

our work

The Delta Institute

is a nonprofit organization that works for a cleaner environment, healthier communities, and a greener economy. We accomplish much of our work through three affiliates:

Delta Redevelopment Institute

(Delta REDI)

Delta Pollution Prevention and Energy Efficiency Center

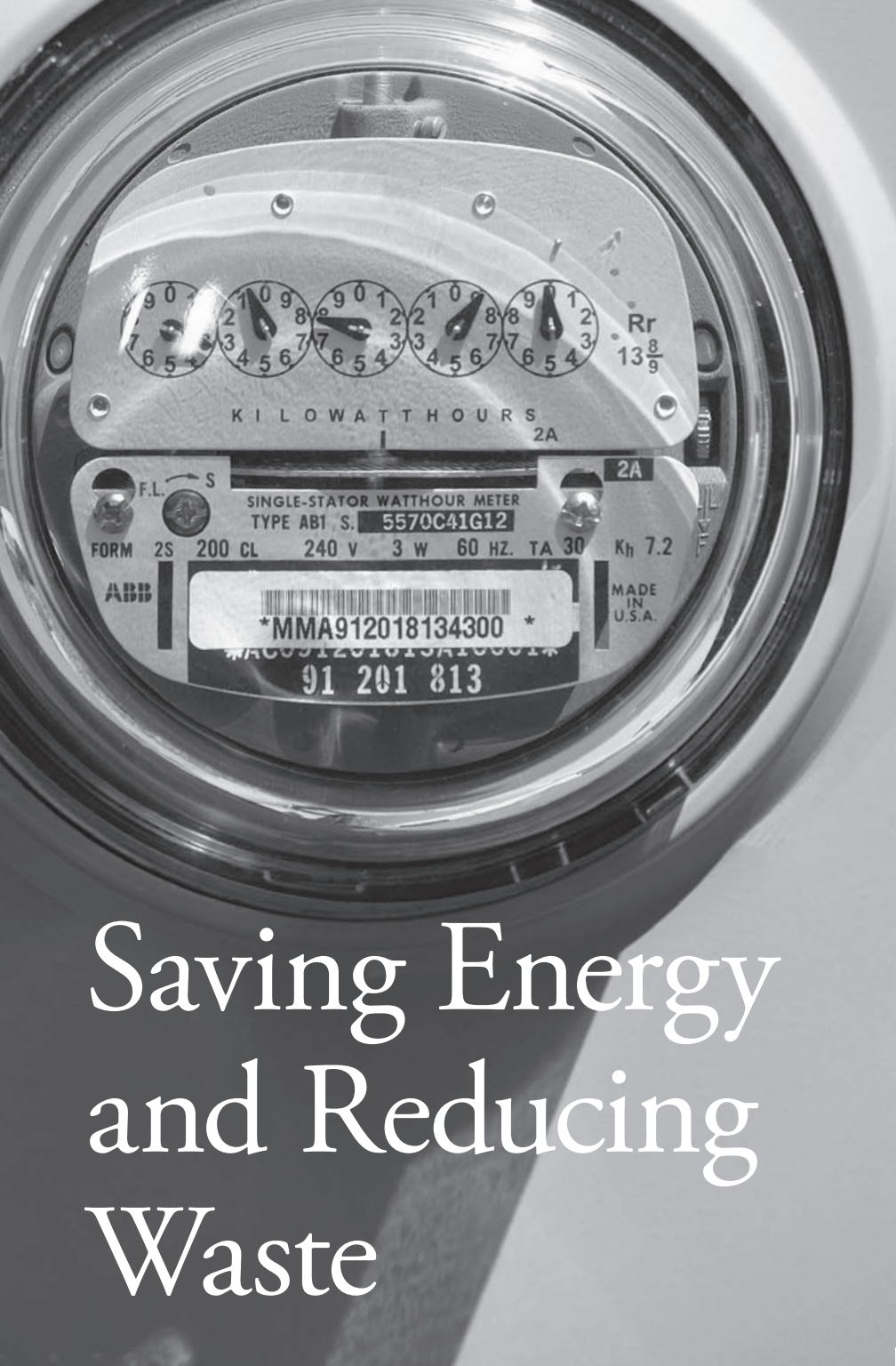
(Delta P2E2 Center)

Delta Redevelopment Funds

Together we're building the world we all wish for.

