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Minnesota Brownfields recently updated our mission statement:

Our mission is to promote, through education, research, and partnerships, the efficient cleanup and reuse of contaminated land as a means of generating economic growth, strengthening communities and enabling sustainable land use and development.

November 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS

WATERSHED ZONING '202'

November 3
Duluth

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USE OF RISK ASSESSMENT IN MANAGEMENT OF CONTAMINATED SITES

November 17
Online

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TOD & BROWNFIELDS FORUM

December 9
St. Paul
Hosted by MN Brownfields

[More info and registration>>](#)



MINNESOTA NEWS

DEED REDEVELOPMENT GRANT ROUND

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) will be awarding \$2 million in general fund dollars as well as additional bond dollars for grants through the [Redevelopment Grant Program](#).

Under the program, projects can receive up to 50 percent of costs to pay for land acquisition, demolition, infrastructure and other redevelopment project-related improvements. Click [here](#) for the application, form and instructions. Application deadline is January 3, 2012. Questions? Call 651-259-7449.

FUNDING DEVELOPING FOR TRANSIT IMPROVEMENT AREAS

The Metropolitan Council is developing a new funding tool for investigation and cleanup near transit station areas under its Livable Communities/Tax Base Revitalization Account.

This fund would supplement the existing Livable Communities Account. Funding would be for eligible activities within one of the 50 [Transit Improvement Areas](#) (TIAs) designated by the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). The Council is currently developing funding criteria. Meanwhile, DEED will likely open its eligibility for additional TIAs to be designated.

Learn about the Livable Communities Account Transit Oriented Development fund, program criteria and application deadlines at the [TOD & Brownfields forum](#)>>

BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS SOUGHT FOR SOIL REUSE COST STUDY

Hennepin County has contracted Minnesota Brownfields to study the potential cost savings of soil reuse associated with brownfield redevelopment sites. Candidate projects are needed. Project submissions will be accepted through December 31, 2011.

[More information](#)>>

MN BROWNFIELDS WELCOMES NEW LEADERSHIP

Ken Haberman, one of the founders of Minnesota Brownfields and Board Chair since 2006, recently passed the baton to Deb DeLuca as the new Board Chair. Ken plans to remain on Minnesota Brownfields' Board until next spring. On behalf of the entire Board, Deb thanked Ken for his critical stewardship of the organization as it has evolved over the past 5 years.

DeLuca, a Duluth resident, owns DeLuca Strategies, providing public, private and non-profit sector clients strategic advice on redevelopment and environmental policy. She has over 20 years of public and private sector experience with the cleanup and reuse of contaminated properties.

ADDRESS CHANGE - HENNEPIN COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

A reminder that Hennepin County Environmental Services offices have moved. Please note the new address: 701 4th Ave

S, Suite 700, Minneapolis, MN, 55415.

NATIONAL BROWNFIELDS NEWS

SENATE SHOWS STRONG BIPARTISAN SUPPORT FOR EPA BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)'s Brownfields Program has a proven track record of creating jobs while cleaning up some of the nation's most polluted sites. An October 19th hearing in the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee illustrated that even in a contentious political climate, this track record has helped earn the program strong support from both Democrats and Republicans in the Senate. [Read more>>](#)

EPA FY12 BROWNFIELD REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposal deadline for FY12 Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund and Cleanup Grants is November 28. Grants may be used to address sites contaminated by petroleum and hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum). [Proposal Guidelines>>](#)

ASTM RELEASES NEW GUIDANCE ON CONTINUING OBLIGATIONS FOR LANDOWNER LIABILITY PROTECTIONS UNDER CERCLA

Gray Plant Mooty recently published a summary of the new ASTM guidance. [Read more>>](#)

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PETROLEUM BROWNFIELDS

EPA has published a report to give stakeholders the information they need to assess, clean up, and safely reuse petroleum sites in ways that can benefit communities. [Read more>>](#)

EXTRA: JOB PRODUCTION IN TRANSIT CORRIDORS

Transit-accessible jobs are desirable and needed.

The Center for Neighborhood Technology asserts in a new report: [Next Stop: New Jobs](#) that many parcels of land within walking distance of rail transit -- many of which are brownfields -- are or could be well-suited to industrial and commercial

uses:

"Much vacant land within station areas is strictly zoned for manufacturing or commercial purposes that could attract businesses offering living wages. Furthermore, job creation near transit can lead to more destinations along a corridor, creating demand for transit outside of the central business district (CBD) and, conceivably, in a reverse-commute direction during peak and off-peak travel times. This would spread ridership out along the system and make more optimal use of its carrying capacity over the course of the day."

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Thank you.

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