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# Estimating Tool for Brownfield Assessment, Remediation and Risk Assessment

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5. Modification/  
Expansion Options
6. Conclusions



**Section 1**

# Introduction



# Brownfield Redevelopment Process

## Staged Approach

Site Investigation



Redeveloped  
Site

Risk Assessment

Remediation

Risk Management Measures

Long-term Monitoring/Maintenance



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## Staged Approach

Site Investigation



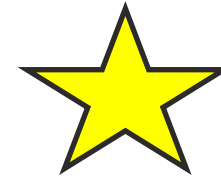
Redeveloped Site

Risk Assessment

Remediation

Risk Management Measures

Long-term Monitoring/Maintenance



Different practitioners



Discrete decisions



# Brownfield Redevelopment Process

## Staged Approach

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Risk

Risk Management Measures

Long-term Monitoring/Maintenance

**Optimal delivery must consider  
outcome links between stages**



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**Section 2**

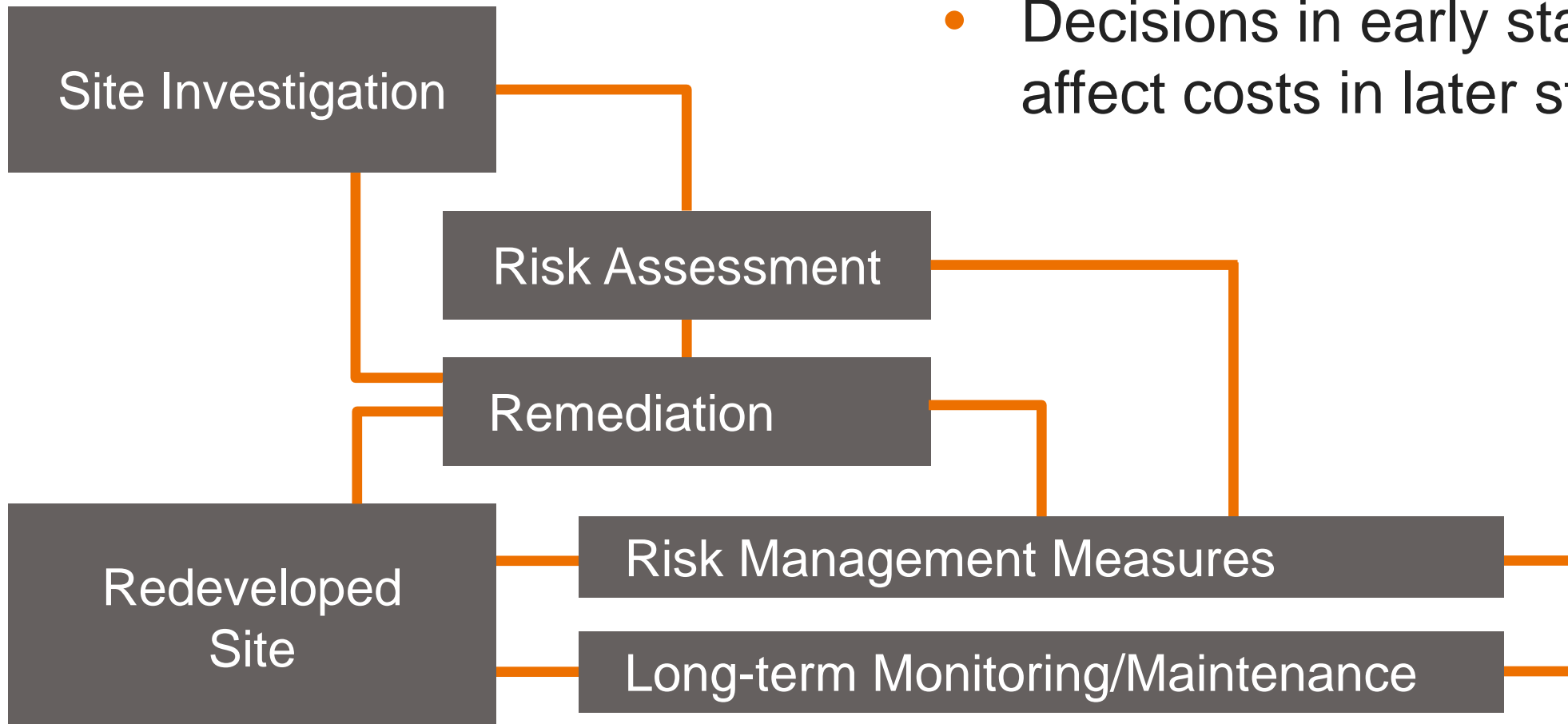
# Tool Concept



# Optimized Delivery

## Holistic Approach

- Outcomes are linked
- Decisions in early stages affect costs in later stages







# Recognize the Connections

## Facilitate Strategic Investment

### Tool purpose:

- Support effective, strategic site planning
- Provide insight into the financial links between stages of redevelopment
- Provide mechanism for assessing costs/benefits of options at different decision-points



