# Online Resources

## Program Website

The RR program website provides a comprehensive source of information on environmental contamination, cleanup and program functions.

Visit our website at **dnr.wi.gov and search "Brownfields"** or enter "Wisconsin brownfield" in your search engine.

Use our website to:

- find contact information for RR staff;
- access our WRRD database (see below);
- sign up for the RR newsfeed (*RR Report*);
- download publications and forms; and
- learn more about our program.

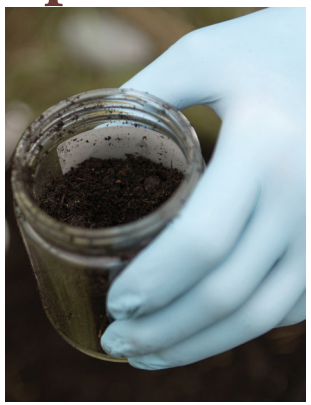
## Wisconsin Remediation and Redevelopment Database (WRRD)

The Wisconsin Remediation and Redevelopment Database (WRRD) is an inter-linked system providing information on contaminated land activities in Wisconsin, to assist with the investigation, cleanup and eventual re-use of those lands. WRRD is made up of BRRTS on the Web and RR Sites Map and is available at **dnr.wi.gov and search "WRRD".**

## *RR Report* Newsfeed

Stay in touch with the RR program by reading the e-newsfeed that provides brief information on cleanup and redevelopment issues. The *RR Report* newsfeed is available at **rr-report.blogs.govdelivery.com.** Sign up for email notifications at **dnr.wi.gov and search "RR Report".**

# Remediation and Redevelopment



The RR program oversees the investigation and cleanup of environmental contamination and the redevelopment of contaminated properties. We routinely work on hazardous waste cleanup, underground storage tank investigation and cleanup, emergency spill response, state-funded cleanups and brownfield cleanup and redevelopment.

Through the years, program staff have had a hand in cleanup work in over 95% of the state's cities, towns, and villages.

## Contacts

For information about how the RR program can assist you, please contact a DNR RR program environmental program associate in your region.

**Northeast Region**
920-662-5494 (Green Bay)
**Northern Region**
715-623-4190 (Antigo)
ext. 3127
**South Central Region**
608-275-3212 (Fitchburg)
**Southeast Region**
414-263-8683 (Milwaukee)
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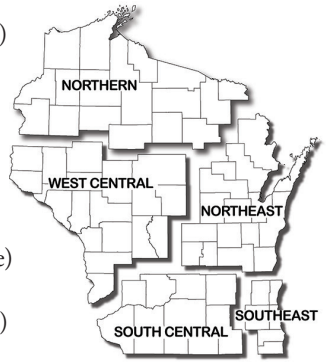


For general questions, please see our subject matter contact list online at **dnr.wi.gov and search "Brownfields".**

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# Cleanups

## Technical Assistance and Oversight

Staff with the Remediation and Redevelopment (RR) program provide technical support and regulatory oversight to public and private parties who request help with their contaminated properties, including sites with petroleum contamination.

## Liability Assistance

The RR program provides written technical and liability assistance on contaminated sites for a fee. The fee schedule can be found at **dnr.wi.gov and search "RR fees".**

## Spill Response

Program staff respond to a wide variety of spills that impact the environment and human health. In Wisconsin, RR program staff respond to an average of 900 spills of hazardous substances annually. The most common substances spilled are petroleum products; often substances are discharged at industrial or commercial facilities. More information about spills can be found at **dnr.wi.gov and search "Spills"**.

## Federal Emergency Removals

The RR program can work with the EPA to remove hazardous materials and clean up contamination on sites that pose an immediate health concern.

## One Cleanup

The DNR has an agreement with the EPA known as One Cleanup, which standardized environmental cleanups in Wisconsin. This arrangment between the DNR and the EPA speeds up cleanup efforts by removing confusion of varying program requirements.

# Brownfields

## Cleanup and Redevelopment Projects

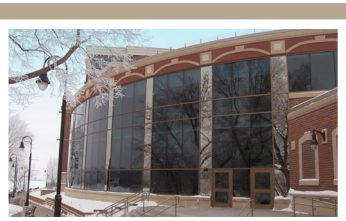
Several options exist to help with the cleanup and reuse of brownfields, which are abandoned or under used commercial or industrial properties with real or perceived contamination. These options include:

- technical assistance;
- assessment contractor services;
- assurance letter;
- grants and loans;
- tax incentives; and
- liability assistance.

## Green Team Meetings

Planning a successful brownfield redevelopment often requires support from local, state and federal partners, along with many private partners. The RR program can schedule a Green Team Meeting to help bring those partners together and plot out a clear path to renewal. For more information visit **dnr.wi.gov and search "Green Team"**.

### Brownfield Success Stories



**Weber Center for the Performing Arts**
La Crosse, WI

**The Cornerstone Mixed-use retail & housing**
Milwaukee, WI

**Legacy Park Mixed-use commercial & retail**
Neenah, WI

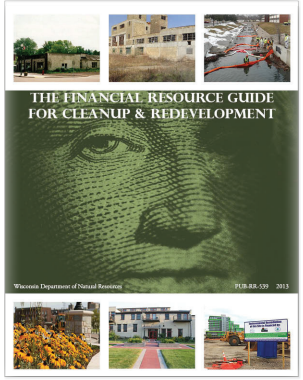
# Financial Tools

## Grants, Loans and Tax Incentives

Environmental contamination can vary widely, from small pockets of pollution to large, migrating substances affecting multiple properties. Cleanup costs can range from several thousand dollars to millions.

Qualifying local governments, tribes, and non-profit organizations can turn to the RR program for assistance in packaging grants, tax incentives and loans for assessment and cleanup of contaminated sites.

The RR program provides a comprehensive list of financial tools for the cleanup and redevelopment of brownfields in Wisconsin. Go online to **dnr.wi.gov and search "RR financial"** to view the variety of resources available.




## State-funded Cleanup

Staff use the State Environmental Fund to help cover costs for the investigation and cleanup of properties with environmental contamination where the responsible party is unknown, unable or unwilling to take action. The RR program recovers costs from responsible parties whenever possible.