

End of Year Report

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources s. 128(a) Grant Accomplishments

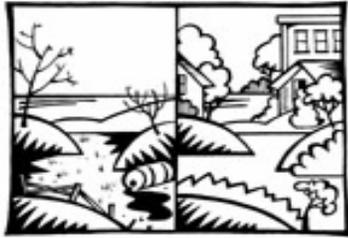


Report Period

September 1, 2006
to
August 31, 2007



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Introduction

This end of year report summarizes the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' (WDNR's) use of its s. 128(a) grant money on state response programs and public record requirements from September 1, 2006, through August 31, 2007. The activities in this report are those included in the approved cooperative agreement work plan.

WDNR was awarded EPA Section 128(a) funds beginning on September 1, 2003, to enhance its state response program. This federal grant is used to support federal and state programs under the jurisdiction of WDNR's Remediation and Redevelopment (RR) program, including:

- high-priority leaking underground storage tanks (LUST);
- RCRA hazardous waste closures and corrective actions;
- state enforcement; and
- voluntary cleanup actions.

Financial Status

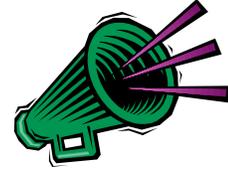
On September 27, 2006, EPA awarded WDNR \$1,409,536 in Section 128(a) funding for the period September 1, 2006, through August 31, 2007. This brings the two-year total for the current grant to \$2,819,072. Grant Financial Status Reports, submitted separately, indicate that WDNR had already fully earned the grant as of June 30, 2007. We report no slippage, work plan problems, cost overruns or adverse conditions, per 40 CFR part 31.40.

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A. Wisconsin's Brownfields Insurance Program

In January, WDNR provided one more tool to help clean up and redevelop Wisconsin brownfields. The Wisconsin Brownfields Insurance Program enables developers, businesses, local governments and others to obtain insurance to help manage the risk of unplanned brownfield expenses. Advantages include standard policy terms designed for brownfield properties, lower cost premiums and streamlined underwriting. Wisconsin's program is designed to help medium-to-small sized brownfields which weren't being served by traditional insurance markets.

In July the state and its insurance broker, AIG Environmental, held the first of three free breakfast seminars, with 25 attendees learning about Wisconsin's Brownfield Insurance Program. Benefits include coverage for both on-site and off-site contamination, investigation and cleanup of previously unknown contamination, third-party claims, business interruption/loss of income, pollution claims from disposal sites, transportation of cargo to or from the insured location and re-opener coverage. Two more seminars are planned. Our Brownfields Insurance web page is at dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/wbip.htm.

B. State Brownfield Grant Programs

1. Site Assessment Grants (SAG) - In this grant period WDNR received 98 SAG applications requesting more than \$4.4 million, and was able to award \$1.7 million for 47 projects at abandoned or underused properties. More than half the grants were awarded to rural communities or to counties planning work in less populated areas. These grants provide seed money to local governments for demolition, environmental assessment and removal of abandoned tanks and containers. Please read our Public Participation discussion on page 15 for more information. Our SAG web page is at dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/sag.htm.

2. Green Space and Public Facilities Grants – In this reporting period WDNR awarded eight new grants and modified its grant application procedures to make it easier for local governments to fit these grants into their planning schedule. In future, applications will be reviewed and funded on a continuous basis until we approach the end of the biennium or until all available funds have been awarded. Our Green Space web page is at dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/greenspace_grant.htm,

C. One Cleanup MOA

The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between EPA Region 5 and WDNR was completed and signed in this reporting period. This MOA will encourage brownfield cleanup and redevelopment by relieving concerns that state approvals could be superseded by federal actions. This is the first MOA between a state and EPA that includes all hazardous waste cleanups being overseen by the state, as well as PCB cleanups. By including contamination that falls under the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and the Toxic Substances Control Act, those conducting cleanups under the direction of DNR now have greater assurance that EPA will not choose to enter into the oversight of their work. This MOA further implements the RR Program's goal of simplifying environmental cleanups through a single, consolidated approach under the NR 700 series of administrative rules. Our MOA web page is at dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/cleanup/ocp.htm.

D. Dollars & Sense Brownfields Seminars

On September 20 and 21, 2006 WDNR and EPA provided free training for government officials on brownfield real estate development. Over 115 people attended *Dollars and Sense: An Insider's Guide*. The seminar started with a half-day of free training called *Show Me the Brownfields Money!* Local government staff as well as private consultants attended to learn about \$80 million in state and federal brownfield grants and loans available from WDNR, the Wisconsin Department of Commerce and EPA. On day two private real estate redevelopers shared tips on transforming blighted properties into new redevelopment projects. Local, state and federal government officials heard how developers assess the value of a brownfield project, control risks, develop teams, obtain government approvals and finance projects.

E. State Brownfield Legislation

1. Land Use Controls - Wisconsin property owners or others with a legally enforceable responsibility to comply are responsible for implementing and maintaining with the environmental land use controls established in the state's closure (cleanup approval) letter. The state is responsible for maintaining an Internet-based registry of land use controls, which is WDNR's GIS Registry.

In this reporting period WDNR has:

- Created new form letters for staff writing closure letters with land use controls,
- Completed guidance for staff on the responsibilities of property owners when contamination has impacted their property but did not originate there,
- Made substantial progress on re-programming our database and our GIS application to better show land use controls,

- Created new web pages outlining the responsibilities of owners of properties with environmental land use controls, and
- Provided staff training and public information about contaminated sites owned by local governments that are exempt from cleanup requirements but have continuing obligations to protect public health and the environment.

2. Unlicensed Waste Disposal Facilities – Unlicensed landfills are now eligible for WDNR’s Voluntary Party Liability Exemption (VPLE) and Wisconsin’s local government liability exemption. In this reporting period WDNR has:

- Completed a new VPLE application form that requires applicants to research whether a property was ever the location of a licensed landfill,
- Provided training and written guidance to staff about processing VPLE applications for properties that contain landfills,
- Provided guidance to the public on applying for a VPLE at a location that contains a former landfill,
- Continued development of a comprehensive list of landfills licensed by the State of Wisconsin since 1969, and
- Initiated guidance for local governments that want to apply a local government liability exemption to an unlicensed landfill site where land use controls are required.

F. Revolving Loan Fund Activities

WDNR has continued to process applications for our Ready for Reuse Program, funded through our 2004 Revolving Loan Fund grant from EPA. For more information about this year’s activities, please see our Public Participation discussion on page 15. Our Ready for Reuse web pages are at dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/financial/epa_revolvingloan.html.

G. Urban Reinvestment Initiative

WDNR, the City of Milwaukee and the 30th Street Industrial Corridor Corporation continued assessing properties in the 30th Street Industrial Corridor. In this reporting period WDNR received an additional \$400,000 in federal assessment funds to stimulate brownfield redevelopment in this economically challenged area of north Milwaukee. Please see our section on Mechanisms and Resources for Public Participation for more information (page 15).