**Section 3**

# Tool Components



# Environmental Approvals Costs

## Jurisdiction Considerations

### Environmental Permitting

#### Site Assessment

- Includes Phase One and Two cost placeholders
- Costs assigned based on size of site and assumed complexity based on size
- Placeholder for developing a Remedial Action Plan (if required) and Soil Management assessment and reporting (Ontario-specific)
- Considers potentially parceling of site



# Environmental Approvals Costs

## Jurisdiction Considerations

Environmental Permitting

Site  
Assessment

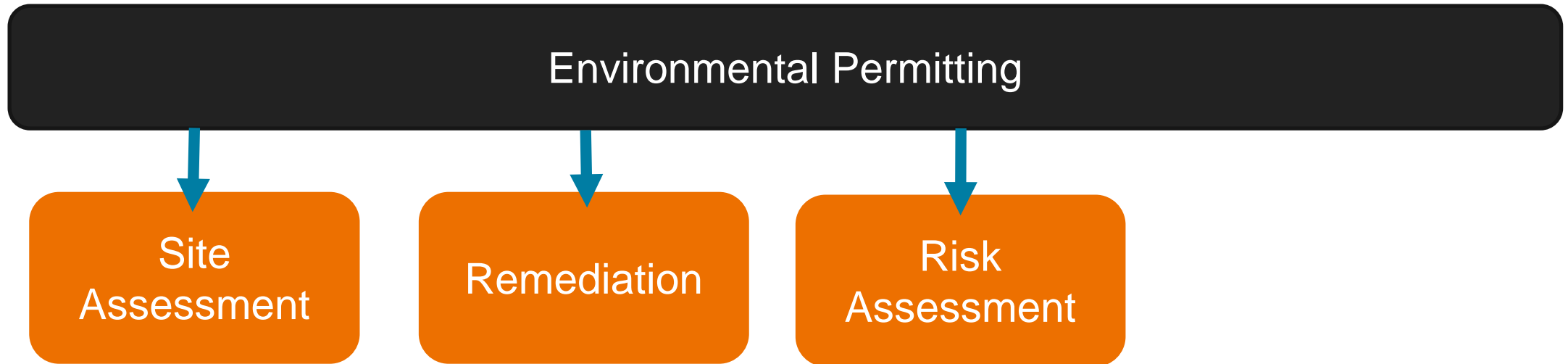
Remediation

- Excavation and removal
- Dewatering
- Oversight and verification
- Restoration costs excluded



# Environmental Approvals Costs

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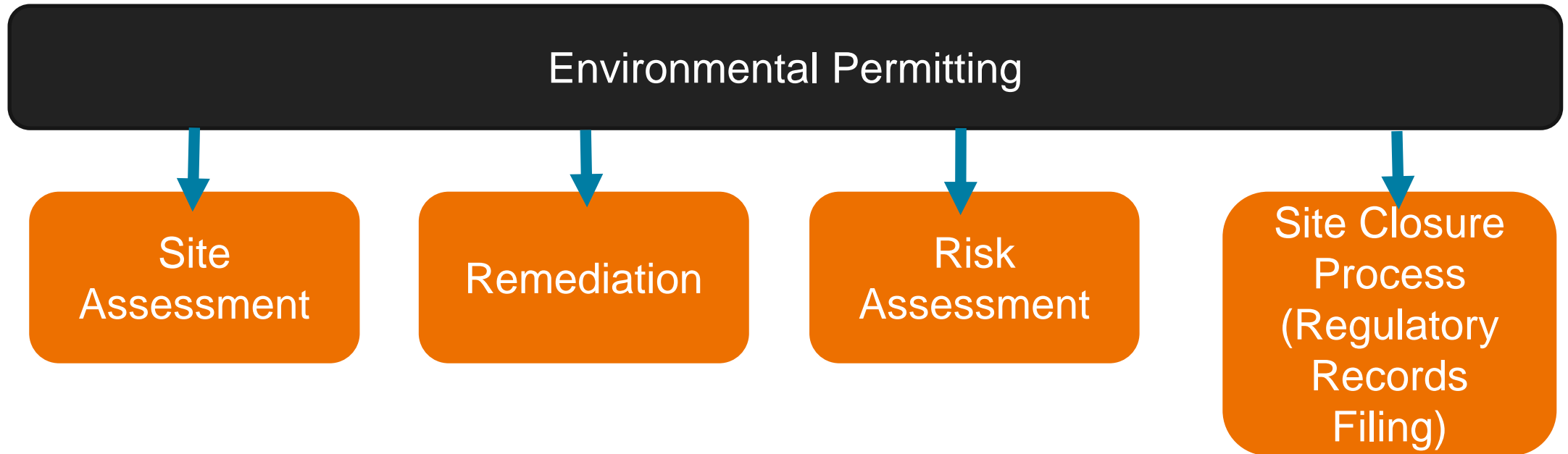


