

WISCONSIN ASSESSMENT MONIES (WAM)

Since 2010, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has awarded the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition (comprised of the Wisconsin DNR and Wisconsin Regional Planning Commissions) \$3.3 million in Brownfield Assessment Grant monies. The DNR's Remediation & Redevelopment (RR) Program administers this grant. Currently, funds are being used through Contractor Services Awards to aid local governments and other eligible applicants in investigating environmental contamination at closed or closing industrial or manufacturing plants and other similar sites throughout the state.

Contractor Services Awards

Contractor Services awards are given to businesses or local governments for no-cost Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments and/or limited NR 716 Site Investigations. The department contracts directly with previously selected consultants to complete this work under the DNR's guidance. Applicants must ensure that the current owner of the site has signed a legal access agreement authorizing the department and its contractors access to the site to perform the requested services.

Total Available Funds	<p>Value of award is up to \$35,000 in contractor services.</p> <p>Total funding is dependent on EPA grants awarded to the DNR.</p> <p>Grants awarded to date: \$1 million (2009), \$500,000 (2012), \$600,000 (2013), \$600,000 (2016), \$600,000 (2018)</p> <p>(80% Hazardous Substances funds, 20% Petroleum funds)</p>
Services Available	Phase I/II Environmental Site Assessments, Limited NR 716 Site Investigations (Phase I will be completed to All Appropriate Inquiry Standards)
Award Type	DNR-provided Contractor Services at no-cost to applicant
Eligible Applicants	Local government entities, private prospective purchasers, private/public property owners
Eligible Sites	<p>Sites that meet the definition of a brownfield, especially:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed or closing manufacturing and industrial sites, such as foundries, electroplaters, assembly lines and other industrial facilities • Rural, racially diverse or economically disadvantaged areas • Projects with community involvement with potential for economic development <p>Visit the website for more information on eligibility.</p>
Selection Factors	<p>Factors that may be considered in project selection include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sites that are impediments to large-scale redevelopment projects • Date of plant closings or notice to close • Known or potential environmental challenges • Community economic profile (e.g., unemployment or poverty rate, other closed facilities, protected demographics) • Benefit of service to the community (e.g., economic, health, livability, etc.) • Inability of owner to contribute financially to the project or willingness of responsible party • Participation in the Wisconsin Plant Recovery Initiative program • Projects with reuse plans consistent with local redevelopment objectives

For more information on the program, visit the Remediation and Redevelopment program website at dnr.wi.gov/topic/Brownfields/wam.html



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WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES NOTICE OF FINAL GUIDANCE & CERTIFICATION

Pursuant to ch. 227, Wis. Stats., the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has finalized and hereby certifies the following guidance document.

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Remediation and Redevelopment

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September 16, 2019

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October 7, 2019

DNR CERTIFICATION

I have reviewed this guidance document or proposed guidance document and I certify that it complies with sections 227.10 and 227.11 of the Wisconsin Statutes. I further certify that the guidance document or proposed guidance document contains no standard, requirement, or threshold that is not explicitly required or explicitly permitted by a document contains no standard, requirement, or threshold that is more restrictive than a standard, requirement, or threshold contained in the Wisconsin Statutes.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Haeg".

October 7, 2019

Signature

Date