H. On-Line Map & Database

WDNR has continued improvements to our information technology services to provide the public with information about contaminated land and groundwater, through both database and GIS map applications. In this reporting period WDNR applications have been tested and migrated to a new, secure central server. In addition, we are nearing completion of extensive reprogramming of both systems to improve their functionality for staff and the public. We have worked cooperatively with WDNR’s GIS programming staff on improvements that are currently undergoing final testing. Please see our section on Public Record Requirements (page 5) for more information.

I. Technical Training

In February WDNR provided training to staff about assessing the risk of volatile contaminants in soil and groundwater leading to vapor intrusion into structures. This was followed in May with a vapor intrusion training session for environmental consultants, co-sponsored by WDNR and the Federation of Environmental Technologists. Dr. Blayne Hartman, a nationally recognized expert in vapor intrusion and soil gas methods, presented a comprehensive training course, including the principles behind this risk pathway, an overview of the EPA vapor intrusion guidance, detailed descriptions of soil gas sampling methods, and recommended sampling protocols. Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services and WDNR staff also provided information on regulatory compliance.

J. Completed Cleanups & Redevelopment Assistance

In this reporting period WDNR's Remediation and Redevelopment Program has:

- reviewed and approved 510 requests for case closure, thereby completing the investigation and cleanup of these contaminated properties, and
- satisfied 69 requests for redevelopment assistance such as brownfield liability clarifications.

Section 2 Public Record Requirements

Our public record requirements are met through our two public systems.

- A. Searchable Electronic Database
- B. Geographic Information System (GIS) Map



A. Searchable Electronic Database

WDNR maintains comprehensive, searchable statewide public records in our on-line database, showing all confirmed contamination incidents that have been reported to the state. Our database, the Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment Tracking System (BRRTS) now holds over 65,500 public records, including:

- locations of on-going and completed cleanups,
- spill and abandoned containers responses,
- liability exemptions and clarifications,
- brownfield grants and loans,
- approvals for development on abandoned landfills,
- property tax cancellations and assignments, and
- activities where WDNR has determined that no investigation or cleanup is required.

In this reporting period, WDNR has moved forward on these projects:

- Spills Electronic Reporting and Tracking (SERTS) - We have developed an electronic data management system to collect, track and report spill events and state responses to these events. SERTS provides paperless collection of spill information from multiple sources (e.g.

law enforcement, emergency responders, environmental staff) for our electronic database and allows this data to be extracted into incident specific reports. The SERTS pilot project has now been completed.

- Database Improvements – We have continued programming of our on-line database to better display land use controls and state financial information. The financial information will include brownfield grants and revolving loan fund activities, state-funded projects at properties where no one is cleaning up because the responsible party is unknown or unable or unwilling to proceed, and reimbursements for clean up of dry cleaner contaminants. The land use control information will be displayed as red “banners” across relevant database entries where the clean up has been completed with an environmental land use control. We hope to have this new information available on the web within the next fiscal year. BRRTS on the Web is on-line at botw.dnr.state.wi.us/botw/Welcome.do.

B. RR Sites Map GIS Application

Our on-line RR Sites Map provides an alternative to sifting through our database, and holds WDNR’s GIS Registry of environmental land use controls. The RR Sites Map displays over 26,900 locations of contaminated and formerly contaminated properties on a statewide geographic information system (GIS) map. Each point on the map links to more information and shows the activities in our database. This map helps local officials, environmental professionals and the public find contaminated properties in their area and any environmental land use controls associated with those properties.



In this reporting period we have programmed two new map themes (liability and financial), improved our operating instructions, added new search and map printing tools and improved our data download features. We plan to release these improvements to the public in November of 2007. The RR Sites Map is on the web at dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/gis/index.htm.

Table 1 - Summary of Public Record Activities

	Mid Year Numbers	End of Year Numbers	End of Year Targets
Active LUST & non-LUST Cleanups ¹	4978	4650	--
Properties with Active LUST & non-LUST Cleanups ²	4671	4502	--
Completed Site Cleanups by WDNR	306	612	--
Properties with Completed Cleanups by WDNR ²	291	510	300
Acres Ready for Reuse	1206	2245	200

¹ Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST) and other significant contamination sites, excluding spills & no-action-required sites.

² There may be more than one contaminated site at a single property.

Section 3

Timely Inventory and Survey

The WDNR uses a portion of its s. 128(a) funds to inventory and survey the universe of contaminated sites in Wisconsin using these three methods:

- A. Proactive Site Discovery
- B. Evaluation of Historic Disposal Sites
- C. Geo-Location of Contaminated Properties

A. Proactive Site Discovery

Proactive site discovery includes these components:

- WDNR staffs routinely educate those who cause contamination and those who own contaminated properties about their legal obligation to report contamination to WDNR.
- WDNR's provides financial and liability incentives for investigation and cleanup of contaminated property in order to encourage those responsible for contamination to comply with their obligation to report it and take responsibility. These include:
 - WDNR's Brownfield Site Assessment and Green Space & Public Facilities grants, mechanisms to help communities identify and clean up contaminated properties;
 - Wisconsin's Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Program, including outreach to the dry cleaning industry, municipalities, strip mall owners and business associations;
 - Liability clarifications and liability exemptions for local governments and private parties, increasing the likelihood that contaminated properties will be reported to WDNR;
 - Database tracking of situations where the source of contamination can not be immediately identified, in order to promote future evaluation of potential sources of the contamination; and
 - Evaluating groundwater-monitoring data for solid waste landfills in order to identify discharges to the environment.

B. Evaluation of Historic Disposal Sites (Registry of Waste Disposal Sites)

We are continuing our evaluation of the list of historic waste disposal sites in Wisconsin. These are listed in our "Registry of Waste Disposal Sites", first printed in 1984, which includes over 4,000 sites where solid or hazardous wastes were reported to have been deposited. WDNR has now evaluated more than 60% of the sites in the Registry.

In conducting these evaluations, we review the accuracy and environmental significance of information in the Registry through physical inspections of the sites and review of related state records. After evaluation, we ensure that any sites where there has been a discharge of a hazardous substance are in our database. Those locations where there are no environmental impacts from historic waste disposal will be added to a historic landfill database. The end product of these reviews will help the public understand the risks associated with these old waste disposal sites, ease property transactions and redevelopment, help in making informed land-use decisions and aid in selecting locations for public and private wells.

In this reporting period we evaluated 449 sites and reduced the staff time for each evaluation from 16.5 hours in the first half of the year to 13.5 in the second half, for an annual average of 14.7 hours.

C. Geo-Location of Contaminated Properties

WDNR uses s. 128(a) funds to help support permanent staff who coordinate the work of our part-time, state-funded employees who complete the geo-location of contaminated properties in Wisconsin so that they may be displayed on our RR Sites Map. We continue to make significant progress toward our goal of geo-locating all contaminated properties where an investigation of contamination has been completed.