- Considers both Tier II and Tier III options
- Costs assigned based on anticipated complexity (e.g., number of COCs, presence of free phase, need for non-standard risk management measures, etc.)



# Environmental Approvals Costs

## Jurisdiction Considerations



- Close out documentation (e.g., Records of Site Condition and Certificates of Property Use in Ontario)



# Risk Management Measures (RMM) Costs

## Site Development Assumptions

Construction of Engineered Controls

Capping  
(Hard Cap, Soft Cap)

- % Site coverage by cap type
- Thickness of cap

Vapour Intrusion (VI)  
Mitigation Measures

- % Site coverage by building
- % Building requiring VI measures
- Barrier type (e.g. vapour barrier only, subslab depressurization system only, both)



# Risk Management Measures (RMM) Costs

## Site Development Assumptions

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Mitigation Measures

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- % Building requiring VI measures

**May need to confirm against local market conditions**

- Barrier type (e.g. vapour barrier only, subslab depressurization system only, both)





# Risk Management Measures Costs

## Site Development Assumptions

Construction of Engineered Controls

Capping  
(Hard Cap, Soft Cap)

Vapour Intrusion (VI)  
Mitigation Measures

Considers environmental management costs only.  
General construction/demolition costs excluded from tool.



# Long-term Management Costs

## Administrative Controls

Monitoring, Maintenance and Record-keeping

Groundwater  
Monitoring

Vapour/Air  
Monitoring

- Installation of wells (groundwater)
- Number of years/sampling events
- Typically can remove requirement for sampling if results are consistent for two to three years, depending on site conditions



# Long-term Management Costs

## Administrative Controls

Monitoring, Maintenance and Record-keeping

Groundwater  
Monitoring

Cap  
Inspection

Vapour/Air  
Monitoring

VI System  
Inspection

- Required in perpetuity, but tool accounts for # of years specified
- Maintenance costs excluded; assume no maintenance work in short-term



# Long-term Management Costs

## Administrative Controls

Monitoring, Maintenance and Record-keeping

Groundwater  
Monitoring

Cap  
Inspection

Soil and Groundwater  
Management Plan

Vapour/Air  
Monitoring

VI System  
Inspection

As-built VI System Record  
(with QA/QC documentation)

Health and  
Safety Plan

As-built Capping  
Record

- Other plans, documentation, and reporting

Annual Reporting



# Tool Output

## Accuracy and Uncertainty

- Results reflect a combination of unit rates and professional judgement
- Interpreted as a Class 5 estimate ( accuracy L - 20% to -50%, H +30% to +100%)
- Rates do need review year over year, and based on local market conditions
- Only as good as assumptions applied (e.g., assumptions regarding site development, complexity, etc.)



