



RR REPORT

Important Updates from the DNR Remediation and Redevelopment Program

August 24, 2016

Save the Date

November 2, 2016

Brownfields 101: Redevelopment Resources for Local Governments

The DNR's Remediation and Redevelopment Program invites you to attend a day-long "Brownfields 101" conference on November 2 for local government officials at the Holiday Inn Conference Center in Stevens Point. You'll hear from experts on strategies and tools to help your community turn around and capitalize on underused or abandoned properties. Registration is scheduled to open just after Labor Day. You can find an agenda and more details on the RR Program's [website](#).



This fall conference is meant to provide an overview of brownfield remediation and redevelopment resources for local governmental officials. Technical subjects will not be discussed in depth at that time. The RR Program will host two technical conferences for consultants and environmental professionals next spring: In Stevens Point on April 12 and in Pewaukee on April 20. More information about those events, including a survey to solicit input on topic selection, will be coming soon.

Wetland Guidance Now Available

The DNR's Bureau of Watershed Management recently finalized and published new guidance, titled "Review of Wetlands on Dormant Development Sites," for use by staff when addressing how to review dormant development sites with wetlands that have not been previously identified.

This guidance is applicable, for example, to sites where development activities began, but then stopped, due to the downturn in the economy that began in approximately 2008. It also applies to jurisdictional wetlands that have been re-established or expanded in areas that had not been previously identified as a wetland. This guidance may have an impact on redevelopment sites and is now available on the DNR [website](#).

Cleanup and Redevelopment in the NRB Spotlight in Ashland

Natural Resources Board members got an up close look at the [Northern States Power \(NSP\) Superfund](#) site during the Board's August meeting and tour in Ashland. DNR and the US EPA have been managing work on this lakefront site since contamination was discovered in the late 1980s. Phase I of the cleanup was completed in 2014, with groundwater monitoring continuing for several years. Phase II includes cleaning up impacted sediment from near the shoreline, with a "wet dredge" pilot project underway and scheduled to be completed later this year.

During the Board's formal meeting on the second day of its visit, DNR Sec. Cathy Stepp announced that the City of Ashland had officially received a mix of brownfields redevelopment awards totaling nearly \$450,000. The awards, from DNR's [Ready for Reuse](#) and [Wisconsin Assessment Monies](#) programs were provided to help the community assess and clean up several properties and get them ready for redevelopment. [Read the full press release.](#)



Photo: Northern Region RR Program Team Supervisor John Robinson provides members of the Natural Resources Board with an update on the cleanup work at the Ashland/NSP Superfund site during the Board's August 2-3, 2016 tour and meeting in northern Wisconsin.

Issues & Trends Training: LNAPL Saturation Concepts

David Swimm, a hydrogeologist with the Remediation and Redevelopment Program, will present the Program's next *Issues & Trends* training event on Wednesday, Sept. 7 at noon. No pre-registration is required.

Swimm will discuss core-based saturation measuring, including new technologies (laser induced fluorescence surveys) that allow much improved imaging of LNAPL accumulations, especially as it pertains to recoverability and residual saturation concepts.

The upcoming training session details are:

- Date: September 7, 2016
- Time: 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
- Join by phone: 1-855-947-8255, passcode: 6612 745#
- Questions in advance can be sent to David.Swimm@wisconsin.gov

The presentation and any related materials for this teleconference will soon be available on the [RR Program Training Page](#). You can also find a schedule of future Issues & Trends events in the [Training Library](#), as well as the presentation materials and recordings of previous sessions, including Swimm's earlier presentations on LNAPL concepts on Nov. 18, 2015 and June 1, 2016.

Minor Update to Closure Form Dated August 16, 2016

Although the [Closure Form 4400-202](#) is now dated 8/16, the only recent change to the form is an updated link for contact information. No changes were made to any requirements listed within the form.