In this reporting period we located 1,595 sites on the map and reduced the staff time for each geo-location from 2.4 hours in the first half of the year to 1.7 in the second half, for an annual average of 2 hours. We have reached 98% completion in putting contaminated sites on the map.

Table 2 - Summary of Inventory and Survey Activities

	Mid Year Numbers	End of Year Numbers	End of Year Targets
New Sites in BRRTS Database	180	359	--
New Properties in BRRTS Database	177	348	200
Waste Registry Evaluations	182	449	250
Staff Hours per Waste Registry Evaluation	16.5 hours	14.7	20 hours
Sites Geo-located on RR Sites Map	731	1595	250
Staff hours per Geo-location	2.4 hours	2.0 hours	1.5 hours
Closed Sites Added to GIS Registry	443	811	500

Section 4 Oversight and Enforcement

Our oversight and enforcement activities fall into three primary areas:

- A. Pipeline Acceleration
- B. Audit of Institutional Controls
- C. Streamlining - One Cleanup Program

A. Pipeline Acceleration

WDNR continues to encourage the owners of contaminated properties to start, continue or complete clean-ups at locations where WDNR has seen no recent response activities. Sites that fall under our pipeline acceleration initiative are those that have not made documented progress within the last two years, i.e. sites in our database where we have not recorded an action in that time period. An action represents an activity by the responsible party, such as submitting a site investigation report, or an action taken by WDNR, such as the approval of a remedial action plan.

We continue to make good progress in reducing the number of sites that have not shown progress in two years. Currently, there are 1,568 sites with no activity recorded in the most recent two years (since August 31, 2005). This has dropped from 1,807 sites in the last two years that we reported at mid-year. In the 12 months of this reporting period, the RR Program sent 168 “push” letters to responsible parties restating the requirements for them to continue their environmental cleanups. This and other methods have resulted in a total of over 461 sites returned to active status.

Table 3 - Pipeline Acceleration

Column A	Column B	Column C	Column D (Column B minus Column C)
Year of Last Recorded Activity at Site	As of Sept. 1, 2006: # of sites with no activity since the year in Column A	As of Feb. 28, 2007: # of sites with no activity since the year in Column A	Number of Sites Moving Again
1986	48	38	10
1990	76	64	14
1994	159	131	28
1998	317	259	58
2002	934	699	235
2004	1527	1066	461

B. Audits of Institutional Controls

WDNR is in our fourth year of conducting audits of sites that have been closed with land use controls. Beginning in June of 2006, we stopped using environmental deed restrictions to establish land use controls. Instead, we now define the land use control in the state’s cleanup approval letter and make the letter available to the public in our on-line GIS Registry. We began auditing the status of the land use controls in 2003 in response to concerns about their long-term maintenance.

Audits evaluate property owners’ compliance with the conditions established at the time of cleanup approval in order to ensure that the required controls, such as pavement over a contaminated area, are maintained over the long term. An audit includes a review of the state’s file on the cleanup, an interview with the site owner, a visit to the property and a written summary of results.

We use our database to track the number of audits we have completed and to note follow-up actions. Of the 45 sites inspected in this reporting period, 42 (93%) were in good condition and in compliance with the requirements of their cleanup and case closure approvals. Three of the audits will require follow-up action by the responsible party and/or WDNR staff. The follow-up will include: 1) issuing a final closure letter with a land use control for a site where no deed restriction was recorded by the responsible party, 2) assuring that a responsible party installs an asphalt cap that was not in place at the time of the audit, and 3) re-visiting a site that has been re-zoned for “multi-family” use and has a “For Sale” sign. Staff time spent on the audits ranged from 14 to 28 hours per audit, with an average of about 16.5 hours per audit.

During this reporting period WDNR inadvertently completed only 45 of the 50 audits we established as our goal, because one inspector thought the grant period ended on September 30th. This inspector already completed five additional audits during the week of September 14th, 2007 and all of those property owners were in compliance with their requirements. WDNR intends to complete 50 additional audits in the next reporting period.

Table 4 - Summary of Oversight and Enforcement Activities

	Mid Year Numbers	End of Year Numbers	End of Year Targets
Pipeline Acceleration (“Push” Letters)	55	168	100
Audits of Institutional Controls	8	45	50
Staff Hours per Institutional Control Audit	28	16.5	15

C. Streamlining - One Cleanup Program Memorandum of Agreement

WDNR and U.S. EPA Region 5 finalized their One Cleanup Program Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) this year. This MOA further implements the RR Program’s goal of simplifying environmental cleanups through a single, consolidated approach under the NR 700 series of administrative rules. All licensed hazardous waste treatment, storage or disposal facilities under DNR review are subject to the MOA, as long as they are in compliance with their license. In addition, all hazardous waste facilities where DNR has issued a corrective action order are subject to the MOA, as long as the facility is in compliance with the order.

The PCB provisions in the MOA generally place PCB sites under DNR review when they fall into one of the following categories:

1. PCB contamination originating from spills prior to April 18, 1978, regardless of contaminant concentrations;
2. PCB contamination originating from spills on or after April 18, 1978, but prior to July 2, 1979, where contaminant concentrations are at or above 50 parts per million (ppm) and less than 500 ppm; and
3. PCB contamination originating from spills on or after July 2, 1979, when the concentration of PCBs in the substance that was spilled was less than 50 ppm.

Certain discharges of PCBs, such as complex sites impacting water supplies or sediments, will remain under EPA jurisdiction. Other less complex PCB discharges that do not fall under the

three criteria above may be handled through a new “expedited coordinated review and approval process” between DNR and EPA Region.

In this reporting period WDNR presented information about our One Cleanup Program to EPA’s Land Revitalization Coordinators and to other federal brownfield staff in May. This information described the new MOA and WDNR’s overall approach to utilizing this program. The MOA is on WDNR’s web site at dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/cleanup/ocp.htm.

Section 5

Mechanisms and Resources for Public Participation

WDNR continues its outreach activities by funding staff to develop outreach materials, maintain comprehensive web pages, coordinate green team meetings with interested communities, make presentations, market state and federal brownfield grants and coordinate the work of the Wisconsin Brownfields Study Group. WDNR’s public participation activities fall into two primary areas:

- A. Public Outreach Activities
- B. Financial Assistance to Communities



A. Public Outreach Activities

Meetings with Municipalities

Brownfield regional outreach staff held more than 140 meetings and/or gave presentations to key brownfields audiences, including local government officials, community organizations, environmental consultants and attorneys, and other interested publics.

