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Small Business Environmental Council meeting to be held July 28th

The next Small Business Council meeting is on April 21, from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM, in room 713 at DNR Central Office, 101 S. Webster St. Madison, WI. The council will be discussing the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP). The council welcomes members of the public to attend the meetings. Topics include SBEAP updates, comparison of the DNR and EPA Compliance Audit Programs, and DNR Alignment roundtable discussion. The meeting agenda is [here](#) and more information on the council is [here](#).

Thinking of purchasing property? Being aware of environmental regulations helps you make the right decision.

Purchasing property is a major investment, and there are a lot of things to consider before making a final decision. With so much to think about, environmental issues can be easily overlooked.

However, it's a good idea to review all environmental matters before finalizing a transaction to avoid surprises.



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Environmental matters for any property can be complex. Fortunately, the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Small Business Environmental Assistance Program (SBEAP) has a new tool that can help. The SBEAP's "What to look for when purchasing property" web page: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/SmallBusiness/PurchaseProperty.html> offers an overview of a wide range of environmental considerations. Environmental conditions and characteristics related to water, soil, plants, animals, current and previous uses, existing structures and materials left behind can significantly impact future uses of a property. Not all issues will apply to every site. However, whether you're purchasing green space for recreation or development, water front property, existing buildings, or an entire business, proper due diligence can help ensure that a property meets your needs, expectations and future intended uses while limiting your liability.

If you have any questions regarding environmental requirements for business properties in Wisconsin, contact the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program toll free at 855-889-3021, email us at DNRSmallBusiness@wisconsin.gov or visit our website at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/smallbusiness/>. SBEAP offers free, non-regulatory assistance to small businesses to help owners understand their state and federal environmental responsibilities. The program provides "plain language" resources, answers compliance questions and directs businesses to other appropriate assistance providers and relevant DNR staff.

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