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OER Launches BrownfieldWorks! Job Training Program



OER Director Daniel Walsh announced the launch of BrownfieldWorks! to provide on-the-job training on cleanup projects for graduates of local workforce development programs. OER has grants that fund trainees' salaries for a 3 month period and also provides prospective trainees with a mentor from OER's professional staff who is available to aid in furthering their workforce development. This program is a collaboration with various non-profit organizations including Fortune Society, St. Nick's Alliance, and STRIVE. The first nine trainees are shown in picture (left).

To learn more about BrownfieldWorks!, or if you are interested in hiring a trainee, please contact OER's Program Manager Amanda Duchesne at aduchesne@dep.nyc.gov.

OER Launches Climate Change Resilience Surveys for Cleanup Projects in NYC



OER has launched Climate Change Resilience Surveys to make brownfield development projects more resilient to the impacts of climate change. These surveys provide useful recommendations on how to make buildings and communities safer during future severe floods and improve building sustainability and environmental performance. The surveys also provide suggestions to mitigate flood risks and provide information on green infrastructure and energy efficiency incentives. These site-specific reports also provide valuable information on green remediation strategies such as air-pollution control technologies and in situ remediation techniques. OER recently completed the first Climate Change Resilience Survey for a project on Wallabout Street in Brooklyn. Surveys are performed free of charge for projects enrolled in the City's VCP.

If you are interested participating please contact OER's Program Manager Katherine Glass at Kglass@dep.nyc.gov

Jody Kass to be honored at 2014 Big Apple Brownfield Awards



The NYC Office of Environmental Remediation and the NYC Brownfield Partnership are pleased to announce the sixth annual NYC Big Apple Brownfield Awards Ceremony. The ceremony will honor this year's Distinguished Service Award winner Jody Kass, the Executive Director of New Partners for Community Revitalization. John Gearrity of HPD, a longtime champion of affordable housing projects in NYC, is this year's keynote speaker.

Also honored will be the 2014 Abbey Duncan Brownfield Scholarship winners and this year's most remarkable brownfield projects in New York City.

The event will be held at New York Law School at 185 West Broadway, New York, NY 10013. The reception will run from 4:30pm to 6:00pm and the program begins promptly at 6:00pm. Please register here:

<http://www.nycbrownfieldpartnership.org/?p=1493>

NPCR Breakfast Community Roundtable



Save the date: New Partners for Community Revitalization will host a Roundtable Discussion led by Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) grantees on brownfield community planning and associated issues in New York City. The event will focus on the needs of brownfield community planners to advance a NYC neighborhood-centered brownfields agenda in Albany. OER Director Daniel Walsh will be a featured speaker. The event will take place on April 29th 2014 and will run from 8:45am – 12:00pm. Click <http://npcr.net/pages/events.html> to register.

Place: Bryan Cave, LLP, 1290 Avenue of the Americas, 35th Floor (between 51st and 52nd), New York City.

OER Launches Environmental Review and Assessment (ERA) Support Program



OER launched the Environmental Review and Assessment (ERA) Support Program to help land transactions affected by light to moderate contamination. In certain circumstances, OER may be able to issue an ERA letter to assist the transaction.

Interested parties should contact OER's General Counsel Mark McIntyre at mmcintyre@cityhall.nyc.gov for more details.

OER Certifies 210 Environmental Industry Professionals through TurboTraining



OER Director Daniel Walsh announced the certification of 210 brownfield environmental professionals through their participation in its advanced training program, TurboTraining. TurboTraining provides detailed instruction on effective navigation of OER's cleanup programs, incentive programs and community service programs, such as the NYC Voluntary Cleanup Program and the NYC Brownfield Incentive Grant Program. TurboTraining took place at The New School in Manhattan and is the third event in an ongoing training series designed to help brownfield professionals and community developers efficiently achieve brownfield cleanup and redevelopment.

Visit www.nyc.gov/oer to see a list of brownfield professionals now certified through TurboTraining.

OER Begins Development of MyCommunity Online App



OER is developing MyCommunity, an online community information and communication app to help vacant land community planners communicate with each other, with city agencies and developers working in their planning area and help community planners develop plans for improved climate change resilience. It is being built with funding from the City, New York State Department of State and HUD.

For more information please contact OER's Chief of Planning Lee Ilan at lilan@cityhall.nyc.gov

Major Updates to SPEED to Begin in Spring 2014



OER will soon begin a major update to SPEED, the award-winning online environmental research and mapping portal established to help citizens find government environmental data. SPEED was used heavily after Hurricane Irene and Sandy, and OER will be updating it with current government data and adding new layers, such as FEMA flood zones and evacuation zones to help NYC residents improve their climate change resilience planning.

For more information please contact OER's Deputy Director Shaminder Chawla at shaminderc@DEP.nyc.gov



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