In addition to meetings listed in our mid-year report, we met with these audiences in the second part of the reporting period - local officials from Calumet, Chippewa, Clark, Columbia, Douglas, Eau Claire, Grant, Green, Marathon, Pepin, Pierce, Shawano, Richland, Vilas and Wood counties; from the villages/towns of Bangor, Bloomer, Byron, Cataract, Cross Plains, De Pere, Little Falls, Melrose, Potosi, Spooner and Wittenberg; and from the cities of Ashland, Bayfield, Berlin, Chilton, Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, Marinette, Marshfield, Mauston, Menasha, Milwaukee, Monticello, Neilsville, New Richmond, Prairie du Chien, Rice Lake, Sauk City, Superior, Wausau, Wisconsin Dells and Wisconsin Rapids.

Staff have also met with/presented to officials and individuals with Amoco Oil, Heus Manufacturing, Monroe County Emergency Management Committee, Northwest Wisconsin Land Trust, Northeast Wisconsin Real Estate Acquisitions, Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NWRPC), Northwest Wisconsin Business Development Corporation, the Renschler Group consultants, Robert E. Lee consultants, Slinger Manufacturing, the Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SWRPC) and Tomah Realty.

Staff also made contacts via telephone and email with more than 40 village, towns and city officials and other stakeholders about state brownfield redevelopment tools.

Other public participation/outreach activities included:

- a breakfast seminar on the Wisconsin Brownfields Insurance Program (WBIP), held in conjunction with AIG, the state's broker for the program; please see our Highlights section on page 2 for more information;
- outreach on the Site Assessment Grant (SAG) Program, including a news release announcing Round 8 grant awards and the announcement of application availability for Round 9; outreach included a state-wide news release to more than 500 media outlets as well as targeted outreach to local governments and other interested brownfield parties;
- outreach announcing a new rolling application process for the WDNR's Green Space and Public Facilities Grants; outreach included targeted outreach to local governments and other interested brownfield parties through the web site and *RR Report* and *Re News*;
- developed outreach materials and speaking points for DNR Secretary Scott Hassett during his Earth Week tour of brownfield sites in Milwaukee in April, as well as staffed booths at Earth Week events in Eau Claire, Spooner and Rhinelander;
- continued our partnership with local officials and Milwaukee's 30th Street Industrial Corridor organization on the implementation of EPA's \$400,000 brownfields grant for site assessment in this economically distressed area;
- continued outreach on the WDNR's "Ready For Reuse" grant and loan program, with \$4 million in funding to communities for the cleanup and reuse of brownfield;
- conducted two meetings with private consultants in the RR Program's Technical Focus Group, with discussions focused on upcoming administrative rule revisions;
- staffed booths at the International Rural and Community Development Conference in Appleton; the Wisconsin Society of Science Teacher's 2007 Convention in Green Bay; and the Community Development Society Conference in Madison;
- continued planning for a regional brownfields conference in Wausau; and
- submitted 14 success stories about brownfields, which have been used in program newsletters, division annual reports, the program web site and for various time-critical outreach materials delivered to key brownfields audiences.

Seminars, News Releases and More

- *Dollars & Sense* seminars on September 20 and 21 were held at the former Stokley USA brownfield in Waunakee; September 20's *Dollars & Sense: Show Me The Brownfields Money!* focused on federal and state brownfields funding opportunities; September 21's *Dollars & Sense: An Insider's Guide For Government Officials On Brownfields Real Estate Development* was co-hosted with EPA; outreach included a state-wide news release to more than 500 media outlets as well as targeted outreach to local governments and other interested parties;
- WDNR promoted our Brownfield Site Assessment Grants (SAGs), with a state-wide news release to more than 500 media outlets announcing Round 8 grants, as well as another news release announcing the application period for Round 9 grants, and targeted outreach to local governments and others describing the \$1.7 million available to local governments to jump start their brownfield projects;
- WDNR sent a news release to more than 500 media outlets announcing Brownfield Green Space and Public Facilities grants; outreach included targeted outreach to local governments;
- WDNR also released news to more than 500 media outlets announcing the One Cleanup Program Memorandum of Agreement between EPA Region 5 and the WDNR; nationally



significant for being the first such agreement to address cleanup requirements including hazardous wastes and PCBs; our outreach included creation of a new web page;

- We made a state-wide news release to more than 500 outlets announcing the Wisconsin Brownfields Insurance Program; enabling developers, businesses and local governments and others to obtain insurance to help manage the risks of unplanned expenses related to brownfields redevelopment; outreach included publications, targeted outreach to local governments and other interested parties and a new web page; and
- We also made a state-wide news release to more than 500 standard medial outlets announcing the extension and expansion of the federal brownfields tax deduction; as well as targeted outreach to Wisconsin's business press; and updated our fact sheet and web page on this topic.

Our Internet Presence

Our Contaminated Land database web pages, which include BRRTS on the web and the RR Sites Map, continue to be among our most requested web pages. BRRTS on the Web has consistently scored in the top 10 most requested pages. During this reporting period we created two new web pages to help the public understand environmental land use controls in Wisconsin. They are:

- Continuing Obligations to Protect Public Health and the Environment, on the web at dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/cleanup/obligations.htm, and
- Managing Residual Contamination, on the web at dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/cleanup/residual.htm.

In this reporting period we have also updated the content of 88 other web pages.

Publications and Newsletters

We are continually creating and updating fact sheets to ensure that our customers have accurate information. We finalized these new publications in this reporting period.

- Shorewood Hills Redevelopment Success Story
- Kenosha Harbor Redevelopment Success Story
- Three Lakes Badger Garage Success Story
- North Barstow Redevelopment Success Story
- Flyer for our database and on-line map of sites
- Voluntary Party Liability Exemption: Revised Interim Eligibility Determination Process
- Ready for Reuse Loan and Grant Program Payment Claim and Worksheet

In addition, we revised and updated these three publications:

- Federal Brownfields Tax Deduction
- WDNR's Brownfield Site Assessment Grant Program
- Brownfield Basics for Local Governments

WDNR produced these newsletters in this reporting period.

1. *Re News*, our quarterly in-depth newsletter:
 - September (Vol. 16, No. 3)
 - December (Vol. 16, No. 4)
 - March (Vol. 17, No. 1)
 - June (Vol. 17, No. 2)

2. Twenty-five editions of the *RR Report*, our electronic announcements service



Brownfields Study Group

The Brownfields Study Group, a non-partisan advisory task force established by the State Legislature in 1998, continues to meet and identify policy, fiscal and legal improvements in Wisconsin's brownfields initiatives under the facilitation of the DNR's brownfields staff.



In fall of 2006 the Study Group formed a financial subgroup to develop strategies for short-term and long-term funding of state brownfields programs and staff. This subgroup provided a formal recommendation to the full Study Group at the November 2 meeting. In addition, members focused on implementation of Wisconsin's new brownfields legislation, which the Study Group had supported in the Legislature by sending support letters and meeting with state legislators.

