



# Maximizing Site Value & Evaluating Future Use for Retired Power Plant Sites

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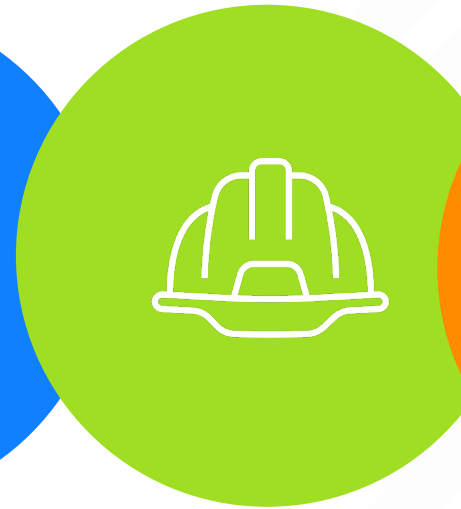
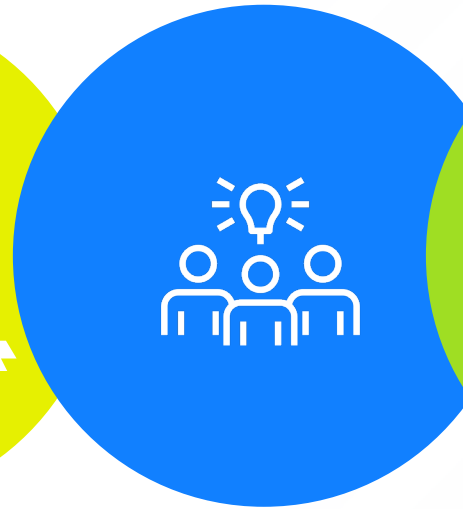
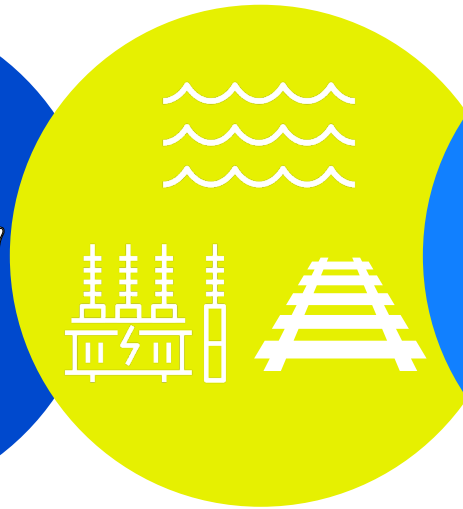
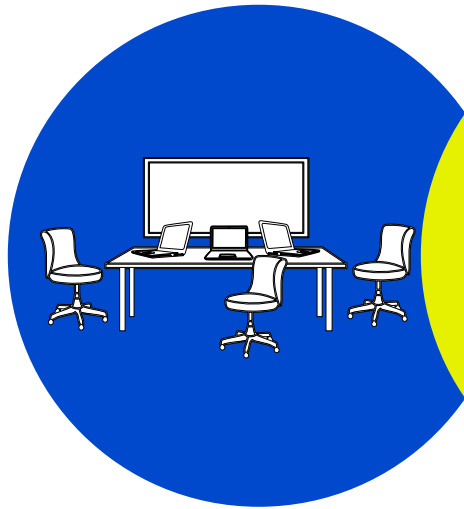
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# Agenda

