



# BROWNFIELDS WHAT'S NEW



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### Northeast Sustainable Communities Workshop

*June 17, 2010*

*New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, NJ*

The 2010 Northeast Sustainable Communities Workshop will look deeply at the interconnections and confluences that make for creating sustainable communities through Brownfields redevelopment. Brownfields are uniquely suited to be a place for sustainable redevelopment to grow. The program for this workshop is intended to be one day of intensive, high energy exchanges between stakeholders sharing varied perspectives on the issues surrounding Brownfields and sustainability.

Go to the [Workshop Website](#) and [Register Today!](#)



### Brownfields 2011

*April 3 – 5, 2011 - Philadelphia, PA*

The [Call for Ideas](#) is now open until **July 2, 2010**. If you have an idea for the conference, post your proposal for consideration by the conference's education review committee.

Go to the [conference website](#) for more information.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE • JUNE 15-17, 2010



## GREEN REMEDIATION

ENVIRONMENT - ENERGY - ECONOMICS

### International Conference on Green Remediation

*June 15-17 2010 - Amherst, MA*

This conference will address the full range of environmental, energy and economic aspects of green and sustainable remediation, taking into account the energy requirements of treatment systems, air emissions, water use requirements and impacts on water resources, land and ecosystem use and impacts, energy use and renewables, material consumption, reuse, and waste generation. It will provide a forum for scientists, regulators, managers, and other stakeholders from around the globe to interact and share new knowledge in both basic and applied research in green and sustainable remediation.

Visit the [Conference Website](#) for more information.



### Webinar Series: Using Urban Agriculture and Green Stormwater Management Strategies to Promote Neighborhood Stabilization & Community Development

Co-Sponsors: U.S. EPA Regions 5 & 7, Technical Assistance to Brownfields at Kansas State University, Great Lakes Environmental Partners

### Urban Agriculture

*Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2010*

*Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm, Central*

[Registration](#)

This webinar will provide an overview of urban agriculture techniques and examples from a community that has successfully implemented projects. HUD, EPA, and USDA representatives will also be available to answer questions about resources and funding opportunities related to urban agriculture.

### Green Stormwater Management

*Date: Tuesday, June 29, 2010*

*Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm, Central*

[Registration](#)

This webinar will provide an overview of stormwater management techniques and examples from communities that have successfully implemented projects. HUD and EPA representatives will also be available to answer questions.

**Upcoming Webinar: The PREPARED Workbook: A New Tool for Sustainably Redeveloping Brownfields**

*June 25, 2010 - 12:00pm eastern*

*John Podgurski, USEPA Region I*

*Jim Rocco, Vita Nuova LLC*

The June Sustainability Series webinar will be a presentation of the PREPARED workbook, developed in USEPA Region I. This workbook is designed to help government entities facilitate the cleanup and revitalization of contaminated properties. Built around a risk management framework, the workbook utilizes worksheets to help municipalities identify potential obstacles to redevelopment and evaluate appropriate actions to address potential risks and liabilities to move properties forward toward redevelopment. This workbook will be important for individuals associated with government entities and project managers, environmental consultants, and other working with government entities to facilitate the redevelopment process.

- [Information & Registration](#)
- [Archive of Previous Webinars](#)

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**Climate Showcase Communities Grants**  
**Proposals Due**  
**July 26, 2010**

The [Climate Showcase Communities](#) grant program will assist local and tribal governments in developing plans, conducting demonstrations, and implementing projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions while achieving additional environmental, economic, public health, and/or community benefits. The overall goal of the Climate Showcase Communities program is to create replicable models of sustainable community action that generate cost-effective and persistent greenhouse gas reductions while improving the environmental, economic, public health, or social conditions in a community.

The total estimated funding for this competitive opportunity is approximately \$10,000,000. Approximately \$500,000 of this amount will be awarded to tribal governments or tribal consortia under a tribal government set-aside. EPA anticipates awarding up to approximately 30 cooperative agreements from this announcement subject to availability of funds and the quality of proposals received.

Go to the [Climate Showcase Communities](#) website for more information & to view the [Request for Proposals](#).