In the spring of 2007, the Study Group continued its effort to provide funding recommendations. In March, members met in Madison to discuss a potential shortfall in the Remediation and Redevelopment (RR) Program budget, which they noted could result in the loss of 12 permanent brownfields staff at WDNR and disrupt cleanup and redevelopment across the state. Study Group members also recommended that the Legislature provide a mandate similar to the one in the 1997-99 State Biennial Budget that created the Study Group, with a focus on the following issues:

- the regulatory and financial impediments to the rapid cleanup and repair of contamination in our waterways;
- the need to enhance and foster the increased use of technology and geographic information systems in streamlining the redevelopment process;
- the continuing liability and financial obstacles to redevelopment; and
- the lack of a fair and efficient legal mechanism for assuring that all responsible parties share in the cost of cleanup.

The group also discussed implementing the new brownfields land use legislation passed in 2006, changes to the NR 700 rule series, vapor intrusion issues and updates on the Avial Supreme Court case.

Study Group members built on this momentum with a meeting in Milwaukee on June 28, at the Eaton Corporation, located in Milwaukee's 30th Street Corridor. The group discussed the following issues:

- discussion on implementing vapor intrusion guidance at brownfields properties;
- options for changing the RR Program's fee rule, NR 749, Wisconsin Administrative Code;
- ramifications of the Supreme Court's recent decision in *Atlantic Research vs. U.S.* (i.e. Avial);
- municipal involuntary acquisitions and CERCLA liability defense; and
- updates on DNR's "Ready For Reuse" Grant and Loan Program, Site Assessment Grants, Green Space Grants and the Department of Commerce's Brownfields Grants.

In addition, the city, WDNR and the 30th Street Industrial Corridor Coalition (ICC) gave a presentation and tour on brownfields work in the corridor, the first project in Governor Doyle's Urban Reinvestment Initiative and the target of \$800,000 in EPA brownfields assessment funding.

The group also sent a letter to the Legislature in August, outlining the success of the brownfields programs in Wisconsin the past 10 years, the expansion of the program to tackle new and difficult challenges to brownfields cleanups, as well as the need for continued monitoring of more close to 4,000 sites that have been closed with safeguards needed to protect the public and environment from residual contamination. The Brownfields Study Group is planning a fall meeting to continue to provide recommendations for enhancing Wisconsin's brownfields program, and is also preparing to celebrate the 10th year of the Study Group's existence in 2008.

Table 5 - Summary of Public Participation Activities: Outreach

	Mid Year Numbers	End of Year Numbers	End of Year Targets
News Releases	6	8	4
Newsletters	14	29	29
Meetings with Stakeholder Groups	2	3	--
Outreach Meetings with Local Governments	> 60	> 140	25
New Publications	4	7	5
New Web Pages	2	4	4
Updated Web Pages (external)	43	88	20

B. Financial Assistance to Communities

Ready for Reuse Revolving Loan Fund

WDNR continued implementing its 2004 Revolving Loan Fund grant from the EPA. In this reporting period we:

- o signed a loan agreement for \$400,000 with the City of Fond du Lac,
- o signed two grant agreements for \$200,000 each with the City of Waunakee, and
- o signed a grant agreement with the City of Kaukauna for \$30,000.



We are currently processing eight additional applications for loans and grants, which are listed in the table below.

Our Ready for Reuse web page is at: dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/financial/epa_revolvingloan.html.

Table 6 – Ready for Reuse Pending Application

Loan or Grant	Applicant	Site	Amount Requested
Loan	City of West Allis	Dorothy G, Inc. Drycleaner	\$150,000
Loan	City of West Allis	Six Points Project	\$1.6 million
Grant	City of Prairie du Chien	Former Quality Wood – Future Wolf Machine	\$200,000
Grant	City of Prairie du Chien	Former Quality Wood – Future UFP Expansion	\$200,000
Grant	City of Mauston	Former Vacuum Platers Property Manufacturing Site	\$200,000
Grant	Merrill Redevelopment Authority	Former Modern Dry Cleaner	\$170,000
Grant	Redevelopment Authority for the City of Milwaukee	Legacy Development	\$200,000
Grant	City of Janesville	20 West Milwaukee Street	\$78,000
		Total Requested	\$2,798,000

Site Assessment Grant (SAG) Awards

WDNR completed its eighth annual round of state Site Assessment Grants (SAGs) in this reporting period. These grants provide seed money to local governments for demolition, environmental assessments, and removal of abandoned tanks and containers. Grants awarded in this reporting period are funding 47 projects, more than half of which were awarded to rural communities or counties. The grants will fund environmental activities on 195 acres of land, including 78 site assessments and investigations, demolition of 79 buildings or structures and the removal of more than 230 tanks, drums and other abandoned containers.

WDNR received 98 SAG applications totaling \$4.4 million in requests this year, \$2.7 million more than the \$1.7 million that is available. Local governments have pledged more than \$1 million in additional funds for their projects, far exceeding the 20 percent match that is required.

The local governments that have received round 8 grants are listed on the web at dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/sag.htm.

Green Space and Public Facilities Grants

Wisconsin’s Brownfield Green Space and Public Facilities Grants provide funds to local governments for environmental remediation of brownfield properties that will be used for parks, recreation areas or local government facilities. After a grant is awarded the property must be kept in public use for at least 20 years. These grants are unique in the nation for providing \$1 million to help turn brownfields into public facilities and public lands. Round two of these grants was completed in this reporting period, and WDNR made the following funding decisions:

- City of Green Bay, Finger Road Baseball Park;
- City of Racine, Pointe Blue Waterfront;
- City of West Allis, West Allis Athletic Fields;
- City of Milwaukee, The North End - Riverwalk Project;
- City of Kaukauna, Konkapot Preserve Project;
- City of Superior, Superior Amateur Hockey Association (SAHA) Facility Expansion;
- City of Kaukauna, Kaukauna Utilities Redevelopment; and
- City of Racine, Washington Avenue West Boulevard Redevelopment Area.

In addition, in this reporting period WDNR has modified the upcoming grant application process to better meet the needs of local governments. They will be able to start applying for the next round of Green Space and Public Facilities Grants on January 25, 2008 and the application period will remain open until February 6, 2009, or until all available funds have been awarded. More information about these grants is on our Green Space and Public Facilities grant web at dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/greenspace_grant.htm

Urban Reinvestment Initiative

WDNR, Milwaukee and the 30th Street Industrial Corridor Corporation continue to make significant progress conducting site assessments in the 30th Street Industrial Corridor. This economically and environmentally challenged area in north-central Milwaukee is the target area for \$800,000 in federal brownfields assessment funds to stimulate brownfield cleanup and redevelopment. In addition to other activities described in our Public Participation section (page 15), the partners finished Phase I environmental site assessments at the first 15 properties and continued with Phase II work at a number of the same sites, along with Phase II's at 14 other properties. Also in this reporting period, the partners received an additional \$400,000 in site assessment funding from EPA and completed a work plan for this funding. Our Urban Reinvestment web page is at dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/brownfields/uri-30th-street.htm.