**Step 2**  
**Identification  
of  
Assets**

**Step 4**  
**Site  
Preparation for  
Alternatives**



**Step 1**  
**Plant  
Retirement  
Planning**

**Step 3**  
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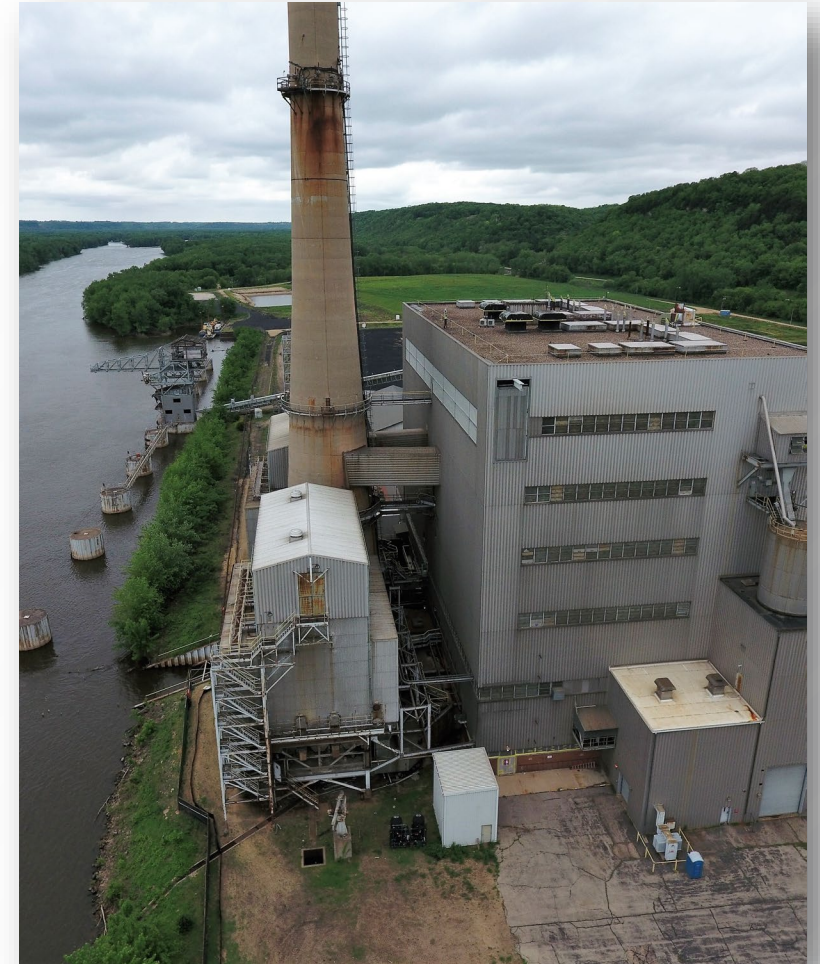
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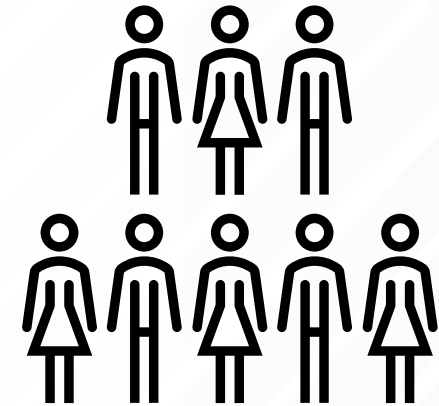
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# Step 1 – Retirement Planning

## Internal Stakeholders Discussions

- ▶ Coordinate meeting (s) with stakeholders to consider future use
  - Senior Management
  - Engineering
  - Environmental
  - Security
  - Real Estate
  - Telecommunications
  - Accounting
- ▶ Identify when plant will cease operation and when new reuse is anticipated



# Step 1 – Retirement Planning

- ▶ Identify any future use constraints (environmental, regulatory requirements, etc.)
- ▶ Assemble List of Potential Future Uses
  - New generation
    - ◆ Simple-cycle
    - ◆ Combined-cycle
    - ◆ RICE
    - ◆ Solar
  - Battery Storage
  - Synchronous Condenser
  - Substation/Switchyard Expansion
  - Industrial/Commercial
  - Data Centers

