

Brownfield Information



Who Can I Contact?

For information about how DNR can assist you with remediation and redevelopment issues, please contact your regional RR office listed below. If you have general questions, please contact Andrew Savagian at 608-261-6422 or andrew.savagian@wisconsin.gov.

RR Regional Offices

Northeast Region: 920-662-5168 (Green Bay)
Northern Region: 715-365-8990 (Rhineland)
South Central Region: 608-275-3212 (Fitchburg)
Southeast Region: 414-263-8688 (Milwaukee)
West Central Region: 715-839-2784 (Eau Claire)

Where Can I Find More Information?

The RR Program also has the following outreach publications and tools to assist you with your cleanup and redevelopment projects.

Web Site - <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/>; this site includes *BRRTS on the Web*, our on-line database of contaminated properties.

- *What's New*: http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/general/whats_new.htm.
- *RR Events Calendar*: <http://dnr.wi.us/org/aw/rr/general/calendar.htm>.
- *Staff List*: http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/technical/lists/contact_rr.htm.

RR Report - the RR Program's twice-a-month on-line newsletter; to sign up, please use the following Internet link: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/general/listserv.html>.

Re News - the RR Program's on-line quarterly newsletter; to sign up, please use the following link: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr/general/listserv.html>.

Hot Links



More information about brownfields and Wisconsin's programs to manage contaminated properties can be found at the following web sites.

WI DNR - RR Program
<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/rr>

WI DNR Web Site
<http://dnr.wi.gov/>

Wisconsin Department of Commerce
www.commerce.state.wi.us/CD/CD-bfi.html

Wisconsin Department of Revenue
www.dor.state.wi.us/html/erbase.html

Environmental Protection Agency - Region 5
www.epa.gov/R5Brownfields/



This document may contain information about certain state statutes and/or rules and does not include all of the details found in the statutes/rules. Readers should consult the actual language of the statutes/rules to answer specific questions.

The WI DNR provides equal opportunity in its employment, programs, services, and functions under an Affirmative Action Plan. If you have any questions, please write to Equal Opportunity Office, Dept. of Interior, Washington, D.C. 20240. This publication is available in alternative format upon request. Please call 608-267-3543 for more information.



Brownfield Basics

Tools For Cleaning Up And Redeveloping Contaminated Properties

Cleanup Tools



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Remediation & Redevelopment Program



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What is a brownfield?

Brownfield Assistance



The Remediation and Redevelopment (RR) Program offers the following brownfield services for public and private parties.

Brownfields are abandoned or under-utilized properties with real or perceived contamination, which often blocks the cleanup and reuse of those properties.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) estimates there are 8,000-10,000 brownfield properties in the state, with approximately 1,500 of those properties known to be tax delinquent.



The DNR's Remediation and Redevelopment (RR) Program offers options for environmental cleanups and provides services to support redevelopment of brownfields.

The RR Program's goal is to help restore the environmental and economic health of communities throughout Wisconsin. This brochure will help local government officials, property owners, lenders, developers or other interested brownfield parties with their cleanup and redevelopment projects.

Financial Assistance

The RR Program offers a variety of funding opportunities, including:

- Site Assessment Grants;
- Green Space and Public Facilities Grants;
- Ready For Reuse Brownfield Grants and Loans;
- Land Recycling Loans;
- Stewardship funds;
- cancellation of delinquent taxes; and
- federal tax deductions for remediation.



Liability Clarifications, Exemptions And Assurance Letters

The RR Program offers a number of tools to public and private parties to limit their liability at brownfields, including:

- Local Government Liability Exemptions;
- Voluntary Party Liability Exemptions;
- Lender Liability Exemptions;
- Off-site Exemptions;
- negotiated agreements; and
- assurance letters, including:
 - general liability clarification letters;
 - close-out letters; and
 - lease letters.

Technical Assistance

The RR program provides technical and regulatory support to public and private parties who request help with their contaminated properties. These services require a fee for a site-specific letter or meeting.

Information Technology

The DNR also has up-to-date web information for interested parties about contaminated properties, including investigation and cleanup activities.

Community Outreach

Staff are available to give presentations and answer questions for local governments, private parties and the general public. We also provide a wide variety of publications on brownfield tools for cleanup and redevelopment. To find out more, please contact our staff or visit our web site (please see links on the back of this brochure).