Support for Federal Brownfield Grants

Wisconsin applicants sought \$11.4 million in federal brownfield grants in this reporting period. WDNR wrote state letters of support for assessment, cleanup and revolving loan fund grants for 24 applications from 12 applicants. In addition, WDNR applied for additional funds for our own revolving loan fund and for our Urban Reinvestment Initiative in the 30th Street Industrial Corridor. For previous Wisconsin recipients of EPA grants for petroleum assessment, WDNR wrote 11 grant eligibility determination letters. These letters included a total of 35 site eligibility decisions.

Federal Tax Deduction Pre-Certifications

WDNR issued 13 pre-certification letters during this reporting period, allowing taxpayers to take advantage of the extended and expanded federal deduction for qualified environmental remediation expenditures. In addition, we have updated our web page, fact sheet and application form, and sent a news release to Wisconsin's business press. WDNR has provided a total of 44 pre-certifications since 1998.

Table 7 - Summary of Public Participation Activities: Financial

	Mid Year Numbers	End of Year Numbers	End of Year Targets
WDNR Site Assessment Grants	47	47	45
WDNR Green Space & Public Facilities Grants	8	8	5
Ready for Reuse Loans & Grants	1 loan agreement 3 grant agreements	1 loan agreement 3 grant agreements	--
EPA Brownfield Grants - Support Letters	24	24	10
EPA Brownfield Grants - Eligibility Determinations	12	35	15
Federal Brownfield Tax Deduction Certifications	4	13	--

Section 6 Mechanisms for Approval of Cleanup Plans, Verification and Certification

Our mechanisms for approval of cleanup plans, verification and certification fall into three primary areas:

- A. Completed Cleanups
- B. Redevelopment Assistance
- C. Liability Exemptions

A. Completed Cleanups

In this reporting period WDNR approved 510 completed cleanups. A completed cleanup means that WDNR has reviewed all relevant technical submittals related to environmental investigation and contaminant remediation activities and found them satisfactory. In many cases the regional office uses a technical committee to ensure consistency in case closure decisions. The regional hydrogeologist signs and sends a case closure letter to the responsible party after cleanup approval, and the region also enters the case closure information into our database of contaminated properties. We are using our state funds to develop and enhance this element of our program.

B. Redevelopment Assistance Actions

In this reporting period WDNR provided 69 redevelopment assistance actions, helping to remove disincentives to redeveloping contaminated property. Our redevelopment assistance

includes these actions:

- 1) general liability clarification letters,
- 2) liability clarifications for lessees,
- 3) liability exemptions when contamination originated on another property,
- 4) lender liability exemptions,
- 5) approvals to build on abandoned landfills,
- 6) cleanup agreements for property tax cancellation, and
- 7) cleanup agreements for tax foreclosure reassignment of ownership.

C. Liability Exemptions

A Voluntary Party Liability Exemption (VPLE) follows a thorough environmental investigation and cleanup at a contaminated property. This fee-based option is provided in state law and removes future liability for the specified response action. WDNR issues the liability exemption in the form of a Certificate of Completion, which can be passed along to future owners of the property. The certificate can help with real estate transactions where prospective purchasers have concerns about contamination, assuring them that the entire property has been cleaned up to the satisfaction of WDNR. In this reporting period WDNR approved 10 new full Certificates of Completion.

Table 8 - Summary of Mechanisms for Cleanup Approval, Verification and Certification

	Mid-Year Numbers	End of Year Numbers	End of Year Targets
Properties with Completed Cleanups by WDNR	291	510	350
Redevelopment Assistance Actions	31	69	50
New Requests to enter Voluntary Party Liability Exemptions (VPLE) Program	11	20	10
New VPLE Certificates of Completion	7	10	5
Cumulative VPLE Certificates	75	78	--

EPA 128(a) Grant – Regional Brownfields Outreach Reporting

Northeast Region

Task	Items (List specific information; e.g. which sites were success stories, which communities you held meetings with, etc.)
Submit brownfields success stories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Veterans Memorial Park (Deering property) – Seymour • Trolley Square – Appleton • Shields Creamery – Shields
Hold community meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held Green Team meeting with village of Wittenberg and Shawano County Economic Progress, Inc., officials regarding redevelopment of multiple sites in two-block area; discussed grants, exemptions, Phase I and II assessments, and use of EPA’s Technical Assistance to Brownfields (TAB); attended walking tour of specific brownfields area • Held Green Team meeting with Marinette officials, U. P. Engineers & Architects and developer Jerry Kobishop; discussed opportunities to develop multi-family complex on a former salvage yard • Meeting with Menasha officials and potential developer to discuss former Gilbert Paper site; talked about DNR Brownfield Site Assessment Grants (SAGs) and building on an abandoned landfill; kayak river-water park possible re-use • Held Green Team meeting with Calumet County representatives to discuss brownfields financial and liability tools for three sites: Schmalz Unlicensed Dump, Chilton Plating and Gordon Schneider property • Met with Berlin officials about ER-TID and redevelopment • Met with village of Suamico administrator to discuss brownfields redevelopment • Met with Chilton officials, current owner and future developer of brownfield about turning it into a banquet hall • Met with Shawano officials regarding Theda Care Facility potential purchase; discussed funding and grant options, general liability clarification letters (GLCs) and Voluntary Party Liability Exemption (VPLE) • Attended village of Wittenberg board meeting, gave overview of the sites being looked at for redevelopment; discussed local government liability exemption and SAGs • Green Team meeting with De Pere, Northern Environmental and WEL Real Estate II LLC officials; discussed brownfield in the VPLE program and possible financial tools
Hold developer, lender, other meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with Heus Manufacturing and Tecumseh representatives and consultants about sale and redevelopment facility in New Holstein • Met with consultants from Robert E. Lee & Associates; planning focus group training sessions with lenders, local governments and developers and we discussed utilizing DNR resources (databases, grant and other brownfields information)

Provide public presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VPLE presentation to Northeast Wisconsin Real Estate Acquisition conference (specific for lenders and developers)
Hold external training (e.g. consultants' days)	
Submit two <i>Re News</i> story ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two <i>Re News</i> story ideas – impact of Green Team Meetings; and lenders and their requirement under the Community Reinvestment Act to make money available for revitalization to low-to-medium income communities
Provide other newsletters to customers, trade association articles, etc.	
Other brownfields outreach activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phone discussion with village of Wittenberg and TAB representative about TAB services that could assist with redevelopment • Discussed historic fill exemption on a landfill with redevelopment consultant for village of North Fond du Lac • Email Round 9 SAG awards and EPA brownfields grants to key audiences in the northeast region, including corporation counsels and UW-Extension Community, Natural Resources and Economic Development (CNRED) representatives • Staffed a booth at Rural and Community Development Conference in Appleton • Exhibitor booth at Wisconsin Society of Science Teacher's 2007 Convention in Green Bay • Produced regional redevelopment signage for display board