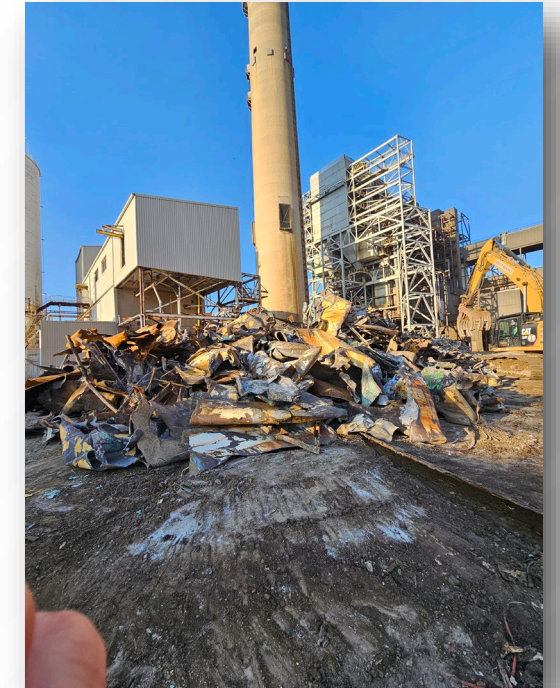




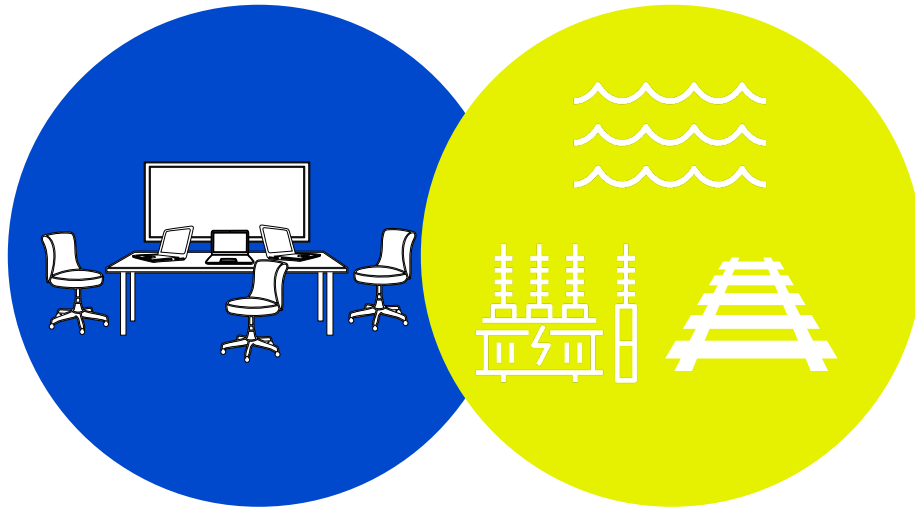
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## Determine Your Retirement Goals for Power Plant

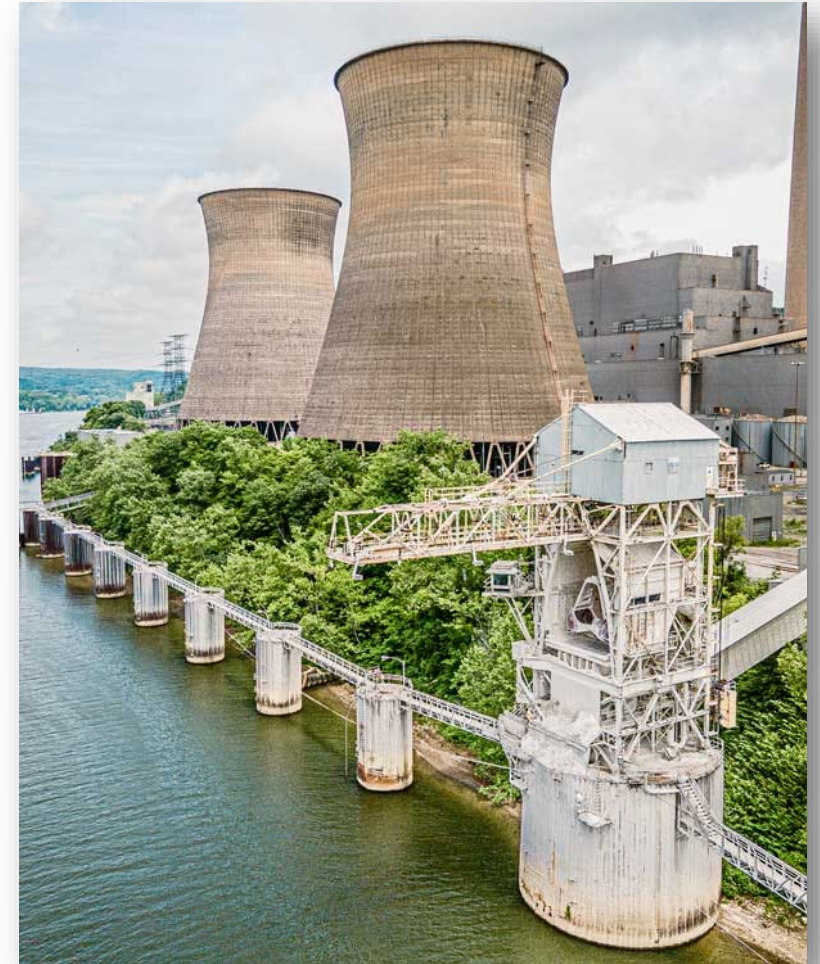
- ▶ Retirement-in-Place
  - Building reuse by utility or for sale (no structural removal)
- ▶ Partial Demolition
  - Removal of portions of plant for reuse for other purposes
- ▶ Full Demolition
  - Whole property reuse



