



# Land Revitalization Update

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Land Revitalization Update is a quarterly electronic newsletter highlighting news, resources and policies impacting cleanup and reuse of contaminated properties in the Mid-Atlantic region. To read the articles in this issue, click on the titles below. To subscribe or unsubscribe to this publication, see instructions at the bottom.

## Top Stories — News and Happenings

### [Heart of Lehigh Valley, PA Beating Once More](#)

A Smithsonian Museum. A power plant. A cold storage warehouse. A skating rink. These are just some of the redevelopment projects at the former Bethlehem Steel property in Bethlehem, Pa.

### [Soccer Goals and Others Too at Former Avtex Fibers Plant, VA](#)

Dubbed the "Royal Phoenix", one of the country's largest redevelopment projects at the Avtex Fibers Superfund site in Front Royal, Va., it will boast a state-of-the-art soccer center, and much more...

### [Flood Control in Bluefield, VA Leads to Cleanup and Greenway](#)

Officials in Bluefield, Virginia got more than they bargained for—ultimately, in a good way—when they went looking for relief from frequent flooding.

### [Community Survey to Help Shape Future of Little Elk Creek](#)

Citizens Reuse Committee in this Elkton, MD area seeks input from their neighbors on how this One Cleanup Program pilot site should be redeveloped.

### [Walgreen's Turns Liabilities Into Community Assets in Baltimore](#)

Two new Walgreen's Pharmacies now stand where two abandoned service stations once marred the landscape.

### [Abandoned Gas Station Now Aesthetic Greenspace in Wilmington, DE](#)

Despite obstacles, Wilmington did not give up on a blighted property in an historic neighborhood.

### [Get Your Proposals Ready, Brownfield Grant Proposals Due This Fall](#)

See this all-in-one guide to grant proposal resources.

### [Philadelphia Vacant Land Program Gets National Kudos](#)

Abandoned lots in North Philadelphia get face lifts and are featured at White House conference.

### [County Brownfields Loan Will Help Clean Up Riverfront South In Bensalem, PA](#)

Low-interest, \$1 million loan to spur new riverfront community.

## Rules and Tools — New Resources, Regs and Agreements

### [State Clean Water Loans Flow to Brownfields](#)

Clean Water State Revolving Fund loans are now being applied to brownfields projects in a growing number of states.

### [PA Authorizes More \\$ for Revitalization](#)

\$625 mil. authorized for bond funds to revitalize towns and cities under new *Growing Greener II* program.

### [IRS Promotes Tax-Free Bonds for Green Building Projects](#)

Local governments may issue up to \$2 billion of tax-exempt, private activity bonds for green buildings built on brownfields. How to apply.

## Don't Miss It — Deadlines and Events

- [PADEP Land Recycling Program — ASTM Training on Phase I & II Environmental Site Assessments — Various Locations in PA, Sept., Oct. Nov.](#)
- [PA Brownfields 2005: Putting the Deal Together — Harrisburg, PA, Sept. 28-29](#)
- [Green Makeover — Retrofitting Sites in Urban Areas... Milwaukee, Oct. 19-20](#)
- [Brownfields 2005 — Denver, CO, Nov. 2-4, Registration closes October 14th.](#)

*Want to apply for a brownfield grant? Don't know where to begin? This training session is for you, in person or via conference call.*

**October 13, 3-4:30 p.m. at the Double Tree Hotel, 237 South Broad Street, Philadelphia. To register for conference call or attendance, e-mail: [Region3Brownfields@sra.com](mailto:Region3Brownfields@sra.com)**

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