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Governor Doyle Announces \$1.7 Million to Fund Brownfields Investigations in 30 Wisconsin Communities

MADISON – Governor Jim Doyle announced \$1.7 million in grants to assess contamination at abandoned or underused properties in 30 communities across the state. The grants will fund 47 projects that help redevelop brownfields, which are abandoned, idle, or underused industrial or commercial properties where redevelopment is hindered by contamination.

“Cleaning up brownfields is about more than just renewing damaged or vacant land – it is about renewing the pride of a community, and restoring jobs and productivity,” Governor Doyle said. “The cleanup and safe reuse of brownfield properties not only helps redevelop these properties, it also helps spur additional reinvestment in these communities over the long haul.”

The DNR Brownfields Site Assessment Grants (SAG) provide seed money to local governments for demolition, environmental assessments and removal of abandoned tanks and containers. To receive funding, local governments must provide a 20 percent match.

More than half the grants – 26 total – were awarded to rural communities or counties looking to spur economic growth in less populated areas. Small grants (up to \$30,000) make up 38 of the awards, while nine are large grants (between \$30,000 and \$100,000). The grants will provide funds for environmental activities on 195 acres of land. Activities include 78 site assessments and investigations, the demolition of 79 buildings or structures and the removal of more than 230 tanks, drums and other abandoned containers.

Since this grant program began in 1999, the DNR has awarded approximately \$11 million to 180 communities to begin investigation and cleanup on more than 1,100 acres. These activities included more than 600 site assessments and investigations, the removal of more than 440 storage tanks and containers, and the demolition of more than 450 structures and buildings.

The following local governments are receiving grants:

City of Algoma	Former Metal Ware Riverfront.	\$30,000
City of Antigo	McMillon Hotel	\$30,000
Village of Bangor	Dutch Creek Redevelopment	\$31,289.17
City of Black River Falls	Winnebago North	\$30,000
City of Bloomer	Bloomer Co-op Feeds	\$29,500
Burnett County	Former Bashaw Store	\$15,500

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City of Chilton	Larson Cleaners Redevelopment	\$29,900
Clark County	Orlando Olson Property	\$30,000
City of Colby	Division Street Redevelopment	\$30,000
Village of Cross Plains	Zander's Creamery	\$30,000
City of Cumberland	Former Isle Movie Theatre.	\$61,040
City of Green Bay	Younkers Redevelopment Site	\$30,000
City of Greenfield	Former Allis Chalmers Landfill	\$100,000
City of Greenfield	Former Foundry Sand Landfill	\$75,000
City of Greenfield	Former Gravel Pit	\$75,000
City of Janesville	Cochand Property	\$30,000
City of Janesville	915 S. Jackson Street	\$6,000
City of Kenosha	4710 47th Avenue	\$29,900
City of Kenosha	4722 27th Avenue	\$29,900
City of Kenosha	2916 Sheridan Road	\$27,000
Marinette County	Former Sefarian Site	\$90,000
City of Marinette	Colonial Building Property	\$30,000
City of Menomonie	Former Amberg Oil Bulk Plant	\$30,000
City of Milwaukee	9168 N. 124th Street	\$29,700
City of Milwaukee	522 W. North Avenue	\$20,000
City of Milwaukee	1419 W. North Avenue	\$20,000
City of Milwaukee	603 E. Locust Street	\$16,510
City of Milwaukee	3111 N. 8th Street	\$15,000
City of New London	Former Simmons Property	\$30,000
City of Oconto	Kelly Pickle Redev (Parcel A)	\$30,000
City of Oconto	Kelly Pickle Redev. (Parcel B)	\$30,000
City of Oconto	Kelly Pickle Redev (Parcel C)	\$30,000
City of Oshkosh	Former Mercury Marine Plant 24	\$30,000
City of Peshtigo	Former Badger Paper Mill	\$30,000
City of Prairie du Chien	Herreid Parcel	\$30,000
City of Richland Center	254 E. Haseltine Street Project	\$47,770.83
City of Richland Center	Richland Electric Co-op	\$25,000
Sawyer County	Former Ackley Oil	\$16,590
Village of Solon Springs	Bednar Oil Mobil Station	\$30,000
City of Wausau	Former Edsomatic Transmission	\$30,000
City or West Allis	Former Pressed Steel Facility	\$99,900
City of West Allis	7725 W. National Ave.	\$29,900

The following redevelopment and community development authorities are receiving grants:

RDA of Milwaukee	612 W. Pierce Street	\$29,700
RDA of Milwaukee	3709-11 W. North Avenue	\$20,000
City of Platteville RDA	Ubersox Property Redevelopment	\$29,900
Prairie du Chien RDA	Wood Treating Site Redevelopment	\$100,000
City of Wausau CDA	Former Dry Cleaner Facilities	\$30,000

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