**Groundwork USA Pilot Funding & Technical Assistance**

*Letter of Interest Due*  
*June 16, 2010*



The [Groundwork USA Initiative](#) is a pilot program of the [National Park Service \(NPS\) Rivers and Trails Program](#) in cooperation with the [Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\) Brownfields Program](#) to establish a network of independent nonprofit environmental businesses called Groundwork Trusts. Locally organized and controlled, Groundwork Trusts bring about the sustained regeneration, improvement and management of the physical environment by developing community-based partnerships which empower people, businesses and organizations to promote environmental, economic and social well being. NPS provides the technical assistance to the successful applicant(s) in partnership with Groundwork USA (GW USA). NPS also awards the financial assistance to successful applicant(s) and administers the assistance agreements. The EPA provides NPS with the funds for this program under an Interagency Agreement. All projects and activities of Groundwork are carried out through a creative mix of staff and volunteers to leverage resources and engage businesses and residents in the transformation of their own communities. There are now 20 Groundwork USA pilot communities across the United States.

The Letter of Interest (LOI) is the first step in the process to apply for Groundwork USA Pilot Funding and Technical Assistance. This announcement is available at: [Groundworks USA](#) & [www.grants.gov](#) - Announcement number **NPS-10WASO-00001**.

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**ACRES Training**

The 2010 [online ACRES training schedule](#) is now available. All training sessions are 90 minutes. The dates and times are:

- Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at 2:00 pm EST
- Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at 2:00 pm EST
- Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 2:00 pm EST

The [Assessment, Cleanup and Redevelopment Exchange System \(ACRES\)](#) is an online database for Brownfields grantees to electronically submit data directly to EPA.



## Massachusetts Designates First Green Communities

35 Massachusetts cities and towns from the Berkshires to Cape Cod as the Commonwealth's first official "Green Communities" - a status that makes them eligible for \$8.1 million in grants for local renewable power and energy efficiency projects. The projects promise to create green jobs and advance both municipal and state clean energy goals. They are:

|             |            |              |
|-------------|------------|--------------|
| Acton       | Andover    | Arlington    |
| Athol       | Becket     | Belchertown  |
| Cambridge   | Chelmsford | Easthampton  |
| Greenfield  | Hamilton   | Hanover      |
| Holyoke     | Hopkinton  | Kingston     |
| Lancaster   | Lenox      | Lexington    |
| Lincoln     | Lowell     | Mashpee      |
| Medford     | Melrose    | Montague     |
| Natick      | Newton     | Northampton  |
| Palmer      | Pittsfield | Salem        |
| Springfield | Sudbury    | Tyngsborough |
| Wenham      | Worcester  |              |

Go to the [Massachusetts Green Communities](#) website for more information.



## 22<sup>nd</sup> National Tanks Conference & Expo

September 20-22, 2010

Westin Hotel Boston

Waterfront, Boston, Massachusetts



The Annual National Tanks Conference and Exposition is produced by the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission, in conjunction with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Underground Storage Tanks, the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials, and the State of Massachusetts.

The purpose of this event is to provide learning and networking opportunities for federal, state, and tribal colleagues in the underground storage community. The focus is on progress, priorities, and plans for the pursuit of a common goal--to find new and better ways to work together to protect human health and the environment from tank releases.

- [Registration](#) is now open. Early Bird available until **July 2, 2010**.
- [Exhibitor](#) information.

Go to the [Conference website](#) for more information.



## The 2011 North American Environmental Field Conference and Exposition:

Advances and Innovations in Environmental Site Characterization, Sampling, Monitoring & Remediation Technology  
**January 11 - 13, 2011**

*The Hilton Resort Hotel on Mission Bay  
 San Diego, California*

The conference will feature:

- **40** Papers discussing cutting-edge field-based technologies and methods for environmental site characterization, sampling, monitoring, and remediation.
- More than **60** Hours of interactive indoor workshops.
- More than **30** Hours of hands-on, interactive outdoor workshops and equipment demos.
- An Educational Exposition featuring 40 indoor exhibits and 20 outdoor exhibits showcasing state-of-the-science environmental field equipment and services.

The [Call for Presentations](#) is open until **July 9, 2010**.  
[Exhibitor Information](#) is now available.

Visit [the conference website](#) for more information and to register. An early-bird discount of \$200 off the standard registration fee (only \$650.00/person vs. \$850/person) is available until November 11, 2010.

Send your Brownfields-related items for inclusion in this newsletter to Joe Ferrari at [ferrari.joe@epa.gov](mailto:ferrari.joe@epa.gov).

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