The Delta Workbook

is a starting place to help you understand our services. We work with businesses, government agencies and community groups to solve complex environmental and economic challenges by providing technical know-how, training, and access to financing.



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Saving Energy
and Reducing
Waste

▲ Technical Assistance

Our experts identify opportunities to prevent pollution and conserve energy, as well as save money. We work closely with companies, municipalities, and organizations to design and implement programs that achieve environmental and performance goals.

▲ Financing

We provide direct loans, develop efficiency contracts, and connect clients to third-party financing for pollution prevention and energy efficiency programs.

▲ Carbon Trading

We help companies, farmers and landowners offset greenhouse gases and access carbon markets. We are a member of and an aggregator with the Chicago Climate Exchange.

▲ Sustainable Purchasing Programs

We develop green purchasing programs to help facilities reduce their reliance on toxic products, use resources more efficiently, and reduce solid waste. Our technical support system helps companies and government agencies identify green products that meet price and performance criteria and produce measurable environmental benefits.



Developing Brownfields

▲ Packaging Economic Incentives

Trained to recognize the underlying potential in land designated as unusable, we work with government and community development organizations to secure economic incentives and non-traditional sources of financing for redevelopment.

▲ Predevelopment Problem-Solving

We take title, manage clean-ups, and secure entitlements before projects begin, thus minimizing the risk for potential developers.

▲ Redevelopment Strategies

We work with communities on strategies to attract end users for brownfield sites.

▲ Project Financing

We've created a new flexible source of financing for redevelopment projects and environmentally friendly businesses in low-income communities in Illinois, Wisconsin, and Indiana. We provide debt financing and technical assistance and create strategies for leveraging additional project funding.

▲ Predevelopment Funding

We provide forgivable loans for predevelopment and technical assistance to projects that are candidates for financing by Delta Redevelopment Funds.



Green Buildings

▲ LEED Consulting

We facilitate integrated building design processes and navigate green building rating systems such as LEED, a program of the US Green Building Council. Our LEED Accredited Professionals evaluate the costs and benefits of green building strategies and identify incentives and tools to improve the bottom line.

▲ Managing and Operating a Green Building

We work with building owners and operators to improve efficiency, reduce environmental impacts, and reduce costs. We design policies that can improve a building's environmental performance, and we identify financing tools to make implementation easier.

▲ Green Affordable Housing Development

We provide technical assistance to create sustainable, affordable housing that is energy efficient and safeguards indoor air quality. We design financial programs to encourage home ownership in disadvantaged communities.



Fostering
Economic and
Community
Development

▲ Sustainable Business Development

We work with community partners to identify and conduct feasibility studies for new business opportunities, such as local purchasing networks and urban agriculture, which create jobs and reduce environmental impacts.

▲ Community Capacity Building

By assessing area strengths and finding resources to fill gaps, we enhance the ability of communities to pursue sustainable economic development. We help form partnerships to create jobs, redevelop brownfields, foster economic development, and enable residents to play an active role in redevelopment projects.

▲ Business Planning

We structure projects and formulate business plans for social ventures and new nonprofit organizations.

▲ Project Management

We provide comprehensive project management services and can work with organizations to design and implement redevelopment projects.



Training
and Policy
Development

▲ Training

Our training programs and workshops cover a range of environmental and redevelopment issues. We tailor courses to the needs of government, community organizations, and the private sector. Topics include brownfields, Great Lakes policy, LEED certification, stormwater management, green purchasing, and more.

▲ Ecosystem-based Environmental Management Systems

Environmental management systems may meet regulatory needs, but they do not automatically benefit local ecosystems. Delta's Eco-EMS program enables companies to implement policies and programs that comply with regulatory standards but also address non-regulated impacts on the local watershed.

▲ Policy Development

Delta helps federal, state, and local units of government develop sound policies for addressing environmental challenges.

▲ Nonprofit Partnering for Policy Change

We work with other nonprofit organizations to influence public policy that expands the role of nonprofits in brownfield redevelopment and creates new financing sources.

Let's Work Together

If you want to build a sustainable future, we want to work with you. To find out how we can help, call us at 312.554.0900 or visit www.delta-institute.org.

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