Brownfield Impact Study RFP

On behalf of the Brownfields Study Group, the Wisconsin Economic Development Association has issued a request for proposals (RFP) to conduct a study of the economic and fiscal impacts of public investment in state brownfield remediation and redevelopment over the past 20 years.

Proposals are due by September 29, 2014, and the final report is expected by March 1, 2015. Go to http://www.weda.org/?page=RFP to obtain a copy of the RFP.

Development Before DNR Closure

The City of Elkhorn and marine equipment maker Duramax recently completed a sale and lease deal that shows once again how redevelopment can occur before DNR closure is granted. The transaction involves approximately five acres of brownfield land on the south edge of Elkhorn.

Duramax, DNR and the City have agreed to share responsibilities related to ongoing groundwater monitoring at the leased properties. Duramax has assumed responsibility for maintenance of covers and groundwater monitoring at the purchased property. The city, DNR, DATCP and WEDC provided grant funding for the cleanup of the properties. RR Project Manager Mark Drews and other DNR staff have been assisting the city on the technical and redevelopment issues surrounding the properties for many years.

Duramax, doing business as Great Lakes Components, will construct and operate a manufacturing facility and storage building, collectively totaling 35,000 sq. ft. of new structures, with an estimated value over $2 million. At full operation, 25-30 employees are expected to work here. The land involved in this transaction has a long commercial history. Several entities discharged various chemicals which resulted in soil and groundwater contamination.

WAM Contractor Services Awarded to DePere and Chilton

Old contaminated properties in two northeastern Wisconsin communities are on track for future cleanup and redevelopment thanks to WAM awards from DNR’s RR Program.

The award to the city of De Pere is to help assess a 14-plus acre site known locally as the O’Keefe property. The site has a long history of manufacturing and industrial uses, including
welding, fabrication and steel recovery. In Chilton, the award will be put to use at a 4.4 acre site along the South Branch Manitowoc River that was home to Chilton Plating for more than four decades.

See the [DNR press release](https://www.dnr.wi.gov/) or the [RR Program News](https://www.rrprogramnews.org/) for further details.

**WEDC Regional Summits Being Held Across the State**

During the month of September, the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) will host Regional Partner Summits throughout the state. These events will provide updates from WEDC and our regional partners, as well as offer workshop sessions on various WEDC programs, tools and resources that can assist in local economic development efforts.

For more information and to register visit the [WEDC registration webpage](https://www.wedc.wi.gov/).

**FET Sponsoring Vapor Intrusion Seminar**

The Southeast Wisconsin chapter of FET is sponsoring “Vapor Intrusion Liability, Closure Requirements and Reopeners” on September 10, 2014 at the Country Springs Hotel in Pewaukee. The seminar will address a number of topics, including federal and state liability, state regulation of vapor intrusion, investigation, sampling and reporting, mitigation strategies, brownfield funding and case closure and re-openers.

See the [agenda](https://www.fet.org/) for further details and registration information.

**September 18th FET SEMINAR: Navigating the Demolition Process**

The Northeast Wisconsin chapter of FET will host a one-day demolition seminar designed to help professionals understand the complicated process of demolishing commercial and industrial buildings. Experienced industry leaders will be on hand to present topics and lead discussions. This was a sold-out event last December.

The event will be held on Thursday, September 18, in Kimberly. Topics to be covered include:

- Planning, execution and closeout process
- Deconstruction and demolition strategies
- Financial assistance
- Legal strategies
- Demolition Permitting Process

This seminar is ideal for those who work in local government, developers, builders and environmental professionals.
For the agenda and registration information, visit the [FET events website](#). Discounts are available to local government professionals.

### One DNR at work in Marinette

RR Project Manager Kristin DuFresne and the Office of Great Lakes are leading efforts to coordinate DNR work with U.S. EPA and Tyco, a maker of fire protection products, on the banks of the Menominee River in Marinette. In DNR, the Waste, Water, Wildlife, and Air programs are all involved, among others. Kristen says clear and continuous communication is the key to progress.

Tyco recently completed removal of about 259,000 cubic yards of material from the river, with plans to remove another 47,770 cubic yards soon as part of a Great Lakes National Program Office Legacy Project. This dredging will reduce arsenic contamination in the sediment to 20 ppm and significantly reduce the amount of time that this section of the river is listed as an Area of Concern. Tyco opted to complete dredging now, rather than go through a 10-year monitoring program.

Tyco is an international company that acquired the 63-acre Marinette property in 1990. Waste piles, the byproduct of past arsenic-based herbicide production, were the source of contamination. These waste piles contained about two percent arsenic, which, over time, made its way into the soil, groundwater and sediment.

During dredging operations, Tyco unearthed a historic schooner-barge that was used to transport logs in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The ship was beyond repair, but Tyco donated the intact, original rudder, along with a scaled replica of the schooner-barge to the Marinette County Historical Society.

### WEDC Community Development Investment Grant Awards Available

The Community Development Investment Grant Program is accepting grant applications to support small city and rural community redevelopment efforts. Grants of up to $500,000 will be awarded for shovel-ready, high-impact, community-driven development efforts with a downtown emphasis. Grants of up to $50,000 will be awarded for planning, market analysis or branding efforts that will likely generate additional investment. A local unit of government or tribal entity must be the applicant and awards are limited to 25 percent of project costs.

Applications will be scored and evaluated two to three times per year. The first round of applications is due September 15. For more information visit the [WEDC Community Development Investment Grants website](#).
**Webinar and Training Opportunities**

September 9 - SM Part 1: Soil Sampling and Decision Making Using Incremental Sampling Methodology (ITRC)

September 16 - ISM Part 2: Soil Sampling and Decision Making Using Incremental Sampling Methodology (ITRC)

September 23 - Biochemical Reactors for Mining-Influenced Water (ITRC)


September 26 - Contaminant Uptake in Food Crops Grown on Brownfield Sites (Redevelopment Institute)

September 30 - Biofuels: Release Prevention, Environmental Behavior, and Remediation (ITRC)