

End of Year Report

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



Report Period
September 1, 2007
to
August 31, 2008



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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, 2007, through August 31, 2008. 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 11, 2007, EPA awarded WDNR \$1,409,536 in Section 128(a) funding for the period September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008. With these funds, Wisconsin DNR completed its fifth consecutive year of utilizing Section 128(a) funding. While the WDNR Bureau of Finance is still in the process of closing out our accounting for this grant period, WDNR believes we have fully earned the grant as of August 31, 2008. We report no slippage, work plan problems, cost overruns or adverse conditions, per 40 CFR Part 31.40.

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Section 1

Report Period Highlights

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A. Financial Assistance

In this report period, WDNR:

- awarded \$1.7 million in state Site Assessment Grants (SAG) for 46 projects at abandoned or underused properties in the ninth round of SAG awards;
- approved the first grant in round three of our Green Space and Public Facilities Grants for cleaning up brownfields for public use;
- awarded six grants and one loan from our Ready for Reuse program, funded through EPA's Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund;
- expanded our Urban Reinvestment Initiative with the City of Milwaukee and the 30th Street Industrial Corridor Corporation;
- provided six property eligibility determinations for Wisconsin recipients of federal brownfield grants, and
- provided four pre-certifications for the federal brownfield tax deduction.

Please see the financial portion of our Public Participation pages on page 16 for more information.

B. One Cleanup MOA

This MOA supports WDNR's goal of simplifying environmental cleanups through a single, consolidated approach under the NR 700 series of administrative rules. WDNR has sought input from EPA Headquarters in order to complete guidance on the cleanup of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in accordance with the One Cleanup Plan Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with EPA. Please see our Oversight and Enforcement Activities (page 8) for more information.

C. Regional Brownfield Seminars

WDNR outreach staff conducted seven regional brownfield seminars for local government officials, realtors, developers, environmental consultants and others. Please see our discussion on page 10 for more information.

D. State Brownfield Legislation

1. Revolving Loan Fund – In this report period Wisconsin adopted legislation that authorizes local governments to more easily issue debt for public brownfields projects. The law grants specific authority to local units of government to issue municipal obligations in anticipation of receiving proceeds from brownfields revolving loan program loans or grants
2. Land Use Controls - Wisconsin property owners, or others with a legally enforceable responsibility to comply, are responsible for implementing and maintaining environmental land use controls established in the state's cleanup approval letter. The state is responsible for maintaining an Internet-based registry of land use controls. In this report period WDNR established 12 new database codes to identify specific land use controls.
3. Unlicensed Waste Disposal Facilities – Unlicensed landfills are now eligible for WDNR's Voluntary Party Liability Exemption (VPLE) and Wisconsin's local government unit (LGU) liability exemption. In this reporting period WDNR has implemented procedures to determine whether a property contains solid wastes, and whether the waste facility was ever licensed; provided guidance on applying for a VPLE or LGU exemption on property with unlicensed waste disposal; completed a list of licensed waste disposal sites; provided guidance for LGUs that want to apply a LGU liability exemption to a waste disposal site; reviewed VPLE applications to determine whether properties contain solid wastes, and; approved two LGU liability exemptions for property that contained unlicensed solid waste.

E. Revolving Loan Fund Activities

WDNR has continued implementation of its 2004 Revolving Loan Fund from the EPA, including an additional \$1.5 million in supplemental hazardous substance funds from EPA. In this report period we executed six sub-grants and one loan agreement. In this report period Wisconsin also adopted legislation authorizing local governments to more easily issue debt for public brownfields projects. Please see page 17 for more information about these activities.

F. 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 report period WDNR received an additional \$400,000 in federal assessment funds to stimulate brownfield redevelopment in this economically challenged area of north Milwaukee, and also held a well attended "open house" for area residents and local businesses. Please see page 18 in our section on Mechanisms and Resources for Public Participation for more information.

G. On-Line Map & Database

WDNR has hired a new Automation Team Leader to maintain and improve our public information about contaminated properties in both database and GIS map applications, showing information about ongoing work and completed cleanups, environmental liability and the funding tools employed. In this report period WDNR has upgraded and deployed a new version of our GIS application, the RR Sites Map, and has initiated a strategic plan for information technology

services. Please see our section on Public Record Requirements below for more information.

H. Completed Cleanups & Redevelopment Assistance

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

- reviewed and approved case closure at 408 locations, well above our goal of 300, thereby completing these investigations and cleanups, and
- satisfied 68 requests for redevelopment assistance (such as brownfield liability clarifications), above our goal of 50 assistance actions.

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

In this report period, WDNR's Remediation and Redevelopment program restructured its Automation Team and hired a permanent Automation Team Leader who is also the GIS expert for the Remediation and Redevelopment Program. In addition, we have agreed on goals and drafted a new strategic plan for information technology (IT) services. This strategic plan will help us move to the next level in addressing IT needs, and includes working with other WDNR programs to improve shared of on-line information.

A. Searchable Electronic Database

In this report period WDNR completed version 3.0 of our SERTS (Spill Electronic Reporting and Tracking System) application. This system provides electronic recording of new spill information in the field and provides electronic uploads directly into our central database (see next paragraph for more information about our database, BRRTS). This electronic capture of information in the field:

- reduces the time lag between the incident and the date the information is available to the public,
- improves the accessibility of information about a spill, and
- saves significant time and reduces errors by eliminating re-keying of data and directly uploading electronic information into the database.

WDNR continues to maintain 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 67,500 public records, including:

- locations of on-going and completed cleanups,
- timely information on spill incidents and 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.
- Our database application, BRRTS on the Web, is on-line at dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/brrts/index.htm.

B. RR Sites Map GIS Application

WDNR also maintains a web mapping application, the RR Sites Map. This application offers a visual, “spatial” display of site locations. In this report period we deployed a new version of the RR Sites Map that offers improved functionality for both staff and the public, with better displays of site locations and showing any nearby contaminated sites. The application now has advanced tools that allow users to develop their own customized maps. We have also begun to reformat out spatial geo-location tool to take advantage of new software. The RR Sites map is at dnrmaps.wisconsin.gov/imf/imf.jsp?site=brrts2.



This on-line map provides an alternative to sifting through our database and holds WDNR’s GIS Registry of environmental land use controls. In addition, it contains map layers showing technical details, liability relief tools and state funding options that have been used. Each point on the map links to more information 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.

Table 1 - Summary of Public Record Activities

	Mid Year Numbers	End of Year Numbers	End of Year Targets
Total Active LUST & non-LUST Cleanups ¹	4541	4485	--
Properties with Active LUST & non-LUST Cleanups ²	4258	4588	--
Completed Site Cleanups by WDNR, this report period	222	435	--
Properties with Completed Cleanups by WDNR ² , this report period	205	408	300
Acres Ready for Reuse ³ , this report period	731	1777	200

¹ Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST) and other significant contamination sites, excluding spills that are cleaned up quickly and sites where WDNR determines that no remedial action is required.

