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Mayor Bloomberg Signs Legislation Developing a Comprehensive Program for the Remediation and Reuse of Brownfields

On May 11, 2009 Mayor Bloomberg signed the New York City Brownfield and Community Revitalization Bill, Introductory Number 21-A.



"Although the State established a brownfield remediation program fifteen years ago, we estimate that the vast majority of the remaining brownfields in the City would not be eligible for the State's program. Recognizing this gap, we included eleven brownfield-related initiatives in PlaNYC. The brownfield bill will give us the tools to realize these goals by codifying the Office of Environmental Remediation and establishing a local brownfields cleanup program to address the sites that the State program does not", said Bloomberg.

The passage of the New York City Brownfield and Community Revitalization Bill either completes or enables the achievement of all of the eleven brownfield initiatives contained in PlaNYC by:

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- creating the Office of Environmental Remediation (OER) to oversee and coordinate City brownfield policy;
- creating a new Local Brownfield Cleanup Program that is the first in the nation to provide for municipal oversight of brownfield cleanups;
- ensuring that the Local Brownfield Cleanup Program will use New York State standards for cleanup of brownfields;
- enabling the Office of Environmental Remediation to facilitate community planning for areas affected by clusters of brownfields through the NYS Department of State's Brownfield Opportunity Area grant program;
- authorizing a new Clean Property Certification Program - this program is expected to do for Brownfields what LEED does for green buildings, provide a tangible symbol of commitment to proper cleanup;
- authorizing the City to enter into agreements with the State and Federal governments to provide liability protection for program participants;
- providing for limited City liability protection for completed projects;
- authorizing investment of City funds for small grants to stimulate brownfield projects;
- provides priority for environmental justice communities in the grant program and for technical assistance;
- creating a one-stop shop for cleanup at OER, enabling land owners and developers to achieve cleanup that is both thorough and timely; and
- enabling OER to pursue state and federal grants to support NYC brownfield projects.

[Click here](#) to read the full press release.

Remember to Register for the Big Apple Brownfield Workshop 2!



NYC Office of Environmental Remediation **PLAN NYC**

Big Apple Brownfield Workshop: Where is the Money?

June 16, 2009: 9am to 1:30pm
Registration will begin at 8:30am

CUNY Graduate Center:
365 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY
(at 35th Street); Concourse Level

Registration is free!

Who this workshop is for:
For-profit and non-profit developers, land owners, BHA members, community development organizations, students, scholars, and the public.

You will leave the workshop:

- NYC Financial incentives for brownfields
- NYU Brownfield tax credit program
- NYU BHA grant program
- Federal Brownfield financial assistance
- State loans and Federal Programs
- Fund Financing brownfield deals in the current market

What is a brownfield?
Abandoned or vacated underutilized property whose redevelopment and reuse is impeded by real or perceived contamination from past usage.

How to register:
Visit the New York City Office of Environmental Remediation website at www.nyc.gov/oer and click on the link to fill out a registration form. If you have any questions email us at brownfieldinfo@ohp.nyc.gov. Please put "Brownfield Workshop" in the subject line.

"The Big Apple Brownfields Workshop: Where is the Money?" will be held on **June 16, 2009** at CUNY's Graduate Center. This is the second in the series of workshops to encourage redevelopment of brownfield sites in New York City.

The workshop will provide a series of short presentations by the NYC Office of Environmental Remediation (OER) and industry experts on the financial resources available to assist brownfield projects. OER will also unveil its new Local Brownfield Cleanup Program for NYC brownfield projects.

This workshop free and is intended for non-for-profit and for-profit developers, landowners, local development organizations, community groups, consultants, students, and the general public.

In addition to the presentations, the workshop will include a panel discussion, question and answer sessions, a networking lunch with industry experts and businesses, and display presentations highlighting firm services in brownfield redevelopment.

Register for the workshop [here](#).

Call for Nominations Partnership of Brownfield Practitioners 2009-2010 Board of Directors

The NYC Partnership of Brownfield Practitioners (Partnership) has issued a call for nominations for the 2009-2010 Board of Directors.

