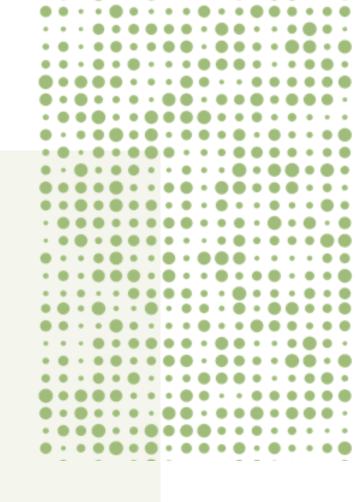
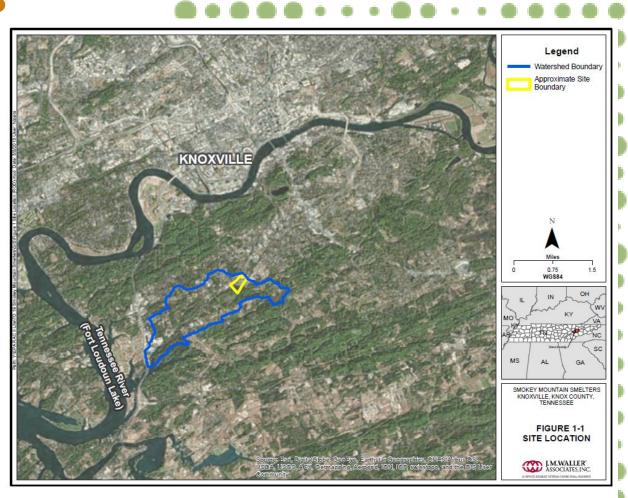
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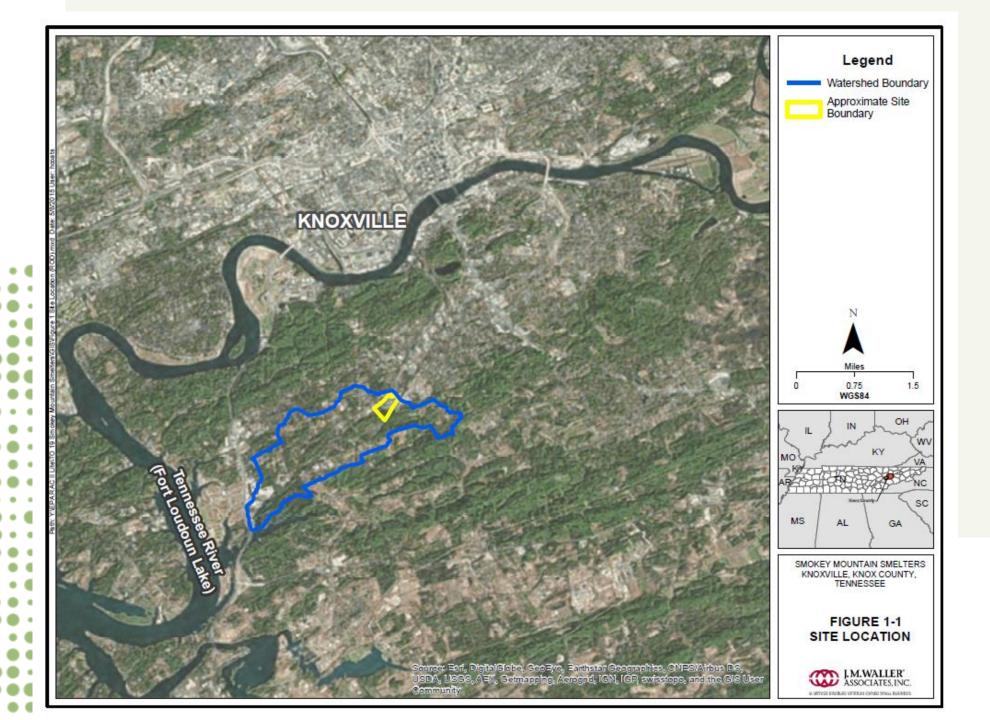
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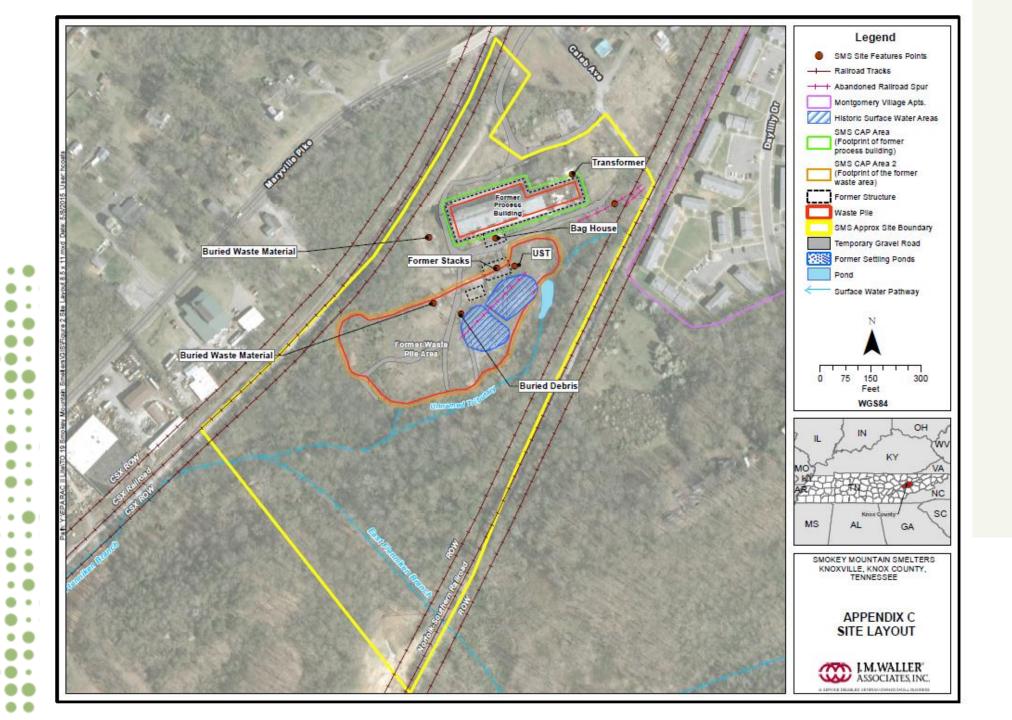


Smokey Mountain Smelters (SMS) Superfund Site Details Site Details:

- Located in South Knoxville, TN
- Approximately 13 acres
- Surrounded by mixed industrial, commercial and residential area
- Two active railroads run along east and west borders
- Public housing complex adjacent to site







Smokey Mountain Smelters Superfund Background

- 1922-1948 Knoxville Fertilizer Company
- 1979-1990s Smokey Mountain Smelters operates a secondary aluminum smelter
- 2010 EPA places SMS on the National Priorities List



Enlisting Social Science Methods to Assess Community's Perspective:

- Involvement begins in early 2017
- Student research assistant
- Data Gathering:
 - Two Community Forums (Fall 2017)
 - Web Survey
 - Interviews
- Community Feedback: Wide range of input, yet common theme was a need for development that would directly benefit the social and economic issues endemic to the community





Outcomes

- Data gathering concluded in fall 2017
- Ongoing work by EPA and other partners
- A regional small rail line?



Lessons Learned

- Difficulty of working in, and redeveloping, superfund sites in marginalized communities
 - Limited community input
 - Redevelopment Possibilities



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Thank you!