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

³ In addition, there were 23 sites on properties larger than 100 acres.

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 staff routinely educate those who may cause contamination and those who may own contaminated properties about their legal obligation to report contamination to WDNR.
- WDNR provides financial and liability incentives for the 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)

In this report period WDNR not only continued evaluating the list of historic waste disposal sites in Wisconsin, but provided a new web page with an on-line spreadsheet showing the environmental results of the screenings that we have completed so far. The new web page with the spreadsheet may be found at dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/registry/index.htm.

We finished 298 new evaluations in this report period, above our goal of 250 for the year. We have now completed screening almost 80% of the 4,300 sites. To conduct each evaluation, staff 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 of contaminated sites.

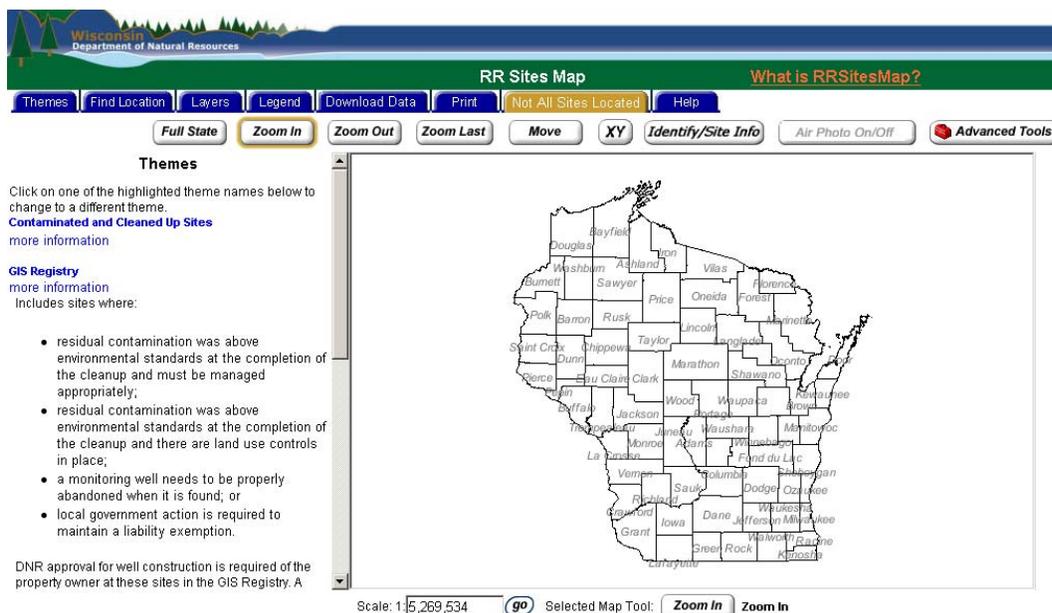
Those locations where there are no environmental impacts from historic waste disposal are being added to a historic landfill database. The end product of these reviews will help the public understand the risks associated with these old waste disposal sites, ease property transactions and redevelopment, help in making informed land-use decisions and aid in selecting locations for public and private wells.

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 that geo-locate contaminated properties in Wisconsin so that they may be displayed on our RR Sites Map. In this report period we located 1068 sites on the map, greatly exceeding our goal of 250.

Table 2 - Summary of Inventory and Survey Activities

	Mid Year Numbers	End of Year Numbers	End of Year Targets
New Sites in BRRS Database, this report period	179	441	--
New Properties in BRRS Database, this report period	173	427	200
Waste Registry Evaluations, this report period	135	298	250
Staff Hours per Waste Registry Evaluation	19.7 hours	19.4	20 hours
Sites Geo-located on RR Sites Map, this report period	706	1068	250
Staff hours per Geo-location	1.4 hours	1.8 hours	1.5 hours
Closed Sites Added to GIS Registry, this report period	353	691	500



Section 4 Oversight and Enforcement

Our oversight and enforcement activities fall into three primary areas:

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

A. Pipeline Acceleration

WDNR continues to contact owners of contaminated properties who need 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 reduce the number of sites that have not shown progress in two years. Currently, there are 1,596 sites with no activity recorded in the most recent two years (since August 31, 2006). This has dropped from 1,807 sites that we reported a year ago. In this report period, the RR Program sent 150 “push” letters to responsible parties restating their requirements to continue environmental cleanups. This and other methods have resulted in a total of over 392 sites returned to active status in this report period.

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, 2007: # of sites with no activity since the year in Column A	As of Sept. 1, 2008: # of sites with no activity since the year in Column A	Number of Sites Moving Again
1986	38	33	5
1990	64	54	10
1994	131	114	17
1998	259	228	31
2002	699	566	133
2004	1066	877	189
2005	1356	1084	272
2006	1690	1298	392

B. Audits of Institutional Controls

WDNR began auditing land use controls in 2003 in response to concerns about their long-term maintenance. Land use controls are established in the state's cleanup approval letter, available to the public on the internet in our GIS Registry. Land use control audits evaluate selected property owners for compliance with the conditions of their land use control, such as maintaining pavement over a contaminated area. These audits are completed regardless of changes in property ownership, as the land use control applies to the property, not to individual owners. An audit consists of a review of the state's file, 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 any state follow-up actions. Of the 60 sites inspected in this report period, WDNR took follow-up actions at 11 locations, or 18%. These actions included 1) requiring the responsible party to provide information regarding their inspections of "caps" over contaminated areas, 2) requiring responsible parties to repair their caps, and 3) requiring responsible parties to replace caps or parts of caps. At several of the 11 follow-up locations WDNR chose to add the property to our GIS Registry due to residual soil contamination. Staff time spent per audit averaged approximately 16 hours during this report period.

During the previous report period, WDNR inadvertently completed only 45 of the 50 audits that we had established as our goal. We therefore planned to complete five extra audits in this report period, but actually completed 10 extra audits.

Table 4 - Summary of Oversight and Enforcement Activities

	Mid Year Numbers	End of Year Numbers	End of Year Targets
Pipeline Acceleration ("Push" Letters)	55	150	100
Audits of Institutional Controls	9	60	50
Staff Hours per Institutional Control Audit	25	16	15

C. Streamlining - One Cleanup Program

This Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with EPA helps achieve WDNR'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 WDNR review are subject to the MOA if they are in compliance with their license. In addition, all hazardous waste facilities where WDNR has issued a corrective action order are subject to the MOA if the facility is in compliance with the order. The polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) provisions in the MOA generally place PCB sites under WDNR 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.

