

WV Brownfields Post



EPA Announces \$800,000 In Brownfields Grants For West Virginia

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced \$800,000 in brownfields grants to help assess and clean up abandoned industrial properties in West Virginia. The WV Brownfields Assistance Centers work with communities in the preparation and submission of EPA Assessment Grants.

“Brownfields initiatives demonstrate how environmental protection and economic development work hand-in-hand,” said Shawn M. Garvin, regional administrator for EPA’s mid-Atlantic region. “Along with generating jobs, these grants will help West Virginia communities convert vacant industrial properties into assets for the community, the environment, and the economy.” Grant projects include:

The Fayette County Commission plans to assess and prioritize brownfields properties throughout Fayette County, an area that has seen a steep decline in industrial activity related to coal mining, hardwood timber harvesting and processing, and rail transportation.

The city of Nitro plans to assess and update the city’s brownfields sites. Downsizing of the chemical industry has led to significant decline in population, increased unemployment and abandoned industrial properties. To date, 54 underused and vacant brownfields sites have been identified in Nitro.

The city of Parkersburg plans to assess and prioritize brownfields properties in Parkersburg, especially in the downtown area where plant closings have left abandoned properties and contributed to increased unemployment.

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection plans to assess properties along the historic U.S. Route 60 Midland Trail, a national scenic byway located along a 119-mile trail in the Appalachian Mountains.

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NBAC Begins Brownfield Educations Classes

The NBAC has collaborated with the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) to offer a six week course focused on West Virginia Brownfields, their histories, and possible futures.

The courses are targeted toward retired seniors in the Morgantown area, who can relate their unique knowledge on the history of their communities to current Brownfield sites. Patrick Kirby, NBAC Director, seeks to work with these citizens to compile a history of brownfield sites in Morgantown and eventually expand this approach across West Virginia.

2010 FOCUS WV Brownfields Program

*Building capacity to overcome
challenges to redevelopment*



Counties Served By:

- WV Brownfields Assistance Center at WVU
- WV Brownfields Assistance Center at Marshall University

Project Name	Grantee	Objectives	County	Contact
Arthurdale Revitalization	Arthurdale Heritage, Inc.	community needs assessment & redevelopment visioning, revitalization planning	Preston	Amanda Griffith amanda.griffith@arthurdaleheritage.org
Barton Bench Ecological Restoration	Wes-Mon-Ty Resource Conservation & Development Project Inc.	ecological site planning & restoration, community visioning & outreach	Randolph	Jason Teets Jason.Teets@wv.usda.gov
Coal Heritage Discovery Center	Coal Heritage Highway Authority	community meetings, business plan & funding strategy for restoration & reuse	Fayette	Christy Bailey cbailey@coalheritage.org
Horse Creek Lake	Upper Guyandotte Watershed Association, Inc.	community & stakeholder visioning, environmental assessment, site revitalization planning	Wyoming	Val Page vp@ugwawv.org
JG Bradley Campground	Central Appalachia Empowerment Zone of West Virginia	community education & outreach, site specific business plan & operational procedural model	Clay	Connie Lupardus clupardus@caez-wv.org
Little Kanawha Riverfront	City of Parkersburg	conceptual land use plan, community outreach, revitalization planning	Wood	Rickie Yeager rmyeager@Parkersburg-WV.com
MCWA Environmental Education Learning Center	Morris Creek Watershed Association	environmental assessment, schematic "green" design	Fayette, Kanawha	Jennifer Garlesky morisrcreekwatershed@verizon.net
Pioneer Rocks Gateway	Friends of Deckers Creek	site condition assessment, stakeholder meetings, revitalization planning	Monongalia	Mary Luckini mary@deckerscreek.org
Reiss-Viking Redevelopment	Webster County Economic Development Authority	environmental assessment, community involvement, revitalization planning	Webster	Geary Weir wca@websterwv.com
Shepherdstown Landfill to Library	Shepherdstown Public Library	conference hosting, community outreach, marketing & design	Jefferson	Hali Taylor taylor_h@martin.lib.wv.us
Weirton North End	Brooke-Hancock Regional Planning & Development Council	private sector leveraging planning, task force meetings	Brooke, Hancock	John Brown jbrown@bhjmpc.org

2010 West Virginia Brownfields Conference

PERSPECTIVES OF POTENTIAL
september 8-9 charleston, wv

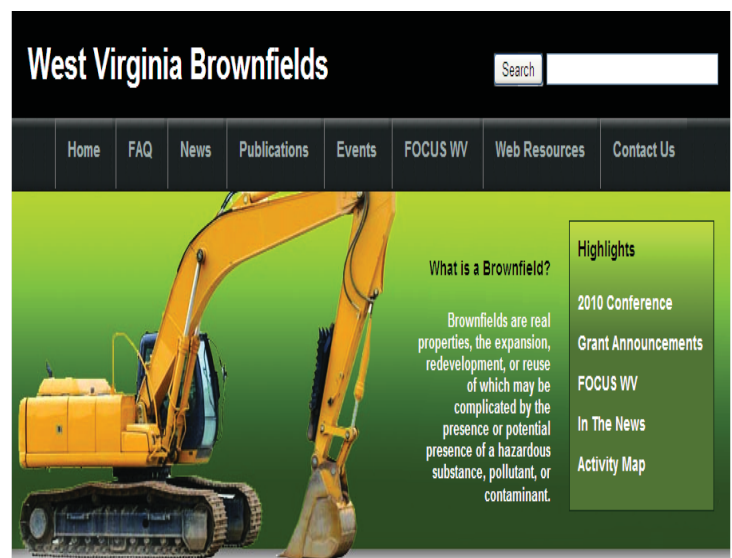
Sign Up for the 2010 WV Brownfields Conference “Perspectives of Potential”