Northern Region

Task	Items (List specific information; e.g. which sites were success stories, which communities you held meetings with, etc.)	Narrative (optional) (Any other pertinent information you deem necessary)
Submit brownfields success stories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • US Castings – Ladysmith • Northend Salvage – Superior 	
Hold community meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with Spooner officials to discuss Spooner rail yard • Met with Ashland City Council to discuss NSP site • Met with Douglas County and the Superior officials to discuss the Hog Island redevelopment plan and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with city administrator, director of planning and parks director • Met with city administrator and parks director

	<p>tour the area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with Superior parks director to discuss Hog Island Inlet • Met with Superior officials to discuss waterfront redevelopment project • Met with Superior officials to discuss their overall waterfront redevelopment plan, comprehensive plan and the Globe Elevator property • Met with Bayfield mayor to discuss brownfields • Met with the Rice Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District officials to discuss acquiring a brownfield property • Met with Vilas County Forestry Department staff to discuss contaminated sites taken by the county • Met with Vilas County zoning administrator to discuss brownfields financial resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Forestry office handles those sites in Vilas County
Hold developer, lender, other meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with Amoco Oil property owner and their consultant to discuss VPLE process • Met with North West Wisconsin Land Trust to discuss liability and potential development of a portion of Hallet dock • Met with Northwest Regional Planning Commission (NWRPC) and Northwest Wisconsin Business Development Corporation to discuss brownfield programs and comprehensive planning 	
Provide public presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented brownfields display at Rhinelander Service Center for Earth Day open house 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented brownfields display for NWRPC's Earth Day celebration at Spooner Armory • Presented the Remediation and Redevelopment (RR) Program's Automation Team (AT) strategic plan to the Brownfields Study Group 	
Hold external training (e.g. consultants' days)		
Submit two <i>Re News</i> story ideas		
Provide other newsletters to customers, trade association articles, etc.		
Other brownfields outreach activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Talked via phone with numerous communities and individuals about brownfields funding and general brownfields information, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ potential purchaser (realtor) of LUST in Solon Springs ○ potential purchaser of scrap/ salvage yard in Ashland County ○ environmental troubleshooters to discuss VPLE and GLC letters for client that wants to purchase gas station ○ lender to discuss lender liability for site in Douglas County where client is seeking a loan ○ consulting firm (AETS) to discuss ERTIFs ○ Twin Ports Testing to discuss brownfields near Stott Briquett and Amoco ○ consulting firm (STS) to 	

	<p>discuss Spooner rail yard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ potential purchaser of property to discuss SAGs ○ potential purchaser to discuss LUST in Port Wing ○ Ashland city planner to discuss Beaser Avenue redevelopment and possible cleanup funding sources ○ developer regarding former Fort James Mill property in Ashland ○ Washburn official about taking control of LUST site and Phase I & II site assessments. ○ town of Hawthorne about general liability clarification (GLC) letters and acquiring property adjacent to town hall ○ potential purchaser of a LUST site in Glidden ○ realtor to discuss redevelopment options for LUST site in Tomahawk ○ property owner to discuss federal brownfields tax deduction ○ developer in Eagle River to discuss environmental issues and Phase I & II's ○ Property owner in Rice Lake to discuss off-site exemption ○ Developer in Antigo to discuss off-site exemption ○ business owner in Merrill to discuss Phase I & II's ○ private citizen in Cumberland to discuss 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Spoke with the Mayor, City Administrator, Planner and Attorney
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	<p>SAG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ consulting firm to discuss Phase II requirements with property transfer ○ Amery mayor to discuss redevelopment of Former Thompson Machine property ○ Superior parks director to discuss redevelopment associated with Hog Island ○ Ashland to discuss tools available for redevelopment of Clarkson Dock ○ Murphy Oil to discuss their expansion plans and the impacts on the Newton Creek/Hog Island Inlet ○ Superior administrator to discuss potential funding sources for redevelopment of waterfront 	
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Southeast Region

Task	Items (List specific information; e.g. which sites were success stories, which communities you held meetings with, etc.)
Submit Brownfields success stories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Columbia St. Mary's Prospect Medical/Whole Foods (former Heiser Ford on North Avenue) – Milwaukee ● Auto Zone store (former vacant lot) – Milwaukee ● Plymouth Co-op (former Kettle Lakes) – Plymouth
Hold community meetings	
Hold developer, lender, other meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Assisted with outreach at meeting regarding <i>Milwaukee Journal-Setinel</i> property
Provide public presentations	
Hold external training (e.g. consultants' days)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Held consultants' day in Milwaukee, focus on vapor intrusion, 87 attendees
Submit two <i>Re News</i> story ideas	

Provide other newsletters to customers, trade association articles, etc.	
Other Brownfields outreach activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working on RR Program brownfields brochure for use in walking tour of Menomonee Valley in Milwaukee; coordinating with central office • Assisted on brownfield issues via telephone with the following communities: Oak Creek, Waukesha, Milwaukee, Kenosha, Racine, West Bend and West Allis

South Central Region

Task	Items (List specific information; e.g. which sites were success stories, which communities you held meetings with, etc.)
Submit brownfields success stories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lake Delton Clinic – Lake Delton • Parks Automotive – DeForest • Stokely USA – Waunakee • Potosi Brewery – Potosi
Hold community meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held Green Team meeting with Cambria board members; discussed potential brownfields funding for several sites • Held Green Team meeting with Madison official and consultant to discuss Park Street redevelopment, including brownfields financial and liability issues • Held Green Team meeting with clerks of Monticello and Green County; discussed potential brownfields SAG and Commerce grants for cold storage building • Held Green Team meeting with Wisconsin Dells mayor, city clerk/treasurer and corporation counsel; discussed liability exemption for local government, potential SAG and other brownfields funding for Nemitz property, a former dry cleaner • Held second Green Team meeting on Nemitz site with Wisconsin Dells and Columbia County officials about taking property through tax delinquency • Held Green Team meeting with Cross Plains clerk and board member; discussed Zanders Creamery site • Met Sauk City planning director, discussed Wards Garage, old brownfields property • Met with Richland County officials, discussed Orange Street redevelopment and Hazeltine Street project • Met with Frank Fiorenza, Potosi Village president on progress of the brewery redevelopment • Met with Grant county clerk, discussed liability issues for brownfield • Met with DeForest village board to discuss local government liability exemption and redevelopment issues for a former gas station
Hold developer,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talked with Renschler Group (consultant) about former shoe