The MOA is being utilized for the Glatfelter Paper Company cleanup and redevelopment project, a large waterfront redevelopment site in Neenah, on Lake Winnebago. In the past year WDNR has requested input from EPA Headquarters in order to complete guidance for staff and private consultants on oversight of PCB cleanups in Wisconsin in accordance with the One Cleanup Plan MOA. 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 (clean up and redevelopment) with interested communities, make presentations, market state and federal brownfield grants and loans, 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

1) Meetings with Municipalities

Brownfield regional outreach staff held more than 150 meetings and/or gave presentations to key brownfields audiences, including local government officials, community organizations, environmental consultants and attorneys, and other interested publics. Please see our attachment for more details.

Among the activities in this report period, four of WDNR's five regions conducted these seven regional outreach seminars:

- a) Two "town socials", in Fond du Lac and Calumet counties, with fifteen participants from eleven towns, villages and cities with populations under 10,000; met with WDNR project managers in an informal evening get-together to discuss contaminated land concerns and brownfield cleanup and redevelopment financial and liability tools, with demonstrations of the Contaminated Lands Environmental Action Network (CLEAN), success story displays and brownfield success stories;
- b) Three town socials, in Vilas, Price and Lincoln counties, to discuss contaminated land concerns and brownfield cleanup and redevelopment financial and liability tools; land use controls and building on abandoned landfills;
- c) One town social in Wood County with four municipalities to discuss contaminated land concerns and brownfield cleanup and redevelopment financial and liability tools; and

d) One consultant day in south central region attended by more than 40 local government officials and brownfields practitioners to discuss contaminated land concerns and brownfield cleanup and redevelopment financial and liability tools, with demonstrations of the new CLEAN network.

In addition, WDNR's Northeast Regional RR Program staff held a "Big Check" presentation for a \$100,000 DNR Brownfields Site Assessment Grant (SAG) to the city of Oconto for the Kelly Pickle Redevelopment project. Agency Secretary Matt Frank made the presentation with attendance by the Wisconsin state senator representing Oconto, city officials, the public other DNR officials and the media.

Also, WDNR's Southeast Regional RR Program staff awarded a U.S. EPA Region 5 Sustainability Award to the city of Delevan for their cleanup and reuse of the old Borg industrial facility as a new city park.

Finally, regional staff also held more than 65 meetings and/or gave presentations to key brownfields audiences, including local government officials, community organizations, environmental consultants and attorneys, and other interested publics. These audiences included (but were not limited to) local officials from Brown, Chippewa, Clark, Dodge, Dunn, Jackson, Langlade, La Crosse, Portage, Price, Shawano, Trempeleau and Wood counties; from the villages/towns of Augusta, Altoona, Baldwin, Belleville, Blair, Cedarburg, Cross Plains, Edgerton, Elk Mound, Fifield, Geneva, Glenwood, Hudson, Lancaster, North Fond du Lac, Pulaski, Spring Valley, Star Prairie, Three Lakes, Wausaukee and White Lake; and from the cities of Amery, Ashland, Beloit, Beaver Dam, Brookfield, Eau Claire, Evansville, Fond du Lac, Green Bay, Janesville, La Crosse, Neillsville, Oconomowoc, River Falls, Tomah, and Wausau.

Staff also met with/presented to officials and individuals with the American Title & Abstract Company, Central Wisconsin Shriners, East River Trail Task Force, Eau Claire Earth Day conference, Fox Locks Navigational Authority, Future Farmers of America, Greater Green Bay Habitat For Humanity, Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, RCH Enterprises, Realtors Association of Northwestern Wisconsin, Royster Clark, United Communities of Clark County, UW-Fond du Lac biology class, West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission and the Wisconsin County Corporation Counsel conference.

Staff also made contacts via telephone and email with more than 150 village, towns and city officials and other stakeholders about state brownfield redevelopment tools.

Additional public participation and outreach activities included:

- staffing a booth with other Great Lakes states at the national Brownfields 2008 conference in Detroit, Michigan; more than 4,000 people attended the conference, and staff were requested to present and/or speak at six different events, including a panel on brownfields and petroleum sites, environmental insurance, environmental justice, EPA brownfields funding and a Region 5 Great Lakes roundtable;
- continued outreach on WDNR's "Ready For Reuse" grant and loan program, funded by our Revolving Loan Fund grant from EPA, with a new total of \$5.5 million in funding for communities to clean up and reuse of brownfield;
- created 16 new brownfield cleanup and redevelopment success stories for use on the web and in program newsletters, annual reports, and for other time-critical outreach needs;

- held three quarterly meetings with private consultants in our Technical Focus Group, covering topics including vapor intrusion; PCBs; PAHs; case closure; redevelopment on licensed and unlicensed landfills; administrative rule changes; options to improve site investigations; light, non-aqueous phase liquids and a new initiative for sustainable cleanups;
- presented WDNR information and/or staffed booths at meetings of the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Planning Association and the Wisconsin Association of County Corporation Counsels;
- planned a technical seminar on vapor intrusion in Milwaukee, co-hosting with the Federation of Environmental Technologists (FET);
- held an October breakfast seminar in Green Bay on the Wisconsin Brownfields Insurance Program (WBIP),
- conducted a public survey of our GIS application, the *RR Sites Map*;
- announced a new rolling application process for the WDNR's Green Space and Public Facilities Grants; and
- presented WDNR information and/or staffed booths at meetings of the Wisconsin Towns Association, Wisconsin Municipal Treasurers Association and the Wisconsin Land Information Association.

2) News Releases and Newsletters

In this report period WDNR produced these four news releases:

- a state-wide news release to more than 500 media outlets announcing the round nine awards for WDNR's Site Assessment Grant Program (SAG); in addition WDNR did targeted outreach to local governments and other interested brownfield parties; these SAGs will fund 46 projects that help redevelop brownfields by providing funds for environmental activities on 230 acres of land, including 69 site assessments and investigations, the demolition of 74 buildings or structures and the removal of more than 37 tanks, drums and other abandoned containers; more than 20 grants were awarded to rural communities looking to spur economic growth in less populated areas;
- a state-wide new release to more than 500 media outlets announcing a Green Space and Public Facilities grant award to the city of Chippewa Falls to clean up petroleum contamination from an abandoned service station and turn the tax delinquent property into parkland as part of a downtown riverfront plan.
- a state-wide news release to more than 500 media outlets announcing our new web page for brownfield redevelopment success stories; the page hosts more than 30 stories from around the state with "before" and "after" photos of the brownfield properties as well as information about the state and federal financial and liability tools each community utilized in their redevelopment; and
- a state-wide news release to more than 500 outlets announcing the upgraded *RR Sites Map*, our on-line GIS application, with map layers for contaminated and cleaned up sites, use of state financial tools, use of liability relief tools and cleanups with residual contamination and land use controls.

