

Remediation and Redevelopment

The Remediation and Redevelopment (RR) Program's goal is to help protect and restore the human, environmental and economic health of communities throughout Wisconsin.

To achieve this goal, the RR Program provides technical oversight to public and private parties for environmental cleanups, and also offers liability and financial services to help redevelop contaminated properties.



Photo courtesy of Earth Tech

Contacts

For information about how the RR Program can assist you, please contact a DNR RR Program environmental program associate in your region.

Northeast Region

920-662-5168 (Green Bay)

Northern Region

715-623-4190 (Antigo)

ext. 3127

South Central Region

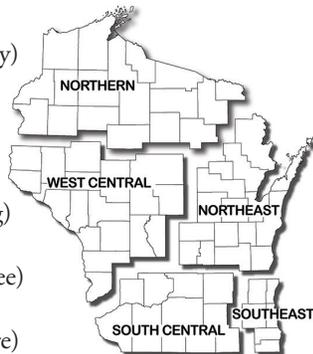
608-275-3212 (Fitchburg)

Southeast Region

414-263-8688 (Milwaukee)

West Central Region

715-839-2784 (Eau Claire)



If you have general questions, please see our subject matter contact list at dnr.wi.gov/topic/Brownfields/Contact.html.

Online Resources

Website

The RR Program website offers a comprehensive source for information on environmental contamination, cleanup and program functions.

Visit our website at dnr.wi.gov/topic/Brownfields or enter "Wisconsin brownfield" in your search engine.

Use our website to:

- find contact information for RR staff;
- access our CLEAN database (see below);
- sign up for RR newsletter (RR Report);
- download publications and forms; and
- learn more about our program.

Contaminated Lands Environmental Action Network (CLEAN)

The Contaminated Lands Environmental Action Network (CLEAN) is a database of known contaminated sites in Wisconsin. CLEAN is made up of BRRTS on the Web and the RR Sites Map and can be found at dnr.wi.gov/topic/Brownfields/clean.html.

RR Report Newsletter

Stay in touch with the RR Program by signing up for our newsletter, which can be found at dnr.wi.gov/topic/Brownfields/News.html.

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Front page: Before and after photos of River Bluff Townhomes in West Bend, WI. Before photo courtesy of Natural Resource Technology.

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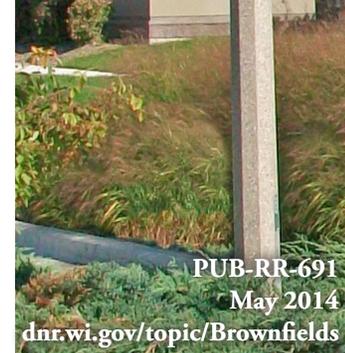
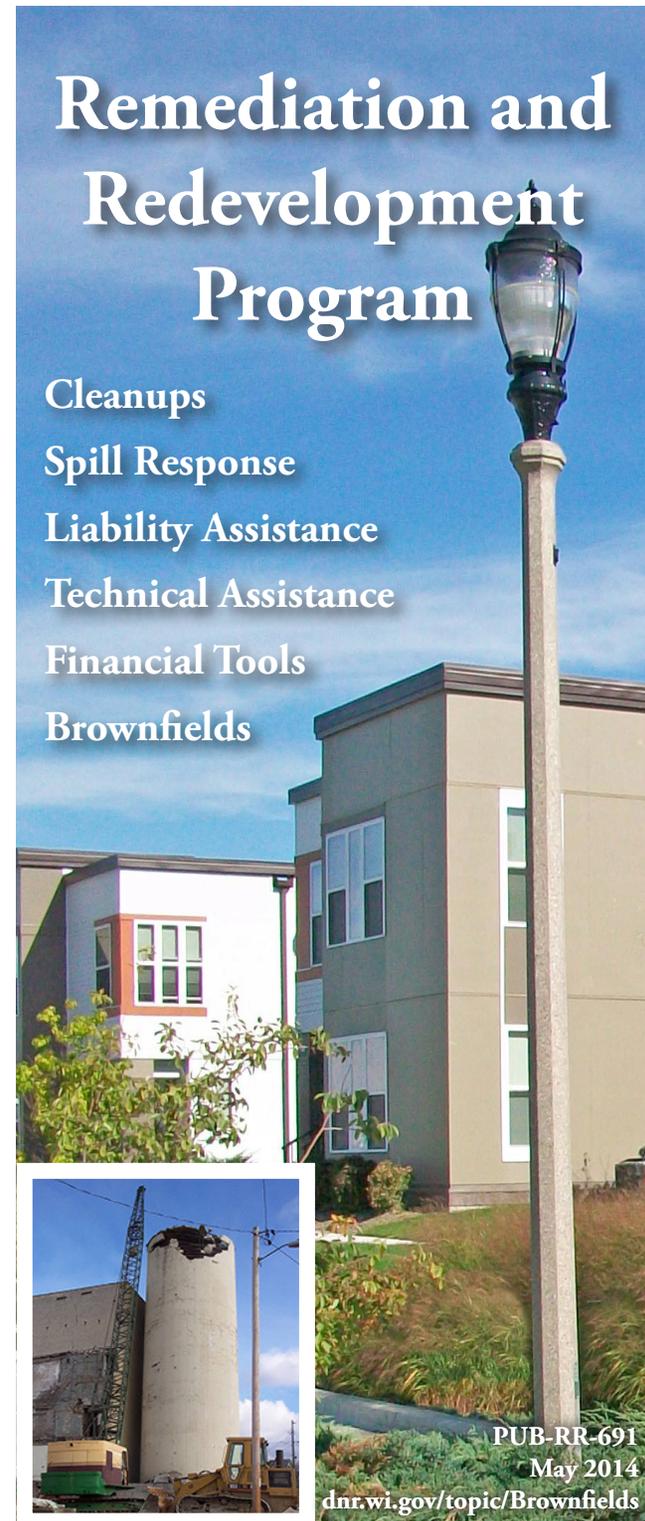
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Cleanups