CDEA Brownfields Financing Webinar: Strategic TIF Structuring for Redevelopment

Join CDEA, technical assistance partners, and experienced brownfield communities on September 1, 2016 from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. (EST) as they discuss tax increment financing and how it can be used to compliment the redevelopment and cleanup of a brownfield project. [Register online.](#)

***Politico* Magazine: How Milwaukee Shook Off the Rust**

A [multi-page spread in *Politico*](#) highlights the redevelopment challenges and successes of the Menomonee River Valley industrial site in Milwaukee. Writer Colin Woodard traces the transformation of the four-mile long, half-mile wide tract of land from its industrial beginnings in the mid-1880s to its recent industrial and commercial rebirth.

Marshfield, WI Considering Venture Capital Firm

Marshfield is looking to form a new, private organization that would pool money to help businesses in need of financing. The proposed organization would offer money to firms in return for an ownership stake in the company and also provide support and advice on how to manage and grow a business. [Read the full article online.](#)

WEDC Grant Deadlines for FY17

With the beginning of a new fiscal year, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) wants to ensure that potential applicants are aware of program updates and grant application deadlines.

[Community Development Investment \(CDI\) Grant Program](#) is an open application process again, meaning grant applications can be submitted throughout the year. For FY17, grants of up to \$250,000 will be awarded for shovel-ready, high-impact, community-driven development efforts that will likely be a catalyst for additional investment in downtown districts of the community.

The [Idle Industrial Site Grant Program](#) will have a single grant competition in which applications are due November 1, 2016. For FY17, grants of up to \$500,000 will be awarded for implementation of redevelopment plans for large industrial sites that have been idle, abandoned or underutilized for a period of at least five years. Eligible sites include industrial properties of 5 acres or more or commercial properties of 10 acres. A local unit of government or tribal entity must be the applicant. However, they do not need to own the site. To begin the application process, complete the short form linked in the To Apply box on the [Idle Site Program page](#).

The [Brownfields Grant Program](#) is also an open application process that grants funds to local governments, businesses, nonprofits and individuals for redeveloping commercial and industrial sites that have been adversely impacted by environmental contamination documented in Phase I and II Environmental Reports. For FY17, \$3.5 million is available. The maximum award generally does not exceed \$500,000 unless the request for funds is for a project that, due to the size of the brownfield and the degree and extent of contamination, clearly justifies an award beyond normal parameters.

The [Site Assessment Grant \(SAG\) Program](#) supports community redevelopment in the Wisconsin and provides grants of up to \$150,000 to local governments seeking to redevelop sites with economic or community development potential that are or may be adversely impacted by environmental contamination. The FY17 allocations have not been announced yet.

Please contact your [Regional Economic Development Director](#) to discuss the projects you have in mind and to obtain an updated copy of the application materials. We encourage you to share this and future updates with your economic and community development network.

Environmental Justice Addressed as EPA Launches New “Access & Awareness” Webinar Series

A monthly webinar series from the Federal Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice (EJ IWG) aims to help the public gain a deeper understanding of how federal agencies are working together and what resources are available to help those interested in improving the quality of life in overburdened communities.

The Group includes 17 federal agencies and White House Offices that work together to guide, support and enhance environmental justice and community-based activities. Check out the [EJ IWG webpage](#) for more information, including a schedule of upcoming webinars.

Upcoming ITRC Training

September 26-27 (**Classroom training in Somerset, NJ**) – [Petroleum Vapor Intrusion: Fundamentals of Screening, Investigation and Management](#)

November 9-10 (**Classroom training in Framingham, MA**) – [Petroleum Vapor Intrusion: Fundamentals of Screening, Investigation and Management](#)

August 30 – [Petroleum Vapor Intrusion: Fundamentals of Screening, Investigation and Management](#)

September 15 – [Integrated DNAPL Site Characterization](#)

September 20 – [ISM Part 1: Soil Sampling and Decision Making Using Incremental Sampling Methodology](#)

September 21 – [ISM Part 2: Soil Sampling and Decision Making Using Incremental Sampling Methodology](#)

September 22 – [Groundwater Statistics for Environmental Project Managers](#)

September 29 – [Remedy Selection for Contaminated Sediments](#)