

## ReGenesis is changing lives

The ReGenesis Foundation is a world-wide leader in developing and implementing programs focused on helping communities address environmental injustices through proper cleanup of polluted and hazarded areas, redevelopment and revitalization of local housing and business sectors, and providing proper healthcare access and options.

We assist communities with building the partnerships and collaborations needed to turn hopeless communities into beacons of hope in the future.

ReGenesis understands the link between communities that experience environmental injustices, and how that leads to disinvestment in jobs and businesses, struggling lack of access to healthy and affordable food, high rates of unemployment and underemployment, higher rates of crime, low property values, and unhealthy housing conditions.

### Our focus

- Advocacy
- Identification
- Cleanup
- Revitalization / Redevelopment
- Sustainability

### Our specialties

- Helping to pass legislation and policy at the local, state, and national levels of government which encourages identification, proper cleanup, and redevelopment of communities impacted by environmental injustices
- Helping to identify communities suffering from contamination and pollution
- Helping communities with proper cleanup, recycling, removal, and disposal of contaminate materials
- Helping communities build effective partnerships between public, non-profit, and private sectors
- Develop plans and strategies needed for



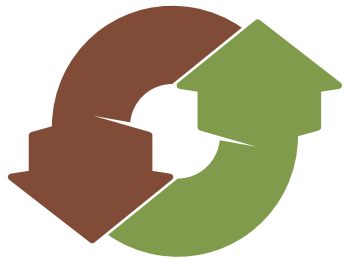
- re-development and revitalization
- Implementing strategies centered on sustaining progress

### Your investment

**ReGenesis is a Certified Community Development Corporation.** The South Carolina Community Economic Development Act of 2000 was authorized to support community-based, non-profit organizations that focus on improving quality of life and creating economic opportunity in low-income communities. In addition to creating the Community Economic Development Fund grant program, the legislation also authorized **\$5 million in South Carolina Community Development Tax Credits** for eligible investments and contributions to certified organizations.

Contributions to a CDC or CDFI can be made as donations or investments and qualify for the community development tax credit, and may also qualify for the federal and state income tax deduction for donations to charitable organizations. The community development tax credit significantly reduces the effective cost of making a donation to a CDC or CDFI. The community development tax credit allows a donor to potentially earn **an attractive rate of return** on an investment in a CDC or CDFI.

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## What the experts are saying

*As the focus of ReGenesis evolved, the organization continued to link other entities from the public and private sectors into revitalization efforts. The project found strength in Mitchell's **ability to establish new partnerships and to sustain them.***

— American Planning Association (APA)

*As efforts to assess and clean up contaminated sites began, ReGenesis represented neighborhood interests. Soon, the organization saw an opportunity to expand discussions with local government and environmental agencies to include **equitable neighborhood revitalization.** ... Over the next decade, the Partnership worked with local residents to identify quality of life priorities for redevelopment and attracted millions of dollars for revitalization ... the partnership has **leveraged over \$250 million dollars for neighborhood reinvestment.***

— Triple Pundit

*The story of ReGenesis is about a community and its remarkable leader being exposed to environmental contamination and then implementing **collaborative problem-solving,** which identifies a public health problem, brings people together to work collaboratively to envision, and implement broad solutions towards creating visible change. The story of ReGenesis is about a place that "couldn't get any worse," according to one resident, that is **well on its way to being transformed.***

— EPA Environmental Justice In Action

*Over the years, Mitchell has been adamant that communities must **empower themselves** by creating organizational structures to get work done, capacity building, and creating **a shared vision for their community,** and investing time and effort into understanding the history and the how of environmental justice.*

— Politic365

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