The Partnership is a voluntary association of firms formed to provide services and benefits to New York City communities and residents and to promote sustainable brownfield management in the five boroughs. Some types of member firms include: environmental consultants, environmental law firms, environmental clean-up contractors, for-profit and not-for-profit brownfield developers, and community-based organizations.

The Partnership aims to serve New York City Communities and the brownfield cleanup industry by promoting:

- Public awareness and education of brownfield management;
- Citizen understanding of investigation and remediation work plans and reports;
- Training and development of the next generation of environmental professional;
- Training of unskilled workers from targeted communities to develop locally derived labor;
- Creation and development of small businesses in New York City communities.

To nominate an individual or individuals for consideration for the Partnership Board of Directors [click here](#). Please keep in mind that nominees must be a member of the Partnership, that you have to be a member by June 30th to make a nomination, and that you have to be a member by August 31st to vote. Nomination must be made with the consent of the nominee. Up to two nominations per person will be considered, only one of which can be from your member organization.

Nominations must be received no later than Tuesday June 30th, 2009 in order to be included in the official ballot. Elections will be held from August 1st to August 30th 2009.

To read more about the Partnership of Brownfield Practitioners visit their website at www.brownfieldnyc.org

Development Policy Coordinator Initiative Pilot Program

On June 1st the City will launch the Brooklyn pilot of the Development Coordinator Initiative, a new resource for developers, contractors and licensed professionals. The Initiative will provide a forum for senior leadership from across City agencies to resolve interagency conflicts that may be slowing down development.

There are a wide range of problems which may qualify for the Brooklyn pilot. For example, an architect could seek assistance from the Development Coordinator because a project site contains a fire hydrant, tree, sidewalk vault, and utility pole, making it impossible to comply with the builder's pavement plan requirements. Or, a developer could seek assistance for a waterfront development where multiple agencies have offered conflicting interpretations of regulations. In each instance, the developer, contractor or licensed professional is "stuck" and needs interagency coordination to get a resolution.

To submit your Brooklyn project for consideration, visit www.nyc.gov/devcoordinator and complete the brief questionnaire. Applicants will be contacted within 48 hours of submission.

Brownfield 2009 Conference Travel Scholarships Available



Join nearly 6,000 brownfields professionals and stakeholders at Brownfields 2009: Sustainable Communities Start Here conference in New Orleans, LA. This National Brownfield Conference is planned for 16-18 November at New Orleans' Morial Convention Center and is being organized by U.S. EPA and the International City/County

Management Association (ICMA). Registration is free, and by signing up you gain access to more than 150 educational and learning opportunities, plenary sessions, 200 exhibitors, scores of networking events, special training sessions, film screenings, book signings, and much, much more.

There are plenty of ways that individuals and organizations can take advantage of all the educational and networking opportunities that Brownfields 2009 will present. Whether you're a newcomer to the world of economic and environmental redevelopment, or a seasoned professional looking to make new connections and increase your business, Brownfields 2009 offers something for you. Registration can be done easily online at www.brownfields2009.org

ICMA is offering a limited number of travel scholarships to help defray the costs of attending Brownfields 2009. Eligible applicants include elected and appointed employees of tribal, state, and local governments as well as employees of nonprofit and community organizations and academic institutions. The scholarships will cover the rooming costs for three nights in New Orleans at the conference hotel. Click here to apply. For questions about the program, please contact Sheritha Wright at swright@icma.org or 202.962.3533.

The deadline for travel scholarship applications is **June 15, 2009**.

Upcoming Brownfield Events

When	What	Where	Why	More info
4 June	NBA Tri-State Brownfields Conference	NYC	NY-NJ-CT focus. Economic and real estate forecasts, state regulators, case studies (including Honeywell cleanup in NJ).	Click here to register
16 June	MOER Brownfields 102 Workshop – “Where is the Money?”	CUNY Grad Center, 34th Street & Fifth Avenue	Featuring info on financial resources for investigation, remediation, and redevelopment.	Click here to register
18 June	Northeast Sustainable Communities Workshop	NJIT, Newark	NY-NJ-CT-PA conference focusing on sustainability and brownfields. Dan Walsh speaking about NYC program.	Click here for more info
16-18 Nov	National Brownfields Conference	Morial Convention Center, New Orleans	Registration is open; suggestions for presentations accepted until May 1 st .	Click here to register