WDNR produced these newsletters in this report period.

- *Re News*, our quarterly on-line publication, Volume 17 Number 3
- *Re News* Volume 17 Number 4

- *Re News*, Volume 18 Number 1
- *Re News* Volume 18 Number 2
- West Central Region RR Update, October 2007
- West Central Region RR Update, March 2008
- Twenty-four *RR Reports*, our condensed electronic announcements

3) Our Internet Presence

In this report period WDNR completed 18 new web pages.

- **Contaminated Lands Environmental Action Network (CLEAN)**
The RR Program introduced the Contaminated Lands Environmental Action Network (CLEAN) during this time period. CLEAN is our inter-linked system of information about contaminated properties and clean-up activities in Wisconsin. The network includes the RR Program's database (*BRRTS on the Web*) and the program's web-based mapping system (*RR Sites Map*). To view the new CLEAN web pages, start at dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/clean.htm.
- **New Chart For 30th Street Properties**
The RR Program added a new, detailed chart of brownfield properties being assessed in Milwaukee's 30th Street Industrial Corridor. Through EPA brownfield funding, the RR Program and the city of Milwaukee are targeting key areas in the 30th Street Corridor for assessments, with hopes of jump starting these properties toward cleanup and redevelopment. The new chart includes the current status for each property, assessment activities conducted, and redevelopment plans. You can see the chart on the RR Program's 30th Street web page at dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/uri-30th-street.htm#chart.
- **Environmental Liability**
The RR Program completely redesigned and streamlined three of its main liability pages: environmental liability overview, liability exemption for lenders and representatives, and off-site liability. To visit these web pages, start at dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/liability/index.htm.
- **Brownfields Study Group 10th Anniversary Celebration**
The Brownfields Study Group was created in 1998 at the direction of the governor and State Legislature to evaluate Wisconsin's current brownfields initiatives and recommend changes, as well as propose additional incentives for the cleanup and reuse of brownfields. Now in its tenth year of existence, the Study Group continues to build on its legacy of progress and WDNR created a new web page for the September 9 Brownfields Study Group's 10th anniversary celebration. This web page helped spread information about the Study Group, the celebration, and allowed the public to register for the event. The web page is at dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/bsg/celebrate.htm.
- **Historic Registry of Waste Disposal Sites**
WDNR archived its 1999 list of abandoned landfills in favor of a new, searchable, on-line database that shows the results of our screenings of these sites (see Section 3, part B, page 6). WDNR is screening each listing in the 1999 version of the printed "Registry" and the new, on-line data shows which locations have been screened and the results of those screenings. The new web page is at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/registry/index.htm>.

- **Local Governments & Contaminated Property**

The RR Program created new web pages to help local governments with the complex process of cleaning up and redeveloping brownfields. The following new pages were created:

- Local Governments and Contaminated Property: dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/lgu/index.htm
- Liability Tools: dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/lgu/liability.htm
- Local Government Cost Recovery: dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/lgu/recovery.htm
- Frequently Asked Questions: dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/lgu/faq.htm

- **Wisconsin's Remediation and Redevelopment Program – A National Model**

WDNR's Remediation & Redevelopment (RR) Program is a unique environmental cleanup program designed to assist in the investigation, cleanup and redevelopment of contaminated properties. This comprehensive, streamlined cleanup approach, which consolidates state and federal cleanup efforts into one single program, is viewed as a national model by local, state and federal agencies, offering a single point of contact for public and private entities conducting cleanups, with time and cost savings and more efficient government regulation. Our new web page on this topic is at dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/cleanup/model.htm.

- **Environmental Site Assessment**

To increase understanding of the overlapping state and federal considerations for environmental assessment of property, we have developed new web pages covering environmental site assessment.

- Environmental Site Assessments: dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/liability/esa.htm
- Frequently Asked Questions: dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/liability/faq.htm

- **Wisconsin Waterfront Initiative Web Site**

WDNR provided significant text for the new Wisconsin Waterfront Initiative web site, housed at the Wisconsin Department of Commerce. WDNR contributions included information for the *Funding and Resources* and *Best Practices* web pages. The Waterfront Initiative web site is at commerce.wi.gov/cd/cd-wwi-home.html.

4) Publications

We continue to create fact sheets to ensure that our customers have accurate information, most recently focusing on cleanup and redevelopment success stories. We finalized the following new publications in this report period.

- Amtrak Railroad Station Success Story
- AutoZone Success Story
- DeForest Parks Automotive Success Story
- Delton Family Medical Center Success Story
- Feiler Property Success Story
- La Crosse Xcel Trail Success Story
- Lipman Gifts Success Story
- Marshfield Depot Success Story
- Northend Salvage Success Story
- Riverside Park/Leach Amphitheater Success Story
- Seven Mile Creek Park Success Story

- Shields Creamery Success Story
- Trolley Square Success Story
- U.S. Castings Success Story
- Veterans Memorial Park Success Story
- Waunakee Stokely Canning Success Story
- Assessment Guidance for Sites with Residual Weathered Product
- Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Fund (DERF) - Frequently Asked Questions

5) 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 for Wisconsin's brownfield initiatives, under the facilitation of the DNR's brownfields staff.

In November, members met in West Allis to discuss the state budget and a potential shortfall in state revenues. Thanks in part to support by interested brownfield parties like the Study Group, the final 2007-2009 State Biennial Budget included adequate funding for all current WDNR staff and continued cleanup and redevelopment work through WDNR's Remediation and Redevelopment Program. In addition to updates on state brownfields funding programs like SAG and Green Space, the group also discussed new state legislation to clarify municipal debt obligations related to the DNR's "Ready For Reuse" Program, recent federal brownfields legislation and federal All Appropriate Inquiry (AAI) requirements and our new "Wisconsin Initiative For Sustainable Cleanups" (WISC).

In March, members met in Madison to discuss the state budget and a potential shortfall due to lack of incoming state revenue. In addition to further updates on state brownfields funding programs like SAG and Green Space, the group also discussed changes to the state's Voluntary Party Liability Exemption (VPLE) process, a new Wisconsin Initiative For Sustainable Cleanups (WISC) for state-funded projects, changes in guidance on PCBs and PAHs, and the Brownfields Study Group 10th Anniversary.

