



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 the instructions at the bottom.

Top Stories — News and Happenings

[Mid-Atlantic Area Gets \\$3.7 Million in Brownfields Grants](#)

EPA will award 209 communities nationwide 314 brownfields assessment and cleanup grants totaling more than \$74 million. Closer to home, 19 grants totaling \$3,750,000 will be given to mid-Atlantic communities.

[Rohm & Haas Land to Rise Again](#)

Not far from William Penn's 1683 home near the Delaware River north of Philadelphia, a brown patch of riverfront property known as Maple Beach is getting a lot of attention. Using dredge material, the land will be raised above the 100-year flood plain.

[Brownfields Loan Supports New Housing Near Pittsburgh](#)

In the midst of a mortgage crisis, there's still brownfields loan money available for residential development. A small town on the outskirts of Pittsburgh is making good use of those funds.

[EPA Awards \\$2.5 Million for Job Training](#)

Thirteen communities in 10 states will be able to reap the employment benefits of brownfield cleanups when local citizens are trained to do the work. The Heritage Health Foundation in Allegheny, Pa. is a lucky recipient.

[Taking Stock of Targeted Assessments](#)

EPA looks back at all the targeted brownfield assessments to see how far we've come. More than 60 percent of assessment sites are either already being reused or are planned for reuse.

[Closure of Oil Storage Plant in Abingdon, Virginia Leads to Opening of Walgreens](#)

Contaminated soil and groundwater at a former oil storage plant did not deter Walgreen's from making good use of this site, with oversight from Virginia regulators.

Rules and Tools — New Resources, Regs and Agreements

[Is Your Cleanup Green Enough?](#)

The EPA has initiated an education campaign to make sure cleanups cross the T's and dot the I's in "environmental stewardship".

[Vapor Intrusion Primer Ends the Mystery](#)

As mysterious as the vapor itself, the solutions to handling it have been elusive. EPA's new primer brings the question out in the open.

[Grants for Health Projects Related to Brownfield/Land Reuse](#)

CDC's environmental health agency will fund at least six health projects related to brownfields or land reuse.

Don't Miss It — Deadlines and Events

- [Business of Brownfields Conference, Pittsburgh, April 17-18](#)
- [National Brownfields Conference, Detroit, May 5-7](#)
- [Environmental Risk Transfer Workshop, Morgantown, May 21](#), email patrick.kirby@mail.wvu.edu
- [National RCRA Corrective Action Conference, New Orleans, June 3-4](#)
- [West Virginia State Brownfields Conference, Huntington, Sept. 10-11](#)

New EPA BF Grant \$ Available

EPA is seeking applicants for 5-year grants of up to \$300,000 to go toward training, research and technical assistance. Applications are due May 1. For more information, visit:

<http://www.epa.gov/oswer/grants-funding.htm#EPA-OSWER-OBLR-08-02>

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