## **Step 2** **Identification of Assets**



## **Step 1** **Plant Retirement Planning**





# Step 2 – Asset Identification

## Property Assets

- ▶ Waterway Access
  - Barge loading/unloading
  - Discharge structures
- ▶ Water Rights
  - Intake structures for water
  - Discharge structure and permits





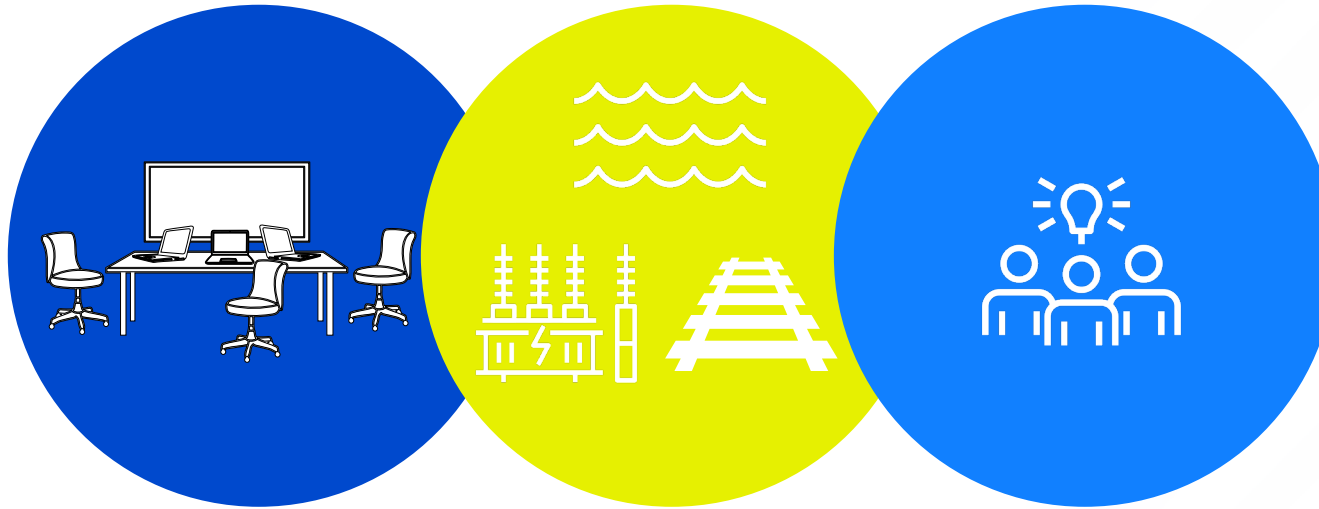
# Step 2 – Asset Identification

## Property Assets

- ▶ Grid Interconnection
- ▶ Utilities
  - Natural Gas
  - Water
  - Sewer
- ▶ Rail / Highway Access
- ▶ Commercial zoning



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# Step 3 – Alternatives Evaluation

