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December 15, 2008

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Dear Brownfielders,

We are pleased to send you the Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation's newsletter in this format. We hope you like our new look. If you are experiencing trouble reading this, please open the attached PDF.

The Big Apple Brownfields Workshop



The Big Apple Brownfields Workshop: Brownfields for Beginners I will be held on the 15th of December at CUNY's Graduate Center. This is the first in a series of workshops to encourage redevelopment of brownfield sites in New York City. This workshop will provide a series of short presentations by industry experts that are intended to explain in lay terms the process of environmental study and cleanup of contaminated properties for people with little or no technical experience. This workshop is intended for for-profit and non-for-profit developers, landowners, local development organizations, community groups, students, and the general public.

In addition to presentations, the workshop will include a panel discussion, question and answer sessions, a networking lunch with industry experts and businesses, and display presentations highlighting projects, remedial techniques, and local expertise.

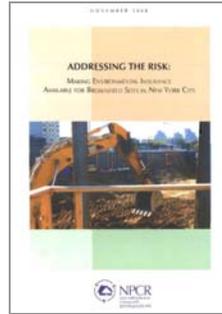
For more information or to register for the event, email us at brownfields@cityhall.nyc.gov with your name, address, organization, phone and email information and be sure to put "Brownfield Workshop" in the subject line. Click on the icon to view the full flyer or visit http://nyc.gov/html/oec/downloads/pdf/oer/workshop_flyer.pdf

Brownfield Insurance Report Released by New Partners for Community Revitalization

Have a question or want to be added to our mailing list?
Please contact us at:

brownfields@cityhall.nyc.gov

Website to launch soon!



On 17 November, New Partners for Community Revitalization released a new report, *Addressing the Risk: Making Environmental Insurance Available for Brownfield Sites in New York City*. The report provides an overview of environmental insurance products and discusses the effectiveness of subsidies, the importance of site investigation work, and the need for additional outreach and capacity building.

To download the report, visit:

http://www.npcr.net/env_ins/NPCR_AddressRiskforWebvF2.pdf

Use of Brownfield Tax Credits by Not-for-Profit Organizations

At New Partners for Community Revitalization's (NPCR) November 17th Brownfields Forum, NPCR released the report, *Analysis on the Use of Brownfield Tax Credits by Not-for-Profit Organizations*.

The report:

- I. Outlines the law and amendments through which Brownfield Tax Credits (BTCs) were established;
- II. Analyzes how not-for-profit corporations might utilize BTCs;
- III. Examines whether the BTCs can be used in the context of projects developed under a cooperative or condominium ownership structure;
- IV. Considers whether the BTCs can be used in conjunction with LIHTCs;
- V. Considers the value of the 2% BTC bonus to advance Brownfield Opportunity Area plans;
- VI. Identifies those areas which are open to interpretation.

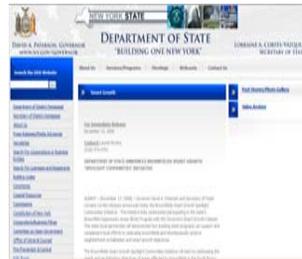
The Report is a final draft analysis reflecting the July 2008 changes to the statute. NPCR is now accepting feedback on the Analysis and the Final Report will be issued in February 2009 in connection with NPCR's Brownfields Training. To provide NPCR with input, or to get more information, see NPCR's web site: www.npcr.net

To download the report, visit: http://www.npcr.net/tax_credits/AnalysisNov2008.doc

New York City Applies for \$1 Million Brownfield Assessment Grant from EPA

The NYC Office of Environmental Remediation (OER), along with the NYC Housing Development Corporation and the NYC Economic Development Corporation, has applied for \$1 million in brownfield assessment grant funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. If we are awarded the grant, we will perform Phase I and Phase II environmental assessments on approximately 15 sites, expand our community outreach and education offerings, and undertake other activities to support the City's local brownfield cleanup program. A decision will be announced in spring 2009.

YMPJ “Spotlight Community” Recognition



The New York City Office of Environmental Remediation congratulates Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice on the Department of State's recognition of their South Bronx Waterfront Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) study area as a "spotlight community" in the Brownfields Smart Growth Spotlight Communities Initiative. Secretary of State Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez announced this initiative on November 17, as an effort that will enable spotlight communities to work together with the Governor's Smart Growth Cabinet to establish effective practices and techniques that can benefit other BOA programs in the state.

To read the full press release, visit:

<http://www.dos.state.ny.us/pres/pr2008/111808smart.html>