

Local Participation to Environmental Remediation and Economic Revitalization

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Remediation

- ◆ Long term, large scale, very expensive, and technically complex
- ◆ Affects future lives of locals on radiation safety, local land use and local economy

Remediation organizations must be trusted by stakeholders

Passive public participation in remediation is not enough

Active public participation in decision making is required for successful remediation

- ◆ Remediation level and timing
- ◆ wastes
 - treatment
 - disposal
 - transportation
- ◆ Future land use
- ◆ Future local industry development

Needs local advocate organizations to

- ◆ Coordinates with national, prefectural and local governments in remediation decision making affecting local communities
- ◆ Increases public awareness and involvement on remediation issues
- ◆ Provide technical, analytical, and organizational resources

Example: Local Industry Development Approach

Locals' two faces

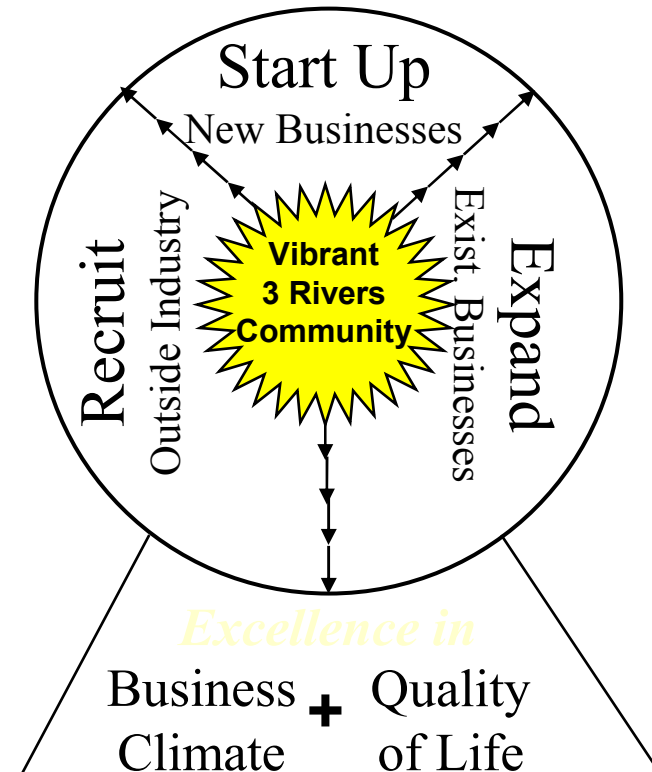
- Technical community
- Agriculture Community

Main Organizations

- Remediation contractors
- Research laboratory
- University
- Agriculture (Farming, food processing company)
- Local Economic develop coordinator

Diversification based on Remediation and Agriculture

- Expansion of current industries
- Start up new business
- Recruit outside industries



Needs Key Organizations to Succeed

Local Advocate Organization

- Increases public awareness and involvement on issues
- Provide technical and analytical resources
- Evaluate reports and issues position papers to inform locals
- Advocate local interests and interacts with the governments and Congress for remediation, waste management, emergency response, work force, and future land use
- Develop local industries

Large Research Laboratory

- Multi-purpose research and development laboratory
- Work with industries and governments to develop innovative technologies
- Produce many new companies established based on laboratory-developed technologies

University

- Produce required technical work force
- Work with industries and governments to develop innovative technologies