## Best Site Reuse Evaluation

- ▶ Site setting (topography)
  - Site ability to host new use
  - Site regrading necessary to facilitate new use
  - Location of adjacent water ways, wetlands, etc.
- ▶ Access to site (roads/rail/river)
  - Local, state and Interstate highways
  - Active spurs and mainline rail
  - River access for barge loading/unloading

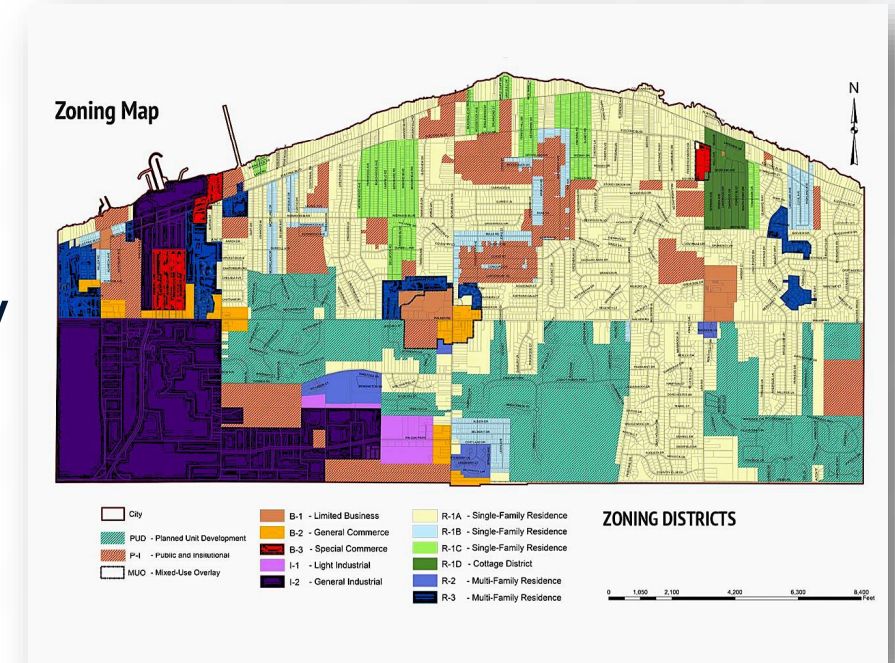




# Step 3 – Alternatives Evaluation

## Best Site Reuse Evaluation

- ▶ Access to potential workforce
  - Labor
  - Contractors
- ▶ Need for property types based on community development plans
  - Community redevelopment plans
  - Other industries in the area that may need support
  - Regional needs for new generation, battery storage
  - Regional/Nationwide needs for Data Centers based on increased AI usage



# Step 3 – Alternatives Evaluation

## Best Site Reuse Evaluation

- ▶ Available utilities to site
  - Natural Gas (for new generation or industrial/commercial use)
  - Water (potable/fire)
  - Electricity
  - Sewer (storm/sanitary)
- ▶ Neighboring properties
  - Ability to expand or add to property
  - Residential vs Industrial neighbors
  - Noise and operational concerns with new use