The upcoming statewide Brownfields Conference will be held at the Marriott in Charleston, WV. Attendees will include government representatives, independent developers, contractors, local community organizations, and others interested in WV Brownfields. Be sure not to miss the FOCUS Stage 2 grant announcements or FOCUS WV Brownfields Showcase. Other workshops include Brownfield Financing, Grant Writing for Brownfields, Renewable Energy Projects, new and upcoming regulatory changes, and more. Sign up now at <http://wvbrownfields.org/conferences/2010/registration.cfm>.

New WVBrownfields.org Goes Live!

WV BAC’s new website (wvbrownfields.org) is now up and fully functional. This re-envisioned website centralizes information on the Northern and Southern Brownfields Assistance Centers and other Brownfield related resources. The website currently includes a Brownfield FAQ, recent news items, BAC publications, upcoming events, FOCUS Grant information, and links to other Brownfield resources.

Be sure to check the website frequently for updated news items, funding opportunities, and other resources!



Current Grant Opportunities

EPA Area-Wide Planning Pilot Program—EPA announces the availability of grant funds and direct assistance (through Agency contract support) and solicits proposals from eligible entities to facilitate community involvement in area-wide planning approaches to brownfields assessment, cleanup and subsequent reuse. Proposal deadline is June 1st, 2010. Visit EPA’s website (http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/areawide_grants.htm) for more information.

Kodak American Greenways Program— This program invites applications from land trusts, local governments, and non-profit organizations to submit proposals for small greenway projects. Projects with focuses on natural, cultural, or socio/political historic themes are encouraged. Proposal deadline is June 15th, 2010. Visit http://www.conservationfund.org/kodak_awards for more information.

The Groundwork USA Initiative - A pilot program of the National Park Service (NPS) to establish a network of independent nonprofit environmental businesses called Groundwork Trusts. Proposal deadline is June 16th, 2010. Learn more at: http://www.nps.gov/ncrc/programs/rtca/howeare/wwa_partners_GW.html

Save The Date! - Upcoming Events

2010 West Virginia State Brownfield Conference

Charleston, WV
September 8-9th

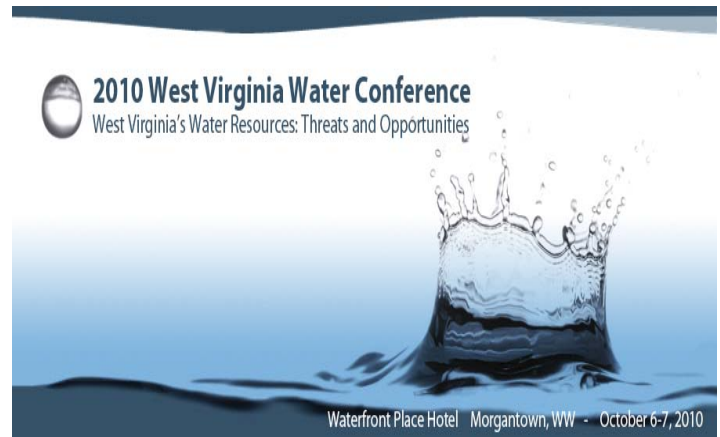
2011 National Brownfields Conference

Philadelphia, PA
April 3-5th

Currently accepting call for ideas
<http://www.brownfields2011.org>

2010 West Virginia Water Conference

West Virginia's Water Resources: Threats and Opportunities



Waterfront Place Hotel Morgantown, WV - October 6-7, 2010

West Virginia Brownfields Partnerships

West Virginia Brownfields Assistance Center at Marshall University

Located in Huntington, the West Virginia Brownfields Assistance Center at Marshall University is housed in The Center for Environmental, Geotechnical, and Applied Sciences.



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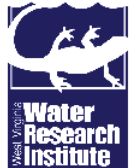


The WVDEP manages the remediation of lands affected by environmental contamination under the Division of Land Restoration. The Office of

Environmental Remediation oversees the State's Voluntary Remediation Program, which helps property owners identify and address potential contamination of brownfield property.

Northern West Virginia Brownfields Assistance Center

The Northern West Virginia Brownfields Assistance Center is a program of the West Virginia Water Research Institute at WVU's National Research Center for Coal and Energy.



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by strengthening the State's communities and growing its economy to expand, retain and create more and better jobs.