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Save the Date!

The next OER workshop will be on Dec 17, 2009.

Draft Regulations Released

OER has released proposed rules establishing two new city programs under authority of the New York City Brownfield and Community Revitalization Act, which was passed unanimously by the New York City Council in April 2009 and signed into law by Mayor Bloomberg in May 2009. These programs fulfill several brownfield goals defined in PlaNYC. One draft rule provides for administration of the Local Brownfield Cleanup Program (LBCP) by OER. The second proposed rule creates the New York City Clean Property Certification program, under which OER would issue clean property certificates to parties who complete remedial action at city brownfield sites in an authorized cleanup program. These programs are expected to launch in December.

The LBCP was developed under PlaNYC and will be operated by the New York City Office of Environmental Remediation (OER): The program will:

- Target projects that are not currently eligible for government oversight
- Eliminate many unsupervised brownfield cleanups in NYC
- Rely on the same cleanup standards used in the state brownfield cleanup program
- Provide for cleanup of contaminated property rejected by the NYS brownfield cleanup program
- Provide financial and other incentives to encourage enrollment to render safe cleanups

The NYC Clean Property Certification Program, also developed under PlaNYC and to be operated by OER, will:

- Function for brownfields in NYC like LEED certification for Green Building design
- Provide NYC's tangible recognition of the protectiveness of cleanup performed under the NYC Local Brownfield Cleanup Program and equivalent cleanups in

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other governmental remediation programs

- Provide incentives for enrolling in government supervised cleanup programs
- Provide added incentive for projects that achieve permanent cleanups including those that achieve Track 1 (complete) cleanups

[Visit the website to learn more.](#)

NYC Brownfield Partnership

The NYC Brownfield Partnership is a voluntary association of organizations formed to provide services and benefits to New York City communities and to promote sustainable brownfield management in the five boroughs. Member firms include community board organizations, environmental consultants, environmental law firms, environmental clean-up contractors, academic institutions, and for-profit and non-profit brownfield developers. There are currently 45 organizations enrolled in the partnership, and membership is open to any organization that will make an effort to promote community benefits of brownfield redevelopment.

The Partnership aims to serve New York City communities and the brownfield cleanup industry by promoting:

- Public awareness and education of brownfield management;
- Citizen understanding of investigation and remediation work plans and reports;
- Training and development of the next generation of environmental professionals;
- Green job training program;
- Creation and development of small businesses in New York City communities.

To read more about the Partnership of Brownfield Practitioners and to get an application, visit their website at www.brownfieldnyc.org or take a look at some of their programs featured below in this issue of Brownfield News.

Applications are now being accepted for the following programs administered by the NYC Brownfield Partnership:

[Big Apple Brownfield Awards - Call for Nominations](#)



The NYC Brownfield Partnership is issuing a Call for Nominations for the best examples of brownfield projects in New York City in the following categories for its annual brownfield award program:

- Affordable Housing Award
- Brownfield Opportunity Area Connectivity Award
- Collaboration Award
- Community Outreach Award
- Economic Development Award
- Environmental Protection Award
- Green Building Award
- Innovation Award
- Open Space Award
- Sustainable Remediation Award

The Partnership's Brownfield Award program aims to celebrate and bring public attention to the City's most successful brownfield clean-up and redevelopment projects, such as those that have utilized innovative remediation techniques, had positive effects on the community, and have demonstrated ingenuity in sustainability and green construction.

The nomination deadline is December 31, 2009 for the event that will be held in April, 2010. For more information on eligibility requirements, nomination instructions, or if you have a project you would like to nominate, please visit the NYC Brownfield Partnership website at www.brownfieldnyc.org to download an award nomination form.

Scholarship Program for Brownfield Studies



Scholarship Applications are now available to CUNY undergraduate and graduate students for brownfield scholarships administered by the NYC Brownfield Partnership. Scholarships are available for academic year 2010-2011. The scholarship application deadline is January 15, 2010, and recipients will be selected on a competitive basis. Scholarships will support students with a demonstrated academic interest in brownfield cleanup and redevelopment and the associated industry. Program descriptions and application forms can be found at www.brownfieldnyc.org or by clicking the icon on the left.

Brownfield Internship Program



Internship Applications are now available to New York City college and university students for brownfield internships with businesses enrolled in the NYC Brownfield Partnership. Member firms of Partnership will offer internship positions to students who are interested in a professional career in brownfield and environmental industries. Internship applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through April 30, 2010. Program descriptions and application forms can be found at www.brownfieldnyc.org or by clicking the icon on the left.

STRIVE & St. Nick's Receive \$500,000 EPA Job Training Grants

On August 4, the United States Environmental Protection Agency announced the list of recipients of nearly \$7 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds to support brownfield job training programs. OER was pleased to see that two local non-profit organizations were awarded EPA brownfield job training grants in the amount of \$500,000 each. The grantees, St. Nicholas Neighborhood Preservation Corporation (St. Nicks) and STRIVE/East Harlem Employment Services, Inc. (STRIVE), will use the grants to add additional training and experience to their brownfield job training programs.

Both organizations have been working to stem neighborhood decline and help chronically unemployed and underserved residents find and maintain jobs in New York City since the mid-1970s and 1980s, respectively.