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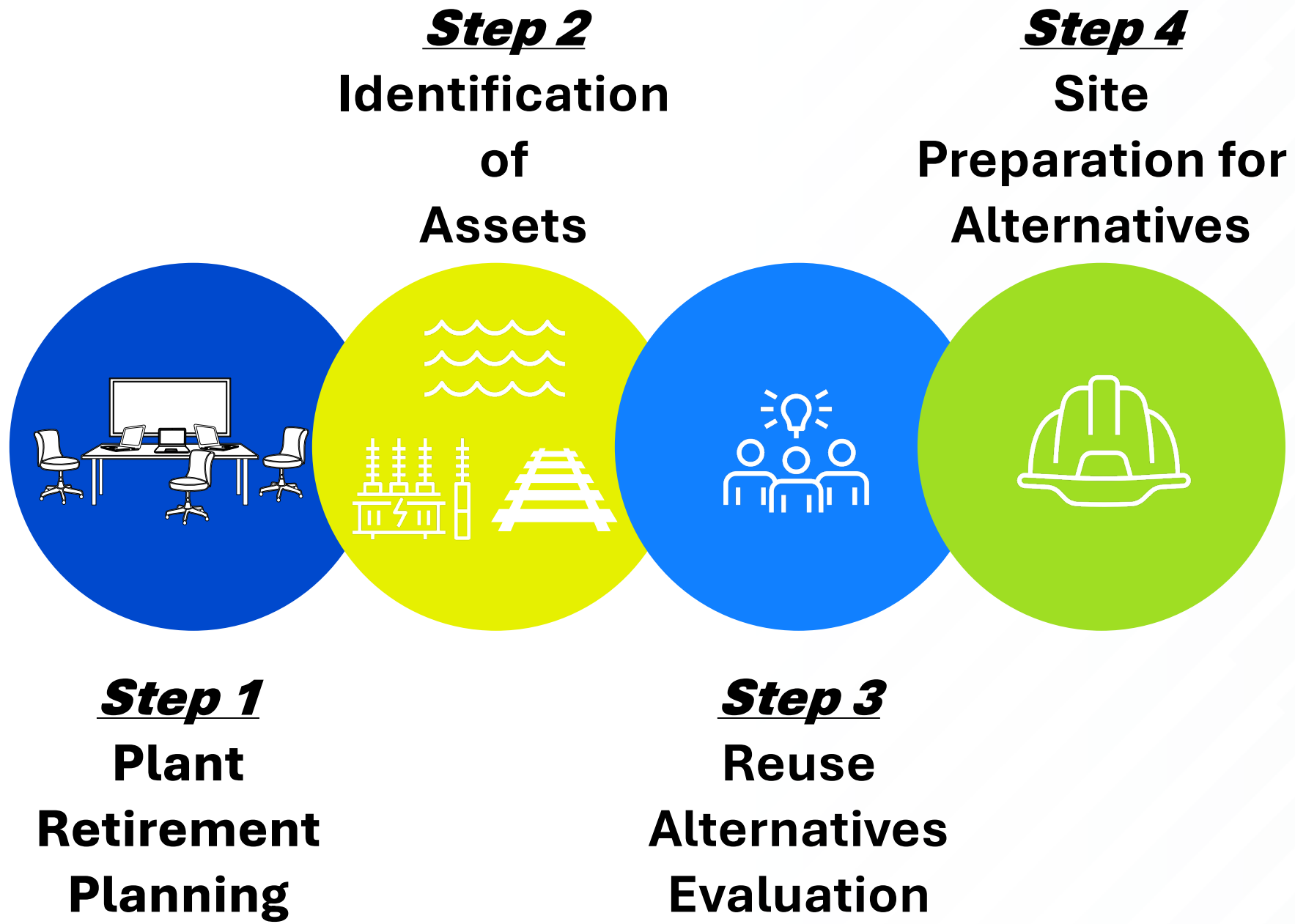
## Cost Estimate Development

### ► Site Preparation

- Environmental Abatement
- Structures/Foundation Removals
- Existing utilities abandonment or removal
- New utilities installation
- Subsurface preparation
- Final site grading

