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A fresh look for the Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation on the Web



The Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation (OER) is pleased to announce the launch of our new website. The website is just the first of many steps we will be taking to expand our web-based resources to help visitors stay up-to-date on the latest brownfield programs, services, and workshops.

Visit us at www.nyc.gov/oer to learn about our proposed Local Brownfield Cleanup Program, the NYC Clean Property Certification Program, and upcoming educational workshops and events.

Community members can read about pro-bono counseling available to citizens by industry professionals on technical aspects of Remedial Action Work Plans and opportunities for unskilled worker training programs.

Developers can find out about our proposed Clean Property Certification and financial incentives via grants for pre-development design, environmental insurance, and remedial investigations.

Consultants can explore USEPA Brownfield Grant opportunities and get information on paperless and low carbon project management.

Students and Educators can find resources for scholarships and internship opportunities available through the Partnership of Brownfield Practitioners.

Save the date!

Big Apple Brownfield Awards 2009

The Museum of the City of New York has partnered with the NYC Partnership of Brownfield Practitioners to host the first annual Big Apple Brownfield Awards scheduled for **April 13th, 2009**. The Partnership is an association of not-for-profit and for-profit organizations dedicated to providing benefits to NYC communities and helping to sustain brownfield management. The event will be held in conjunction with the museum's current exhibition titled *"Growing and Greening New York: PlaNYC and the Future of the City"* which will be open to the public through April 22 and highlights the various initiatives outlined in PlaNYC to achieve environmental sustainability in New York City.

Effective brownfields management is a key to successfully achieving sustainable economic growth and ensuring public health and environmental protection. The brownfield award program aims to recognize the most creative and innovative brownfield projects in NYC as a means to celebrate the enormous public value that cleanup and redevelopment of these sites has provided.

Please save the date and join the Partnership in recognizing the best brownfield projects in NYC!

Big Apple Brownfield Workshop, Series 2

"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 Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation (OER) and industry experts on the financial resources that are available. OER will also unveil its new Local Brownfield Cleanup Program for NYC brownfield projects.

This workshop is intended for for-profit and non-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, and a networking lunch with industry experts and businesses, and display presentations highlighting firm services in brownfield redevelopment.

For more information or to register for the event, email us at brownfields@cityhall.nyc.gov with your name, address, organization, phone, and email information and be sure to put "Brownfield Workshop" in the subject line.

Brownfields Workshop for Beginners a success!



On December 15, 2008 the Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation (OER) hosted its first brownfields education forum, entitled "**Big Apple Brownfields Workshop: Brownfields for Beginners I**" at CUNY's Graduate Center. The workshop was directed towards developers, land owners, BOA groups, community development organizations, students, and the general public.

Over 225 people attended this educational and networking event which featured presentations on environmental investigations and the brownfield cleanup process by experts in the industry. A panel discussion provided tips on pre-qualifying and selecting contractors. A networking lunch offered the opportunity for guided discussions on various topics such as soil vapor intrusion, groundwater contamination, and technical reports while display booths showcased projects, remedial techniques, and industry expertise for attendees.

Attendees noted the following workshop highlights:

- Details on vapor intrusion
- Information on urban fill management
- How to pre-qualify contractors
- Breakdown of cost for remediation stages
- Introduction to the legal process behind remediation
- Information on Brownfield Opportunity Areas
- Networking opportunity

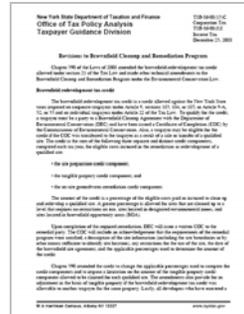


The Mayor's Office would like to thank the following organizations for sponsoring the event: The City of New York CUNY Graduate Center, AKRF, BL Companies, Brookside Environmental, CA Rich Environmental Specialists, Clean Earth, Ecosystem Strategies, EEA Inc, ELM of New York, ERM, EWMA, Gannett Fleming, GEI Consultants, Gilbert Stinziano Heintz & Smith, GZA Geo Environmental, Jacques Whitford, Kleinfelder, Langan Engineering & Environmental Services, Posillico, PS&S, P.W. Grosser Consulting, Tetra Tech, URS, Walden Associates, Warren & Panzer Engineers, and Zurich.

NYS Department of Taxation and Finance issues

guidance for the revised Brownfield Cleanup Program tax credits

In late July of 2008, Governor David A. Patterson signed legislation which amends certain parts of the State's Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP). Created in 2003, the BCP provides incentives for the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfield sites in New York by providing tax credits. A new report issued by the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance provides a detailed description of amendments to the State's tax credit program.



Highlights of the report include:

1. Increasing the tax credits for site preparation and on-site groundwater remediation;
2. Capping the redevelopment tax credits based on the type of property use;
3. Transferring the BOA (Brownfield Opportunity Area) program to the Department of State and creating a 2% bonus for development in conformance with a BOA plan;
4. Creating a Brownfields Advisory Board which evaluates the state's BCP and BOA programs;
5. Adding several tax, redevelopment, and progress requirements under the BCP.

To view the full report, please visit:

http://www.tax.state.ny.us/pdf/memos/multitax/m08_13c_8i.pdf