Technical Assistance and Oversight

RR program staff provide technical support and regulatory oversight to public and private parties who request help with their contaminated properties, including sites with petroleum contamination.

Liability Assistance

The RR Program can provide written technical and liability assistance on contaminated sites, for a fee.

The fee schedule can be found at: dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/pubs/rr/RR966.pdf.

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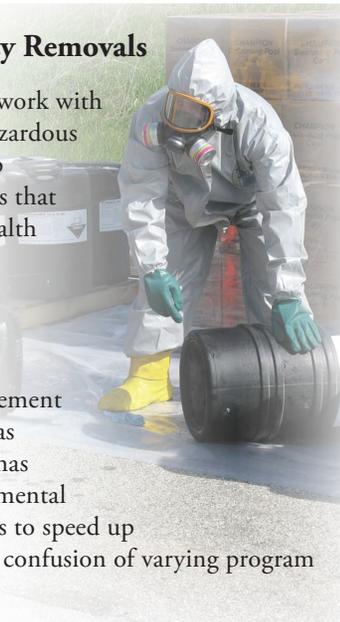
Program staff respond to a wide variety of spills that impact the environment and human health. In Wisconsin, RR Program staff respond to an average of 900 spills of hazardous substances annually. The most common substances spilled are petroleum products; often substances are released at industrial or commercial facilities.

Federal Emergency Removals

The RR Program can work with the EPA to remove hazardous materials and clean up contamination on sites that pose an immediate health concern.

One Cleanup

The DNR has an agreement with the EPA known as One Cleanup, which has standardized environmental cleanups. The hope is to speed up cleanups by removing confusion of varying program requirements.



Brownfields

Cleanup & Redevelopment Projects

Program staff offer several options to help with the cleanup and reuse of brownfields, which are abandoned or under-utilized commercial or industrial properties with real or perceived contamination.

These options include:

- technical assistance;
- assurance letters;
- financing;
- tax incentives; and
- liability exemptions.

Green Team Meetings

Planning a successful brownfield redevelopment often requires support from local, state and federal resources, along with many private partners. The RR Program can schedule a Green Team Meeting to help bring those partners together and plot out a clearer path to renewal.



Success Stories

Weber Center for the Performing Arts

The Cornerstone: Mixed-use retail and housing

Legacy Park: Mixed-use commercial and retail

Financial Tools

Grants, Loans & Tax Incentives

Environmental contamination can vary widely, from small pockets of pollution to large, migrating substances touching multiple properties. Cleanup costs can range anywhere from several thousand dollars to several million.

Qualifying local governments, tribal groups and non-profit groups can turn to the RR Program for assistance in obtaining grants, tax incentives and loans for assessment and cleanup of contaminated sites.

The RR Program publishes *The Financial Resource Guide For Cleanup and Redevelopment* as a comprehensive list of financial tools for cleanup and redevelopment projects in Wisconsin. It can be located on-line at

dnr.wi.gov/topic/Brownfields/Financial.html.



State-funded Cleanup

Staff use the State Environmental Fund to help cover costs for investigation and cleanup of “orphaned” sites, i.e. properties with environmental contamination where the responsible party is unknown, unable or unwilling to take action. The RR Program recovers costs from responsible parties whenever possible.