In June, the Study Group had planned to meet at the Aldo Leopold Legacy Center in Baraboo, the only platinum LEED certified building in Wisconsin, however due to the heavy rains that plagued much of the Midwest, the meeting had to be cancelled. It was rescheduled for mid-July, and despite the time of year there were more than 35 people in attendance. Discussion topics included a Brownfields 2020 Vision with new initiatives for the Study Group to pursue, such as a broader, single, more flexible funding source for cleanups and redevelopments; the Dry Cleaner Environmental Response Fund (DERF); revision to the state's NR 700 code; potential changes to DNR grant and loan reimbursements; and a final check-in before the Study Group's 10th Anniversary event held on September 9. From that July meeting, several subgroups were created and will be meeting in the Fall of 2008 to continue discussions outside the main Study Group meetings. The main group plans to meet at the Leopold Center in either late 2008 or early 2009.

Table 5 - Summary of Public Participation Activities: Outreach

	Mid Year Numbers	End of Year Numbers	End of Year Targets
News Releases	3	4	4
Newsletters	13	30	29
Meetings with Stakeholder Groups	4	6	--
Outreach Meetings with Local Governments	> 40	>150	25
New Publications	12	18	5
New Web Pages	4	18	4
Updated Web Pages (external)	74	76	20
Web page views, Remediation & Redevelopment Program main page	11,090	22,217	--
Web page views, contaminated site database (BRRTS on the Web)	323,509	>38,000/mo.	35,000

B. Financial Assistance to Communities

1) Site Assessment Grant (SAG) Awards

In this grant period WDNR received 80 annual SAG applications requesting more than \$3.56 million. WDNR was able to award \$1.7 million that the Legislature has designated for these grants, covering 46 projects at abandoned or underused properties in 31 communities. These grants will provide funds for environmental activities on 230 acres of land, including 69 site assessments and investigations, the demolition of 74 buildings or structures and the removal of more than 37 tanks, drums and other abandoned containers.

Local governments have pledged more than \$1.9 million in additional funds. More than 20 grants were awarded to rural communities looking to spur economic growth in less populated areas. To date, WDNR has awarded approximately \$11.6 million in nine annual rounds of SAG awards. Awards have gone to 180 communities to begin investigation and cleanup on 1,185 acres. Total activities included 648 site assessments and investigations, the removal of more than 440 storage tanks, and the demolition of more than 450 structures and buildings. Our SAG web page is at dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/sag.htm and includes the complete list of grant awards for this report period.

2) Green Space and Public Facilities Grants

These unique grants help local governments and tribes clean up brownfield sites for long-term public benefits, such as parks, recreational areas, libraries and municipal garages. The property must remain in public use for at least 20 years. In this report period WDNR opened its third round of grant applications, utilizing our new "open" application period under which the grant period will remain open until February 6, 2009, or until all available funds have been awarded. Grant applications were accepted starting on January 25, 2008, and one award was made in this grant period. The City of Chippewa Falls received a grant to clean up petroleum contamination from an abandoned service station and turn the tax delinquent property into

parkland as part of its downtown riverfront plan. To date, DNR has awarded 20 Green Space and Public Facilities in three rounds of applications. 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.

3) Ready for Reuse Revolving Loan Fund

On March 27, 2008 Governor Doyle signed Senate Bill 202/Assembly Bill 706 into law, which allows local governments to more easily use EPA's brownfield revolving loan funds that WDNR administers. This new law grants specific authority to local units of government to issue municipal obligations in anticipation of receiving proceeds from brownfields revolving loan program loans or grants, and to not have these obligations count as municipal debt. Such obligations must be repaid within 15 years. The bill also specifies that local units of government may issue promissory notes, which must be repaid within 20 years, for public purposes related to the brownfields revolving loan program.

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

- executed six sub-grant agreements and one loan agreement,
- received an additional \$1.5 million in supplemental hazardous substance funds from EPA, and
- submitted an unsuccessful Revolving Loan Fund grant application for \$3 million in hazardous substance funds.

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

Ready for Reuse Hazardous Substance Subgrant Awards

Grantee	Site	Amount Requested
Redevelopment Authority of the City of Prairie du Chien	Former Quality Wood – Future Wolf Machine	\$200,000
Redevelopment Authority of the City of Prairie du Chien	Former Quality Wood – Future UFP Expansion	\$200,000
Redevelopment Authority for the City of Milwaukee	Legacy Development	\$200,000
Merrill Redevelopment Authority	Former Modern Dry Cleaner	\$142,646
Redevelopment Authority of the City of Sheboygan	Former Kingsbury Brewery	\$200,000
City of Mauston	Former Vacuum Platers Property	\$200,000
Total Grants Awarded		\$1,142,646

Ready for Reuse Hazardous Substance Loan Awards

Grantee	Site	Amount Requested
City of Prairie du Chien	Former Wood Quality Site	\$682,500
Total Awarded		\$682,500

4) Urban Reinvestment Initiative

The WDNR, city of Milwaukee and the 30th Street Industrial Corridor Corporation continue to make significant progress conducting site assessments in the 30th Street Industrial Corridor. In April the partners held an open house in the corridor to inform and educate community residents and businesses, provide updates on assessment activities and seek input on future assessment opportunities. More than 45 people attended. The partners have received \$800,000 in funding from EPA since 2005 to assess brownfield properties and stimulate cleanup and redevelopment in this economically and environmentally challenged area in north-central Milwaukee. The partners are continuing their Phase I and Phase II environmental site assessments with activities either completed or ongoing at close to 40 properties. For more information, and to see photos of the event, please go to dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/rbrownfields/uri-30th-street.htm

5) Federal Brownfield Grants

WDNR wrote 11 support letters for new EPA brownfield grant applications from Wisconsin communities. These letters supported applications from Ashland, Baraboo, Brown County, Merrill, Milwaukee, North Fond du Lac, Oshkosh, Prairie du Chien, Sheboygan, West Allis and Wisconsin Rapids.

In this report period WDNR provided eligibility determinations for petroleum assessment using an EPA brownfield grant for eight properties:

- 2227 N. 31st Street, Milwaukee
- 3500 W. Burleigh, Milwaukee
- 3381 N. 27th St., Milwaukee
- 2011 N. 30th St., Milwaukee
- 7525 W. Greenfield St., West Allis
- 1112 Frederick St., Racine
- 1415 Hamilton St., Racine
- 803 Pilgrim Way, Ashwaubenon

6) Federal Tax Deduction Pre-Certifications

WDNR issued four pre-certification letters during this report period, allowing taxpayers to take advantage of the extended and expanded federal deduction for qualified environmental remediation expenditures. These pre-certifications were for cleanups located in De Pere, Appleton, Pleasant Prairie and West Allis. One was for hazardous substance contamination, one was for petroleum contamination, and two were for both types of contaminants. WDNR has now provided a total of 50 pre-certifications since 1998.

