



BROWNFIELDS INSIDER

This monthly newsletter is a quick reference for announcements, upcoming events, funding opportunities, and projects in our ongoing effort to keep you engaged and informed about brownfields in WV. To provide feedback, or recommend items, or to sign up please contact Charles.Springston@mail.wvu.edu

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Brownfields Center Partners with Region II Planning & Development Council to Tackle BAD Buildings

The Brownfields Center and Region II PDC are hosting a series of workshops funded by the WV Flex-E-Grant Program on the issue of abandoned, vacant, and dilapidated buildings in Mason, Cabell, and Logan counties. These workshops will educate participants on the impacts abandoned and dilapidated buildings have on a community and its local economy, as well as the challenges a community faces when trying to rehabilitate these properties. The first workshop, held in Point Pleasant, attracted over twenty participants from 7 communities throughout the county. The Region II PDC continues to work to bring resources into these small communities to help address their local abandoned, vacant, and dilapidated properties.

News & Announcements

Fairmont Leader Honored by Marion County Chamber of Commerce
Main Street Fairmont Director Kate Greene received the Visionary Award by the Marion County Chamber of Commerce for her work to revitalize downtown Fairmont. Greene was recognized for her energy and dedication to building business and activity in Fairmont. In 2014, Greene has organized a number of events and opportunities in Fairmont, including the Developers' Tour, which brought developers from across the state and region to look at available buildings as potential investments.

Among other projects in Fairmont, Greene is working with the NBAC's WV Redevelopment Collaborative to transform the historic Fairmont Firehouse into a multi-tenant creative arts hub. Through the WVRC, Main Street Fairmont has worked with a number of partners at Fairmont State University, West Virginia University, the Mills Group, and other agencies to create a redevelopment plan for the site.

For more information: <http://vimeo.com/81900891>

Funding Opportunities

The EPA Area-Wide Planning grant program is now accepting applications to develop area-wide plans for brownfield assessment, cleanup, and reuse. For more information: <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm>

Tom's of Maine is awarding \$10,000 to a community development project in West Virginia. Will your project be West Virginia's winner? For more information: <http://www.tomsomaine.com/community/50SFG-2014/Home>

Be ready for the next round of EPA brownfields assessment, cleanup, and revolving loan request for proposals to be released early Fall!

Upcoming Events

- EPA Grant Writing Workshop - September 16, Morgantown
- EPA Grant Writing Workshop - September 17, Beckley
- Preservation Alliance Conference - September 25-27, Huntington
- Community Leadership Academy - October 1-3, Morgantown
- BAD Buildings Summit - October 7-9, Huntington
- WV Main Street Conference - October 21-23, Charles Town

City of Vienna Purchases Johns Manville, Receives WVRC Grant

The City of Vienna voted this summer to purchase the Johns Manville site, a 35-acre former manufacturing facility in the heart of town. Prior to purchasing, the City held a community visioning event to discuss future plans for the site and to solicit input from the community on potential uses. Over 60 residents and stakeholders attended the event and shared their priorities for the site's redevelopment. Among the potential re-uses at the site were public green space, an amphitheater, and mixed-use development.

The visioning event was co-hosted by the City and the WVRC, which provided a \$2,500 grant to the project for site planning and outreach. The grant was funded by BB&T.