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### Brownfield Costing Tool

#### 5.0 Cost Summary

Phase	Cost
1.0 Environmental Assessment	\$ 73,000.00
2.0 Remediation	\$ 2,576,143.82
3.0 Risk Assessment and Record of Site Condition	\$ 42,500.00
4.0 Risk Management Measures	\$ 609,500.00
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 3,301,143.82</b>



**Section 4**

# Potential Uses



# Portfolio/Asset Management

## Strategic Investment/Divestment

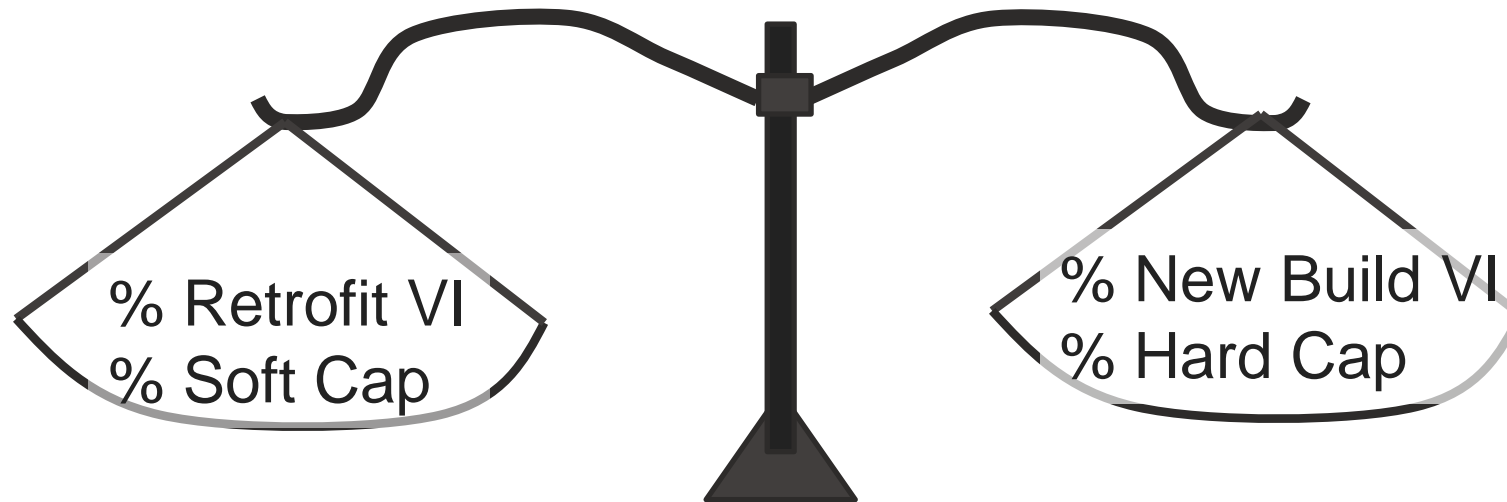


- ✓ **Property Ranking**
  - Prioritize sale/redevelopment
- ✓ **Environmental Liabilities Assessment**
  - Property Value, Accounting
- ✓ **Budget Planning**
  - Align funds to projects



# Site Design Strategy

## Built Form vs Environmental Obligations



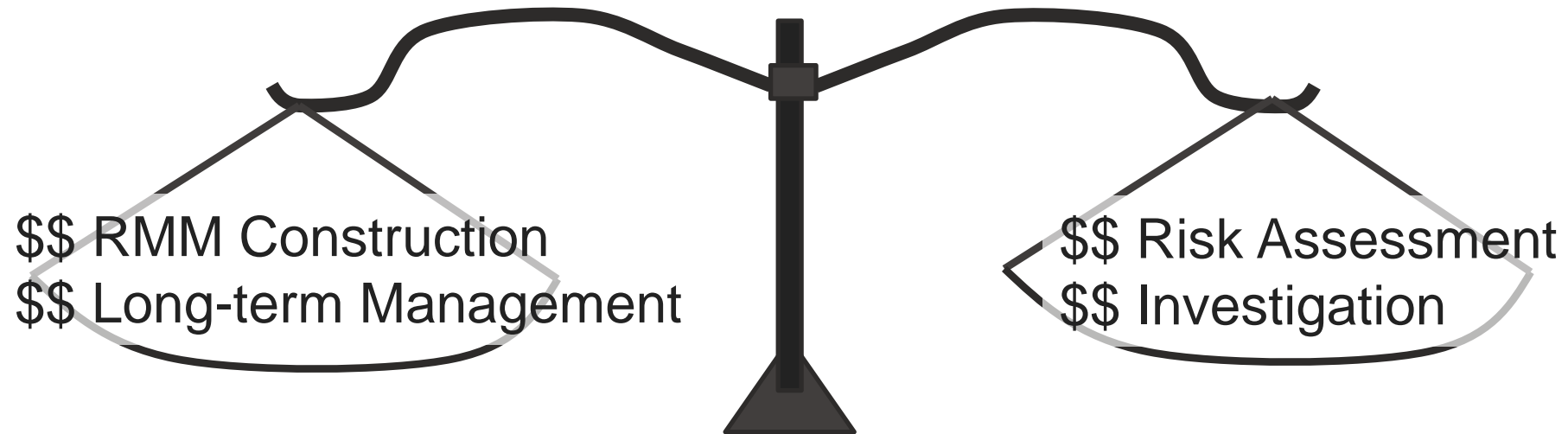
- Intended parking or hard surfacing areas have decreased “environmental” costs
- Subgrade parking may decrease VI mitigation costs
- Strategic landscaping (e.g., berms) may reduce soil removal/capping costs