Table 6 - Summary of Public Participation Activities: Financial

	Mid Year Numbers	End of Year Numbers	End of Year Targets
WDNR Site Assessment Grants	46	46	45
WDNR Green Space & Public Facilities Grants	0 - (application period opened 1-08)	1	5
Ready for Reuse Loans & Grants	5	6	--

EPA Brownfield Grants - Support Letters	11	11	10
EPA Brownfield Grants – Eligibility Determinations	1	8	15
Federal Brownfield Tax Deduction Certifications	4	4	--

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 report period WDNR approved 441 completed cleanups at 408 locations. Our goal was 300 locations. 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 report period WDNR provided 68 redevelopment assistance actions, helping to remove disincentives to redeveloping contaminated property. Our goal was 50 actions. Our redevelopment assistance includes these items:

- 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

In this report period WDNR approved three new Certificates of Completion for Voluntary Party Liability Exemptions (VPLEs). A 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. The Certificate of Completion 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.

Table 7 - 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	222	441	350
Property Redevelopment Assistance Actions	34	68	50
New Requests to enter Voluntary Party Liability Exemptions (VPLE) Program	8	19	10
New VPLE Certificates of Completion	1	3	5
Cumulative Wisconsin VPLE Certificates	80	81	--

128(a) Grant Report Attachment

End of Year Report, Sept. 1, 2007 to August 31, 2008
WDNR Regional Brownfield Outreach Activities

Northeast Region's Brownfields Outreach Reporting

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 Speed Queen Facility, Omro
Hold community meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with North Fond du Lac officials to discuss LGU exemption for property proposed for redevelopment; end uses include marina, retail, parking and storage • Met with Fond du Lac to discuss Ready for Reuse & Green Space grants and loans at the Rueping Leather site • Met with Shawano County Corporation Counsel to discuss a tax delinquent site in the village of Bowler; discussed SAG, Green Space grant and PECFA • Met with Oshkosh representatives Oshkosh, a consultant and an EPA staff person to discuss part and future brownfields projects and possible application for EPA grants • Met with representatives from Brown County, the city of Green Bay, the village of Ashwaubenon and an EPA staff person to discuss the EPA Site Assessment grants received • Attended a Wausaukee Village Board meeting to discuss the demolition/reuse of the old high school, another site for a Green Space grant, and looked at the RR web site • Met with the Director of the Pulaski Chamber of Commerce discussing grants, the R&R website and brownfields tools • Met with the city of Neenah representatives and consultant at the P H Glatfelter redevelopment project; toured the facility and discussed demolition and LGU exemptions • Green Team meeting with the Brown County Planning Department to discuss their recent award of EPA Assessment Grants; from the DNR and Commerce learned of grant availability, liability exemptions, the RR sites map and BOTW; prepared a county wide map showing SAG, Green Space and CDBG grants awarded
Hold developer, lender, other meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mt with the Oneida Tribe to discuss possible grant to EPA for clean-up funds; discussed tribal sites and brownfields tools, RR web site, and CLEAN • Met with East River Trail Task Force (part of Downtown Green Bay, Inc.); trail expansion may necessitate purchase of industrial/commercial properties; discussed grants, exemptions, assurance letters & provided map of tax delinquent and BRRTs sites • Tour with Fox Locks Navigational Authority – toured restored

	locks, areas of lead cleanup, discussed technical assistance letters if the Authority takes over cleanup not completed by the Army Corps of Engineers
Provide public presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held a Fond du Lac County “Town Social” and invited towns, villages and cities with populations under 10,000; for one-on-one contact with municipal representatives to discuss brownfields, financial incentives, show success story displays, demonstrate Contaminated Lands Environmental Action Network (CLEAN) and introduced project managers; five communities attended with seven participants • Held a Calumet County “Town Social” with the same design and organization as Fond du Lac County ; six communities attended with eight participants • Held a “Big Check” presentation to Oconto for their \$100,000 SAG for the Kelly Pickle Redevelopment; DNR Secretary made presentation with attendance by the state senator of the area, DNR representatives, city officials, general public and the media • Presentation to a Human Environmental Biology class at UW-Fond du Lac on redevelopment sites in Fond du Lac city/county, RR sites map and what contamination is and what a site investigation entails
Other brownfields outreach activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference call with the city of Oshkosh to discuss a Green Space grant submittal • Phone conversation with consultant, on behalf of Village of Aniwa, discussing SAG and other available tools in relation to a school “given” to them with asbestos and lead paint issues • Phone conversation Bear Creek Village official regarding SAG at a tax delinquent UST/AST site; also discussed RR web site and available brownfield tools • Phone conversation and email with Wrightstown Village administrator discussing turning old bulk plant site into multi-community yard waste/recyclable collection site; discussed SAG, Green Space and Green Team meeting • Phone conversation with Endeavor Village deputy clerk/treasurer regarding SAG, other various grants and Green Team meeting • Prepared regional brownfields information for planned meetings between regional director and legislative representatives – giving information on grants, LGU liability, VPLE, RR sites map and BOTW • Hosted a display booth at the County Corporation Counsel Spring meeting in Neenah, with success stories, publications, internet access to RR sites map and BOTW • Tour of SER brownfields sites, including the Menominee Valley – reviewed their publications and brochures • Phone and email discussion with the clerk from the village of Bowler on LGU liability and SAGs in regard to one tax delinquent property • Sent various emails to extensive regional database for periodic information on SAG, Green Space grants, EPA grant proposals, Webinar training sessions, Green Team meetings

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prepared some brownfields “talking points” of specific sites for a presentation in the northeast region by the DNR Secretary • Letter to the Greater Green Bay Habitat for Humanity regarding their interest in looking for brownfields sites in the Green Bay area for opening a new ReStore facility • <i>Re News Story Idea – “Helpful Hints for Completing a SAG Application”</i>
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Northern Region’s Brownfields Outreach Reporting

