

# Interim Use: Overview and Observations

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# Outline



- When/where/how does it happen?
- Example: City of Edmonton
- Considerations when identifying an interim use
- Best practice highlights



## When/where/how does it happen?



- Formally and informally
- Uses vary from appropriate to inappropriate
- Happens when immediate or permanent redevelopment of a brownfield is not feasible
- If done well, can be beneficial to the site owner, developer, the neighbourhood and the municipality
- Examples of interim land uses include parkettes, community gardens, soccer fields, solar installations, artworks, parking, ...



## Example: City of Edmonton



- Interim use is embedded in the City's Brownfield Redevelopment Grant Program
- Includes financial support for the construction of infrastructure to support a desirable innovative interim land-use
- Examples of desirable innovative uses given are renewable energy infrastructure (e.g. solar panels), art installation, and community gardens
- More details at <http://www.edmonton.ca/environmental/documents/BrownfieldGrantProgram.pdf>





## Considerations ...



- ... when identifying an interim use include:
  - presence of impacts on the site
  - neighbouring uses
  - stakeholder acceptance (including acceptance of the interim land use by the site owner and site neighbours)
  - potential liabilities associated with use
  - environment/economic/social (GoldSET)...



## Best Practice Highlights



- ***Interim*** nature of the use needs to be clear to all stakeholders
- ***Interim*** nature of the use needs to be communicated regularly to manage expectations regarding long-term use
- ...



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