St. Nick's

St. Nicks intends to use the federal stimulus money awarded by EPA to train community members for jobs and careers in brownfield assessment and remediation. The organization plans to train 244 participants, graduate 195 students, and place 146 graduates in environmental careers. St. Nicks will work with local and regional employers, local unions, and the Partnership of Brownfield Practitioners to place graduates in environmental jobs. OER has committed to supporting this program by facilitating, in collaboration with the Brownfield Partnership, connections to jobs for graduates of the training program.

[Click here](#) to visit the EPA site to learn more about St. Nick's brownfield job training program.

STRIVE

STRIVE intends to use the EPA grant money to augment their existing programs and increase their graduation and job placement rates. Their organization plans to train 150 students and place at least 113 graduates in environmental careers. It will track graduates for two years. OER has also committed, together with the Partnership of Brownfield Practitioners, to enable connections between STRIVE graduates and meaningful, well-paying jobs.

[Click here](#) to visit the EPA site to learn more about STRIVE's brownfield job training program.

OER and the Brownfield Partnership look forward to working with groups like STRIVE and St. Nicks to connect successful graduates of these brownfield job training programs with industry practitioners who are able to provide on-the-job training and potential job placement.



Maxine Gillis from STRIVE helps out at the OER table during our Brownfields 102 workshop

Save the Date: Brownfield Workshop

The Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation will host its third workshop in its Brownfield workshop series on December 17th at CUNY Graduate Center from 9 am to 1:30 pm. This installment will be dedicated to green remediation and brownfield project management. Please save the date and remember to register using the [form located here](#).

We were proud to host the "Big Apple Brownfield Workshop: Where is the Money?" on June 16, 2009 at the CUNY Graduate Center. This was the second in a series of educational workshops created by OER to encourage brownfield redevelopment in New York City. It highlighted different opportunities for financial assistance for clean up and redevelopment of brownfield sites located throughout the five boroughs.

The cost of remediating environmental contamination is challenging, especially in a financially stressed market. Despite the financial obstacles, there are resources to move forward. OER recognizes the importance of educating the public about available grants, loans, services, and other financial incentive programs intended to promote the proper cleanup of contaminated land and the continued emergence of NYC brownfield redevelopment projects.



Daniel Walsh, Director, OER

The development community has shown an interest in brownfield redevelopment, with attendees in private development, community economic development, and finance accounting for almost 20% of the 240 registered attendees.

The workshop included OER's characteristic concise format. The speakers gave short but informative presentations on financial incentives. A panel discussion provided insight and advice on the ways the current fiscal market has impacted brownfield redevelopment.

[Click here to read more.](#)

Public Meeting on Application for EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant for the Bush Terminal Piers in Sunset Park, Brooklyn

The City of New York is applying for a \$200,000 EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant for Bush Terminal Piers. This funding will help clean up environmental contamination at the site, in preparation for its development as a park.

A meeting will be held to discuss the proposal and receive public comments on **Wednesday, October 14, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.** at the Office of Brooklyn Community Board #7, **4201 4th Avenue (Entrance on 43rd Street), Brooklyn.**

A draft of the proposal can be viewed at:

http://nyc.gov/html/oer/downloads/pdf/Bush_Term_Prop.pdf

For additional information, please contact Art Aguilar, NYCEDC, at (212) 618-5763 or aaguilar@nycedc.com or Lee Ilan, Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation, at (212) 788-2929 or lilan@cityhall.nyc.gov.

Upcoming Brownfield Events

When	What	Where	Why	More info
Oct 13, 10 am	NYC Brownfield Regulations Presentation for Community	100 Gold St., 2 nd floor	Session for community groups, BOA grantees, CDCs, etc.	Webinar will also be available
Oct 14, 6:30 pm	Public Meeting on Application for Cleanup of Bush Terminal Piers in Sunset Park	4201 4 th Avenue (Entrance on 43 rd St)	The City of New York is applying for a \$200,000 EPA Brownfields Cleanup Grant for Bush Terminal Piers. This funding will help clean up environmental contamination at the site, in preparation for its development as a park.	View a draft of the proposal here
Oct 19, 1 pm	Public hearing on OER's proposed rules	110 William St., NY, NY Room 4 A/B	The proposed rules establish two new city programs under authority of the New York City Brownfield and Community Revitalization Act.	Click here for more info
Nov 16-18	National Brownfields Conference	Morial Convention Center, New Orleans	The National Brownfields Conference continues to be the premier venue for learning and sharing the latest information regarding land clean-up and revitalization.	Click here for more info
Dec 1	EPA Brownfield Job Training Grant Proposal Deadline		EPA Brownfields Job Training Grants provide funding to governmental entities and nonprofit organizations to recruit, train, and place local	Click here for proposal guidelines

			unemployed and under-employed, predominantly low-income and minority residents.	
Dec 2	2 nd Annual NPCR Brownfields Forum	NYC	Save the date to join New Partners for Community Revitalization for an exciting, educational forum on Brownfields.	Click here for flyer
Dec 15	3 rd Quarter Application Deadline, ESDC Downstate Revitalization Fund		Remediation is an eligible activity for these funds from the Empire State Development Corporation	Click here for more info
Dec 17, 9 am – 1:30 pm	Save the Date – OER Workshop	CUNY Graduate Center	Topic will be green remediation and brownfield project management	Click here to register
Dec 31	Nomination Deadline for Brownfield Awards			Please visit the NYC Brownfield Partnership website at www.brownfieldnyc.org to download an award nomination form
Jan 15, 2010	Application Deadline for Brownfield Scholarship			