ryerson University.

This study is funded by the Centre for Urban Research and Land Development (CUR) at Ryerson University.

Although Chris De Sousa is member of the Advisory Committee at CUR, he did not assess or vote on the application for funding for this study.

If you have any questions or concerns about the research, please feel free to contact:

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**PURPOSE OF THE STUDY:** The purpose of this study is to shed light on the barriers to brownfields redevelopment and measures for overcoming them. For this study, we feel that the best way to gather information on the redevelopment of brownfields is by surveying developers and other private sector practitioners responsible for these projects “in the field.” Public officials and employees are ineligible to participate in this study. At least twenty-five developers and private sector stakeholders involved in projects in the GTHA will participate in this study.

**WHAT YOU WILL BE ASKED TO DO:** If you volunteer to participate in this study, you will be asked to answer several questions about your experience with brownfields redevelopment projects. Specifically, you will be asked to identify what you perceive to be motivators, barriers, and facilitators towards brownfield redevelopment. Your participation will consist of completing (1) survey that will require about 15 minutes to complete. You will be asked to submit your name, job title, name of employer, and type of employer. If you would like a copy of the results, you can contact the principal investigator who will provide a copy once the study is completed.

**POTENTIAL BENEFITS:** Possible benefits of participating in this study are that it will identify methods for increasing brownfields redevelopment activity, and encourage more involvement from the private-sector.

**WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL RISKS TO YOU AS A PARTICIPANT:** The risks to participating in this study are minimal. However, potential risks may arise from the fact that some of the questions ask you to provide information on your attitudes toward brownfields redevelopment generally and towards the actions taken by your organization and by other stakeholders to implement it. While this information might pose a professional risk if released publicly, the principal investigator will make every effort to mitigate such risk by keeping the survey results confidential and **not** linking you to your responses in any

published material. The only information that could be published relates to the fact that your company has participated in the redevelopment process. If you are not comfortable answering a question you may skip it, or withdraw from the survey at anytime.

**CONFIDENTIALITY:** *Only* the principal investigator and student researcher will have access to participant response results. After the data has been compiled, participant response results will be destroyed.

**INCENTIVES FOR PARTICIPATION:** There are no paid incentives to participate in this study.

**COSTS TO PARTICIPATION:** There are no costs to the participant or reimbursements offered as part of this study.

**VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION AND WITHDRAWAL:** Participation in this study is completely voluntary. You can choose whether to be in this study or not. If any question makes you uncomfortable, you can skip that question. You may stop participating at any time. Answers will not be recorded until the survey has been completed. If after you complete the survey and later decide you do not want to have your responses included in the analysis, you can contact the investigators up to one (1) week after you complete the survey to have your responses destroyed. Your choice of whether or not to participate will not influence your future relations with Ryerson University, the Centre for Urban Research and Land Development, or the investigators, Chris De Sousa and Nicholas Hiley, involved in the research.

**QUESTIONS ABOUT THE STUDY:** If you have questions about the research, you may contact:

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This study has been reviewed by the Ryerson University Research Ethics Board. If you have questions regarding your rights as a participant in this study please contact:

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**CONFIRMATION OF AGREEMENT:** Your signature below indicates that you have read the information in this agreement and have had a chance to ask any questions you have about the study. Your signature also indicates that you agree to participate in the study and have been told that you can change your mind and withdraw your consent to participate at any time. You have been given a copy of this agreement.

You have been told that by signing this consent agreement you are not giving up any of your legal rights.

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Name of Participant (please print)

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Signature of Participant

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Date