# Redevelopment Approach Options

## Cost Comparison



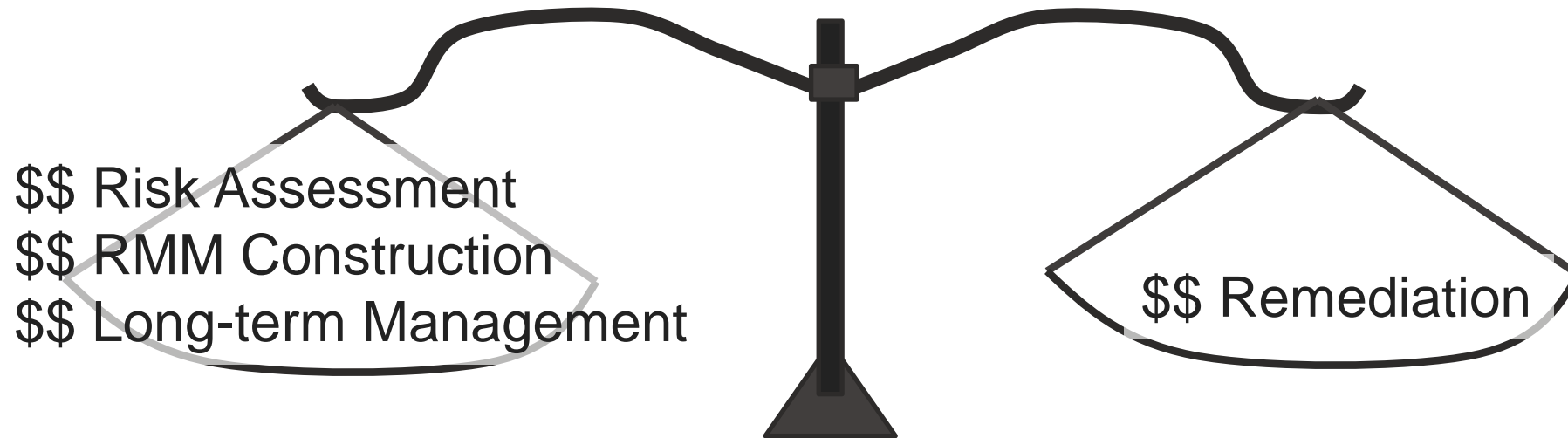
### Scenario: Limited volatile impacts at site

- Confirm VI mitigation not required via investment at investigation and risk assessment stage
- Significant savings potential



# Redevelopment Approach Options

## Cost Comparison



### Scenario: Soil impacts observed at site

- Assess cost/benefit of removing contaminants vs managing in place
- Review both short- and long-term costs

**Section 5**

Modification/  
Expansion Options



# Regulatory Regime

## Local Market

- Modifications required to meet specific regulatory requirements in various jurisdictions
- Costs may require modification based on local contractor rates
- Client requirements may vary, and drive tool modifications





# Additional Considerations

## Tool Expansion



- Site-specific sampling plan to determine site assessment costs
- Site-specific risk assessment level of effort evaluation
- Inclusion of additional remediation and restoration options
- Expand consideration of RMM options (e.g., achieving “capping” via soil removal; long-term costs for barrier maintenance, etc.)
- Unit and currency conversion

**Section 6**

# Conclusions



# Tool Benefits

## Brownfield Site Management

- Facilitates strategic decision-making at contaminated sites
- Includes holistic consideration of financial links between redevelopment stages
- Generic in form, but can be modified to account for different regulatory regimes, markets, and client needs



# Questions?