Generating Station Full Demolition Cost Estimate Summary		
Item	Description	Task Cost
1	<b>General Conditions</b>	
1.1	Mobilization and De-Mobilization	\$ 185,000
1.2	Erosion Controls	\$ 61,000
1.3	Mechanical System Isolation	\$ 10,000
1.4	Electrical System Isolation/Reconfiguration	\$ 129,000
1.5	IT & Telecommunications Isolation or Re-Routing	\$ 60,000
1.6	Energy Delivery System Isolation	\$ 563,000
1.7	Full Removal of Intake & Discharge	\$ 2,161,000
	<b>Subtotal for General Conditions Costs</b>	<b>\$ 3,169,000</b>
2	<b>Decommissioning and Cleaning</b>	
2.1	Drain Boiler, Condenser, Feedwater Heater, Boiler Feed Pumps	\$ 17,000
2.2	Boiler, Precipitator & Ash System Cleaning	\$ 210,000
2.3	Remove and Dispose all Debris, Trash & Combustibles	\$ 96,000
2.4	Lubricating & Hydraulic System Draining	\$ 107,000
	<b>Subtotal for Decommissioning &amp; Cleaning Costs</b>	<b>\$ 430,000</b>
3	<b>Environmental Costs</b>	
3.1	Asbestos Removal and Disposal	\$ 1,795,000
3.2	PCB Building Materials Abatement	\$ 562,000
3.3	Universal Waste Removal and Disposal	\$ 150,000
3.4	Regulated Materials & Chemical Removal	\$ 700,000
3.5	Transformer Oil Disposal	\$ 47,000
3.6	PCB Impacted Concrete Removal	\$ 29,000
	<b>Subtotal for all Environmental Costs</b>	<b>\$ 3,283,000</b>
4	<b>Structure Demolition and Removal</b>	
4.1	Demolition of Units 1, 2, 3 Turbine Hall, Coal Handling, and Out Buildings	\$ 4,830,000
4.2	Chimney Demolition	\$ 445,000
4.3	Slab & Foundation Demolition	\$ 250,000
4.4	Backfill from Borrow Source	\$ 125,000
4.5	Asphalt Removal	\$ 55,000
	<b>Subtotal for Demolition and Removal</b>	<b>\$ 5,705,000</b>
5	<b>Site Restoration</b>	
5.1	Rail Road Track Removal	\$ 946,000
5.2	Concrete Crushing	\$ 390,000
5.3	Backfill & Compaction	\$ 410,000
5.4	Fine Grading & Seeding	\$ 1,000
	<b>Subtotal for Site Restoration</b>	<b>\$ 1,746,000</b>
	<b>Subtotal Direct Costs</b>	<b>\$ 14,333,000</b>
	<b>Indirect Costs</b>	
	Engineering/Permitting/Construction Management	\$ 1,863,000
	Bonds/Insurance	\$ 287,000
	Contingency	\$ 2,867,000
	<b>Total Direct and Indirect Costs</b>	<b>\$ 19,350,000</b>
	<b>Scrap Salvage Quantity and Value</b>	
	Ferrous Metals Quantity (29,000 tons)	\$ (1,050,000)
	Non-Ferrous Quantity (2,265,000 lbs)	\$ (1,740,000)
	<b>Subtotal for all Scrap Salvage Value - SUM OF Item Nos 6.2 and 6.4</b>	<b>\$ (2,790,000)</b>
	<b>Tot Net Cost</b>	<b>\$ 16,560,000</b>
	Owner Costs	\$ 968,000
	Owner Contingency	\$ 968,000
	<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST (Including Owner Costs)</b>	<b>\$ 18,496,000</b>





# Step 4 – Site Preparation

- ▶ Grid disconnection
  - Identify interconnections
  - Drop interconnections to power down the plant
  - Determine potential for temporary power during abatement/demolition
- ▶ Structure decommissioning
  - Chemicals, oils, greases, other materials removal/disposal
  - Asbestos abatement
  - PCB-impacted material removal
- ▶ Structure removal
  - Valuation evaluation for structures and equipment (resale vs scrap)
  - Traditional demolition vs explosive demolition
  - Scrap value (owner controlled vs demolition contractor controlled)

# Step 4 – Site Preparation

- ▶ Foundation abandonment/removal
  - Partial removal (just below grade)
  - Partial removal to pile caps
  - Full Removal
- ▶ Underground utilities abandonment/removal
  - Abandonment of utilities in-place (cap ends for small diameter)
  - Abandonment of utilities in-place (flowable fill for large diameter)
  - Full removal and backfilling
- ▶ Final site restoration
  - Excavation and engineered backfill for new construction
  - Site grading (rough) preparing for new construction
  - Site grading (fine) for immediate reuse