lender, other meetings	factory in Beaver Dam
Provide public presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gave presentation to Southwest Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SWRPC) on brownfields local government liability issues and SAG • Gave presentation to regional county board officials through DNR-sponsored event in Madison; focused on local government liability exemption and SAG
Hold external training (e.g. consultants' days)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held seminar with Lafayette County board officials; provided brownfields information, including local government liability exemptions, brownfields funding and the RR databases (e.g. <i>BRRTS on the Web</i>)
Submit two <i>Re News</i> story ideas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potosi Brewery Success • Mercury spill in residential pipe
Provide other newsletters to customers, trade association articles, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Placed article in the Darlington Republican Journal about Lafayette County seminar
Other brownfields outreach activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended Dane County Towns Association meeting; networked • Attended Community Development Society conference; set up display, networked • Dropped off brownfields information packets to Grant and Iowa counties' UW-Extension agents and SWRPC • Put <i>BRRTS on the Web</i> link on For Sale By Owner (FSBO) web site in Madison/Dane County • Gave RR Program presentation to DNR regional supervisors • Talked via phone with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sauk City parks director; discussed options for former Wards Garage property ○ DeForest village administrator; discussed Parks Automotive redevelopment and other possible brownfields sites ○ UW-Extension agent in Lafayette County about presentation to town officials; and provided brownfields materials (e.g. brochures, financial resource guide) ○ Two UW-Extension agents in Dane County; discussed possible brownfields presentation and local government contacts, sent brownfields information ○ Madison realtor about SAG for former gas station on Park Street

West Central Region

Task	Items (List specific information; e.g. which sites were success stories, which communities you held meetings with, etc.)
Submit brownfields success stories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former Tractor Lot East; now Ceridian Retirement Plan Services – La Crosse • Former Feiler Service Station; now recreation homes on Wisconsin River flowage – Adams County

<p>Hold community meetings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with Wausau environmental engineering department on the remediation and redevelopment of Kraft Cleaners, Pine Bar and former Third Street gas station sites • Worked with Mauston officials on the remediation and redevelopment of Vacuum Platers site • Met with New Richmond officials regarding remediation and redevelopment options at former landfill site • Met with Marshfield administrator about cleanup and redevelopment for three brownfields • Met with Chippewa Falls planning department about cleanup and redevelopment of multiple properties surrounding city's historic district • Met with Wood County corporate counsel, director of planning and zoning, treasurer, and county code administrator about several brownfields properties and issues • Met with Richmond officials regarding property remediation and redevelopment options • Met with Byron township supervisor and private citizen about a brownfield in Monroe County • Met with the Pepin County zoning administrator, land county conservation official and treasurer regarding cleanup and redevelopment of several brownfields • Met with Prairie du Chien officials regarding remediation and redevelopment of the Quality Wood Treating • Met with the Eau Claire finance director and the economic development administrator about the cleanup and redevelopment of the Royal Credit Union and Phoenix Park and • Met with Marathon County treasurer and county board supervisors to assess environmental risk 23 tax delinquent and potentially contaminated properties • Met with Chippewa County highway commissioner, board supervisor, auditor and Economic Development Corporation official; Chippewa Falls Area Chamber of Commerce president; and the Chippewa Falls planning department representative about clean up and redevelopment of the former Chippewa BI Products site • Met with Eau Claire County senior planner about cleanup and redevelopment of county tax delinquent contaminated properties • Held Green Team meeting with the Wisconsin Rapids mayor, finance director, city engineer, and the owner of RCH Enterprises, a warehouse/ manufacturing facility fostering company start-up, regarding the cleanup and redevelopment/ expansion of a brownfield • Met with the Bloomer mayor regarding brownfield cleanup and redevelopment possibilities in city and industrial park • Met with Chippewa County treasurer, public health director, and conservationsist about cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields in the county • Worked with the Chippewa County Risk Management Officer regarding the remediation and redevelopment of the former Thaler Oil site
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with Little Falls township officials regarding brownfield cleanup and redevelopment, including the village of Cataract • Met with the village of Melrose president and clerk about the cleanup and redevelopment of three village properties • Met Neillsville clerk/treasurer about the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfield properties • Met with Clark County treasurer regarding cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields • Attended Green Team meeting for the Village of Bangor and developers on the former Sprehn Feed Mill/Hussa Brewery site • Worked with St. Croix County officials and real estate agents regarding redevelopment issues in northern St. Croix County
Hold developer, lender, other meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worked with potential buyers regarding remediation and redevelopment issues in the Town of Warren (St. Croix County) • Worked with prospective purchasers about cleanup and redevelopment issues in the Town of Star Prairie (St. Croix County) • Worked with prospective purchasers for Rosemurgy properties and former Sieg Auto Parts property in Wausau • Met with Tomah Realty regarding brownfield remediation and redevelopment issues in Tomah • Worked with Petroleum Marketer Service representative and prospective buyer concerning redevelopment of the Direct Oil site in Woodville • Worked with a real estate appraiser regarding redevelopment of the Glenwood City Cenex site • Worked with a real estate agent regarding redevelopment issues in the Town of Hudson (St. Croix County) • Worked with a lawyer regarding the redevelopment of a former LUST site in Woodville • Worked with a lawyer on redevelopment issues down gradient from the New Richmond landfill site • Worked with potential landowner regarding redevelopment issues in the town of St. Joseph (St. Croix County) • Worked with realtor regarding redevelopment issues for the former Norlake Facility in the Town of Hudson (St. Croix County) • Worked with business representative regarding the environmental concerns with redevelopment of former asphalt plant and gravel pit in St. Croix County • Met with the owner of Slinger Manufacturing regarding the VPLE process related to the sale and redevelopment of the site • Worked with consultant regarding redevelopment of the former Gordon Salvage in Glenwood City
Provide public presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gave presentation to the Finance and Personnel Committee and corporate counsel of Pierce County about sites needing assessment, cleanup and redevelopment • Gave presentation to the Monroe County Emergency Management Committee and discussed cleanup and redevelopment on brownfield properties • Gave presentation to Portage County Finance Committee, grant

	<p>writer, assistant corporate counsel, zoning administrator, county clerk, treasurer and board chairman regarding brownfields cleanup and redevelopment</p>
<p>Hold external training (e.g. consultants' days)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning mini-conferences on brownfields to include site tours in Wausau and La Crosse
<p>Submit two <i>Re News</i> story ideas</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Former Tractor Lot East; now Ceridian Retirement Plan Services – La Crosse • Former 3M Sponge Plant; now Crawford County Administration Center (Prairie du Chien)
<p>Provide other newsletters to customers, trade association articles, etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compiled regional newsletter, (now in final review) of remediation and redevelopment issues • Distributed two articles written by real estate broker on remediating and redeveloping brownfield properties
<p>Other brownfields outreach activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sent out SAG news releases throughout the region after Round 9 awards announced • Provided display booth at the Eau Claire Memorial High School Future Farmers of America (FFA) Farm-City Day event for Earth Week; attended by administrators, teachers and 170 students • Provided research on colors for the RR Program's Sites Map update, including accommodation for color blindness • Met with DNR Real Estate specialist to discuss environmental assessment work on contaminated properties, related to potential acquisition potential in Osseo • Provided information packets on brownfields issues for interested parties