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**MAYORS OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL REMEDIATION LAUNCHES *SPEED*  
(SEARCHABLE PROPERTY ENVIRONMENTAL E-DATABASE) WEB APPLICATION**

*Achieves Key PlaNYC Milestone*

*Unprecedented GIS-based Web application is designed to promote cleanup and economic development.*

Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation Director, Dr. Daniel Walsh today launched the *SPEED* (Searchable Property Environmental E-Database) Web application, which enables users to search properties in New York City and view environmental information. *SPEED* is a Geographic Information System (GIS)-based portal designed to encourage developers, community organizations, consultants, and the public to explore potential redevelopment opportunities in neighborhoods throughout the City. Dr. Walsh announced the launch in a demonstration of the application in the Blue Room of City Hall.

"The *SPEED* portal is the latest in a series of tools and resources our office has created to help communities, developers and other Brownfield stakeholders unlock the potential of vacant sites throughout NYC," said Dr. Daniel Walsh. "Increasing the transparency of information to move the redevelopment process forward will serve to revitalize neighborhoods and achieve the goals of *PlaNYC's* Brownfield initiatives."

*SPEED* displays historic maps and aerial photos, provides information from comprehensive City, State and Federal government environmental databases, allows users to make notes about properties of interest, and prints maps and reports. It also contains data for 3,150 commercial and industrial, privately owned sites, such as historic uses and features of environmental significance. The application was designed by the Office of Environmental Remediation, a new office established by Mayor Bloomberg in June 2008 to implement the brownfield goals of *PlaNYC*, the City's long-term vision for a greener, greater New York and was developed in collaboration with DoITT.

"*SPEED* is an easy and convenient way for prospective buyers to locate properties along with valuable environmental information throughout New York City that are poised for redevelopment," said Steven Spinola, President of the Real Estate Board of New York. "Locating sites with potential for redevelopment can be a challenge. *SPEED* helps alleviate this difficulty and provides a genuine benefit for builders looking for developable sites in New York City."

“The ability to search for vacant sites based on specific community development goals, such as infrastructure and transit-oriented development, provides remarkable opportunity,” said Carlisle Towery, President of the Greater Jamaica Development Corporation. “Accessing and using this information will help community based organizations, such as the Greater Jamaica Development Corporation, achieve core redevelopment goals.”

“The identification of vacant sites combined with environmental information through *SPEED* is an enormous resource for all New Yorkers,” said Kathryn S. Wylde, President and CEO of the Partnership for New York City. “Transforming these sites from blight to productive uses will increase local job creation, increase the city’s economic condition and increase the pride people have in their neighborhoods.”

“Providing information on historical uses helps communities understand basic environmental issues; this helps level the playing field for neighborhoods where environmental justice has been a concern,” said Marcia Bystry, President of the New York League of Conservation Voters. “Communities can now not only easily identify sites with redevelopment possibilities but can utilize the City’s new Brownfield Cleanup Program to clean up these properties in their neighborhoods and start much-needed revitalization.”

“Understanding the inventory of vacant properties in our study area, and for no cost through *SPEED*, is a valuable stepping stone in focusing our planning efforts,” said Claire Shulman, President and CEO, Flushing Willets Point Corona LDC. “We look forward to utilizing this application and assessing the possibilities and opportunities that arise from it.”

For more information on *SPEED*, visit [www.nyc.gov/speed](http://www.nyc.gov/speed) or contact the Mayor’s Office of Environmental Remediation by calling 311.

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