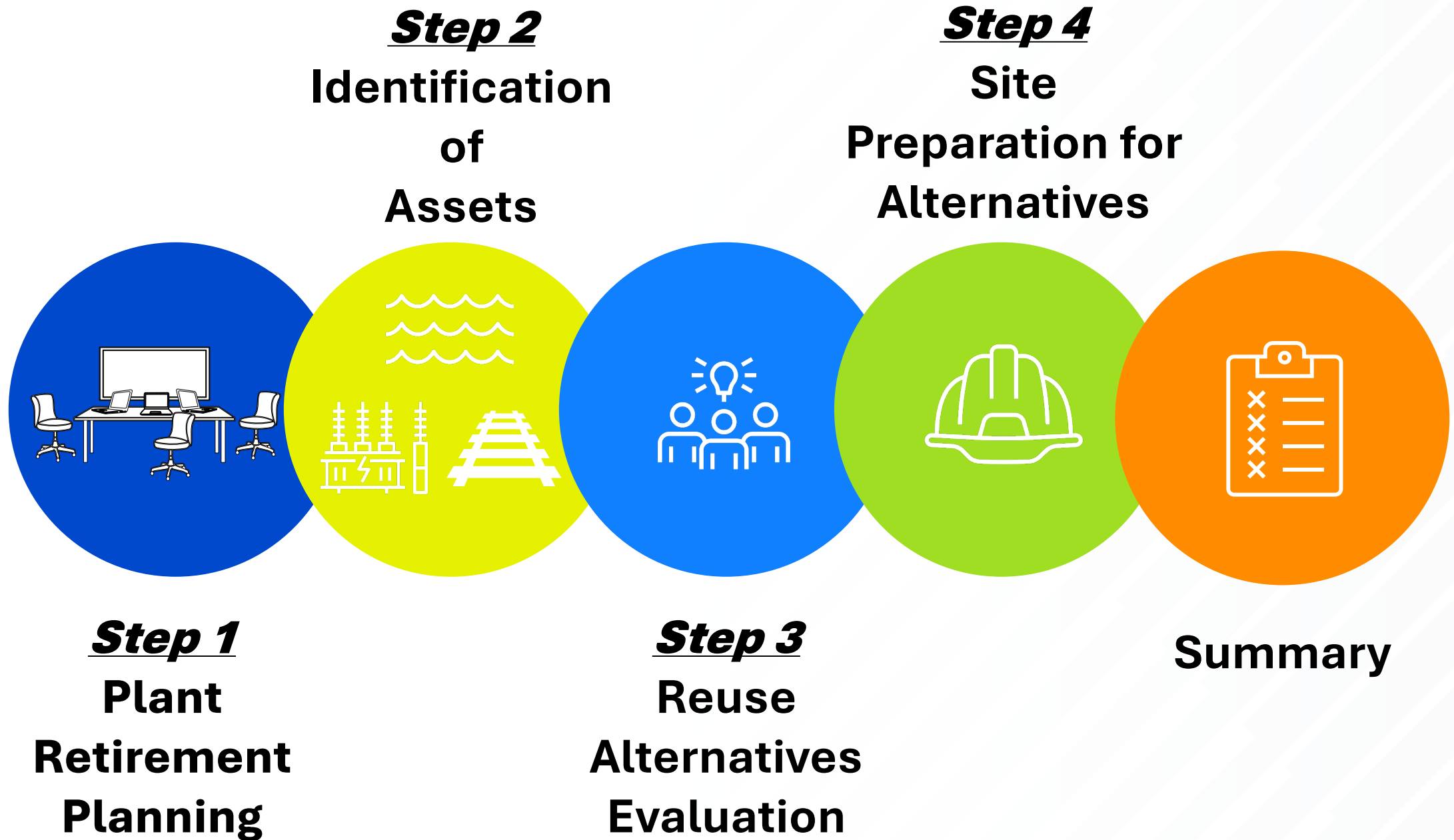


# Step 4 – Site Preparation

## Other Retirement Requirements – For Coal Plants

- ▶ Determine coal pile, landfill and pond closures
  - ➔ Coal Pile: residual removal and capping/grading
  - ➔ Landfill: close in place or remove
  - ➔ Ash Pond: close in place or remove
- ▶ Legacy CCR Rule, 2024
- ▶ Onsite stormwater/process ponds





# Summary

- ▶ Retirement planning should include potential reuse opportunities
- ▶ Identify the site assets
- ▶ Evaluate potential reuse alternatives
- ▶ Prepare the site to accommodate the chosen reuse option(s)







# QUESTIONS

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