Article I.	Task	Section 1.01 Items (List specific information; e.g. which sites were success stories, which communities you held meetings with, etc.)
	Hold community meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held Green Team meeting with White Lake and Langlade County officials regarding the possible acquisition and redevelopment of brownfield next to a trail • Held Green Team meeting with Amery officials, developer and realtor regarding potential redevelopment of former Thompson Machine property • Met with Ashland regarding the LGU Exemption process • Met with Ashland and the owner of the Clarkson Dock regarding potential redevelopment • Met with Rhinelander administrator about brownfields • Met with the Town of Three Lakes regarding Brownfields and comprehensive planning • Met with representatives of Price County and the town of Fifield at a salvage/junk yard property to identify environmental concerns and discuss funding sources to do investigation and disposal of waste
	Hold developer, lender, other meetings	
	Provide public presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provided a presentation on Brownfields to the Central Wisconsin Shriners • Provided a presentation on Brownfields during the Commerce Waterfront Revitalization Initiative Training Session in Rhinelander
	Hold external training (e.g. consultants’ days)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held three evening sessions titled, “Town Socials,” in Vilas, Price and Lincoln counties; local government officials representing counties, cities, villages and towns were invited
	Other brownfields outreach activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talked via phone with numerous communities and individuals about brownfields funding and general information, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Langlade County Sherriff’s Department regarding the redevelopment of the McKenna Distributing property for their use; ○ Amery mayor regarding prospective purchaser of a brownfield property; ○ local developer about brownfield grants;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Oneida county property owner about possible redevelopment opportunities and environmental issues; ○ Balsam Lake officials about comprehensive planning and brownfields; ○ property appraiser about property acquisition; ○ Superior's parks director about potential funding sources for the cleanup of sediment sites; ○ Ashland officials regarding the Site Assessment Grant, local government liability exemption, the Clarkson Dock, and a railroad Right of Way; ○ developer regarding potential funding sources for cleanup of water front projects; ○ developer about the liability concerns associated with property acquisition; ○ Town of Jacobs regarding the Site Assessment Grant; ○ potential purchaser of the former Edina Realty property about liability; ○ potential purchaser of the former Glidden Mart property, the town of Glidden and Ashland County regarding tax foreclosure and forgiveness; ○ the owner of a brownfields property in Ashland about general liability clarification letters; ○ potential purchaser of the Bednar Oil property to discuss potential funding sources; ○ realtor about the redevelopment of the former Amoco Station in Rhinelander; ○ Village of Solon Springs regarding further funding for potential developers at a site that had used a Site Assessment Grant; ○ City of Turtle Lake regarding a Site Assessment Grant at the former creamery site; ○ a private party in Westboro about the potential redevelopment of a brownfield and lender liability and liability clarification letters; ○ potential purchaser of the former Smith's 76 in Solon Springs about liability and site investigation; ○ Burnett County about a potential Site Assessment Grant at the Hoffman Corners site; and ○ Town of Peck about liability concerns with relocating their fire department and town hall on a former LUST
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South Central Region's Brownfields Outreach Reporting

Article II.	Task	Section 2.01 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"> • Potosi Brewery • Sun Prairie former Chiquita • Our House site
	Hold community meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Team meeting with Cross Plains • Green Team meeting with Evansville • Green Team meeting with Janesville • Green Team meeting with Belleville • Green Team meeting with Lancaster • Green Team meeting with Edgerton • Green Team meeting with Beloit • Green Team meeting with Dodge County • Green Team meeting with Beaver Dam • Met with Reedsburg public works director; discussed properties along river that may be SAG eligible
	Hold developer, lender, other meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting with developed about Royster Clark site in Madison • Met with UW-Extension agent Jenny Erickson from Sauk County about brownfield outreach opportunities
	Provide public presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presented at the NALGEP national brownfields web cast on the Waunakee Stokely success • Attended WI American Planning Assoc. conference • Attended APA brownfields web cast
	Hold external training (e.g. consultants' days)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held a consultant's day in February in Fitchburg; topics include SAG, Green Space and Ready for Reuse • Meeting/training Janesville economic development specialist on state brownfield programs • Training Sauk County Health Department and Baraboo officials on state brownfield programs
	Other brownfields outreach activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attended public meeting in Baraboo to hear progress report on river redevelopment • Updated SCR regional publication • Attended Potosi brewery government day • Submitted the following <i>Re News</i> story ideas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ consultant's day success; ○ DERF program deadline reminder; ○ new requirements for RPs to notify neighbors RE: off site contamination; and ○ high commodity prices for recyclable materials make redevelopment profitable • Telephone conversations with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Andrew Jahnke, Beloit economic director, on redevelopment of mall into library ○ cleak/treasurer for town of Dunn on taking contaminated site via tax delinquency

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Alan Wildman, city administrator for Prairie du Sac about former dry cleaner site ○ potential purchaser of Skippy's (closed) about brownfield issues ○ Ann Burton, property lister for Sauk about liability exemptions, SAGs and Templin property in Lime Ridge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Provided info to real estate student on # of sites in Dane County with environmental contamination, guidelines regarding cleanup costs
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Southeast Region's Brownfields Outreach Reporting

Article III. Task	Section 3.01 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 Heiser Ford on North Avenue, now Columbia St. Mary's Prospect Medical/Whole Foods ● Washington Square Mall ● Former Kettle Lakes – Plymouth Co-op ● River Bend Place – Manpower
Hold community meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Green Team with Oconomowoc officials ● Green Team meeting with city of Brookfield ● Green Team meeting with town of Geneva ● Green Team meeting with city of Cedarburg ● Met with staff from MMSD – Menomonee Park Way issues ● Met with City of West Allis about Green Space Grants and Press Steel site ● Met with City of Oconomowoc on the Amoco Gas Station site ● Met with the City of Cedarburg to discuss Brownfield issues at the Amcast site
Hold developer, lender, other meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Assisted with outreach at the meeting on the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel site ● Met with owner & developer for the Pabst site
Provide public presentations	
Hold external training (e.g. consultants' days)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In process of organizing the FET presentation of Vapor Intrusion Consultants Day
Other Brownfields outreach activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Working on the RR Program brochure depicting brownfields within the Menomonee Valley; will coordinate with central office ● Attended ribbon cutting for new redevelopment with Racine officials ● Talked via phone with numerous communities, consultants, industries and private citizens about brownfields benefits and procedures; follow up included mailings of brownfield

	<p>information; spoke to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Racine officials about the following sites: Memorial Drive, Douglas Avenue, Holborn Avenue and Park Street; ○ Wauwatosa officials about PECFA/Brownfields issues and a green space grant for a new fire station; ○ Milwaukee officials about brownfield issues on the 69th Street parking lot; ○ West Allis officials on the Power House and Laidlaw sites, and about green space grants for the West Allis Athletic Fields and a retention pond; ○ consultant and city of Kenosha on the 47th Avenue and Parrone sites; ○ Racine officials about brownfield issues on the Massey Ferguson site; ○ the consultant working on Greenfield's foundry sand landfill, former Allis Chalmers' Landfill and former Gravel Pit; ○ Cudahy officials about the Super-Walmart site; ○ Town of Geneva after Green Team meeting about additional information on brownfields/green space issues; ○ Village of Grafton about brownfield issues on the Goodman site; ○ Whitewater officials about brownfield issues; ○ Village of Menomonee Falls on brownfield Issues at the Western Industries site; ○ city of Burlington officials about a green space grant for the new fire station; ○ Oak Creek in regards to brownfield issues ○ Waukesha about a landfill issue; and ○ West Bend in regards to brownfield issues
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West Central Region's Brownfields Outreach Reporting

Article IV.	Task	Section 4.01 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"> ● Wisconsin Rapids: RCH SAG Grant ● Wausau: Bull Falls Brewery ● La Crosse: Copeland Ave Redev (Three Rivers Plaza) ● Wisconsin Rapids: Hospital Remediate Property for New Wing ● Marshfield: Former Gas Station Now Auto Parts Store
	Hold community meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Met with the Chippewa County Corporation Counsel to discuss the remediation and redevelopment program ● Met with city of Augusta Clerk to discuss remediation and

	<p>redevelopment issues regarding two properties</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with city of Altoona Clerk regarding remediation and redevelopment on a property • Met with Executive Director and Associate Planner of the West Central Regional Planning Commission regarding brownfield remediation and redevelopment issues in their region • Met with the Dunn County Tax Assessor and Conservationist regarding brownfield remediation and redevelopment issues • Met with the Dunn County Highway Department Commissioner regarding remediation of sites in Dunn County • Met with Treasurer of the City of River Falls regarding remediation and redevelopment of brownfields in the city • Discussed remediation and redevelopment options with the city of Prescott Zoning Administrator • Discussed remediation and redevelopment topics with the city of River Falls Engineering Department • Met with Jackson County Forestry regarding remediation and redevelopment tools • Met with the city of Blair Treasurer regarding remediation and redevelopment tools for problem properties in the city • Met with the Trempealeau County Department of Land Management Director regarding remediation and redevelopment issues in the county • Met with the Treasurer of Trempealeau County regarding brownfield tools for contaminated properties • Met with the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission Executive Director and an Environmental Engineer regarding the Remediation and Redevelopment Program and its applicability for the planning commissioners in their seven-county region • Met with City of Augusta Clerk-Treasurer regarding remediation and redevelopment of questionable properties • Discussion with the North Central Regional Planning Commission regarding brownfield remediation and redevelopment in the Comprehensive Plan for the Village of Hustler • Met with the new city of Tomah Administrator regarding the Remediation and Redevelopment Program • With city of Wausau officials, discussed remediation and redevelopment on two properties • Met with Senator Kohl's regional representative to provide information on a former dry cleaner site in Eau Claire • Discussion with Wood County Land Records Coordinator regarding remediation and redevelopment • Discussion with Clark County Planning and Zoning Director regarding remediation and redevelopment issues throughout the county
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion with the city of Neillsville Clerk/Treasurer regarding remediation and redevelopment in the city • Discussion with the Portage County Director of Planning and Zoning about remediation and redevelopment needs • Discussion with the La Crosse County Director of Planning, Zoning and Land Information regarding use of remediation and redevelopment tools • Discussion with city of Eau Claire Economic Development official regarding application of remediation and redevelopment tools to sites • Discussion with the Clark County Chairman of both the Board of Supervisors and United Communities of Clark County regarding remediation and redevelopment tool applications for properties • Discussion with the city of La Crosse Planner about remediation and redevelopment tools available for specific sites • Discussion with the attorney of a prospective brownfield property purchaser regarding the site's remediation progress and applicability for new use • Discussion with consultant for buyer to identify environmental concerns on property in Hudson • Discussion with contamination property owner in Baldwin regarding sale of the property • Discussion with prospective buyer of brownfield property in Hudson • Discussion with Village of Elk Mound Public Works Director regarding remediation and redevelopment of a property the village is planning to purchase • Discussion with the attorney for the Town of Star Prairie regarding redevelopment issues in the area impacted by the New Richmond landfill • Discussion with potential purchaser of a brownfield property in Somerset • Discussion with the owner of a former missile base near New Richmond regarding sale of the property • Discussed redevelopment on a brownfield property in Eau Claire with an environmental consultant representing client • Discussion with attorney in Spring Valley regarding resale of a former brownfield property in the • Discussion with a buyer regarding remediation and redevelopment of a Glenwood City brownfield property •
<p>Hold developer, lender, other meetings</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with Eau Claire-based regional Research/Title Examiner and Information Specialist of the American Title & Abstract Company regarding remediation and redevelopment on brownfields in West Central Wisconsin including database review • Met with the Executive Vice President of the Realtors

	<p>Association of Northwestern Wisconsin regarding brownfield remediation and redevelopment in the region</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Met with Cascade Group Staff Accountant regarding Federal BR Tax Credit • Discussion with an oil company in Vernon County regarding remediation and redevelopment issues on one of their properties • Call from a mining company regarding a property in Viroqua • Discussion with American Title & Abstract Researcher and Examiner regarding application of legal protection and financial tools for cleanup and redevelopment on specific properties in the region • The WCR RR Team met with RCH Enterprises, a business incubator, on site and with the owner, consultants and the Mayor of Wisconsin Rapids, discussed many brownfield incentives that may be pertinent to the site's cleanup needs • Discussion with bankers in River Falls regarding redevelopment of a brownfield property • Several discussions with a developer regarding redevelopment of a brownfield property in New Richmond • Contact with DComm regarding redevelopment on a contaminated property in Augusta • Met with Army Corps of Engineers regarding remediation and redevelopment concerns at a former missile base near New Richmond • Discussion with realtor for a potential buyer regarding groundwater issues on a brownfield in Hudson • Discussion with developer regarding contamination on a property in Roberts he is interested in purchasing
Provide public presentations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Held Wood County "Town Social" with four municipalities represented; gave RR Program presentation, Mayor gave presentation regarding SAG site, and held discussion regarding other properties • Presentation and discussion for the West Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission regarding remediation and redevelopment in the seven- county region including Green Team meetings and multiple site-specific applications • United Communities of Clark County (80 people representing 33 townships, including mayors and village presidents) presentation & discussion • Presented at Waterfront Revitalization Funding Information Session in Chippewa Falls • Sent out DNR Site Assessment Grant press releases throughout the region
Hold external training (e.g. consultants' days)	

Other brownfields outreach activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Submitted the following <i>Re News</i> success stories:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Wisconsin Rapids: RCH SAG;○ Wausau: Microbrewery○ La Crosse: Three Rivers Redevelopment on Copeland Avenue• Regional Update sent to developers, planners, corporation counsels, city administrators, county treasurers, legislators and economic development officials• Eau Claire Earth Day display with PowerPoint presentation and materials• Farm-City Days, Future Farmers of America Remediation & Redevelopment Program display including PowerPoint and handouts• Provided packets of information, articles, and fact sheets by mail, email and fax to various interested parties• Updating of regional map with SAG grant sites and pdf site files• Over 100 emails and 20 phone calls regarding the use of SAG, Ready for Reuse and VPLE on sites in Portage and Juneau Counties• Numerous phone calls and emails regarding remediation and redevelopment issues on properties in Marathon and Portage Counties
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