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**Upcoming Events**

**Business of Brownfields Conference**  
 April 17 & 18, 2008  
 Pittsburgh, PA

**Weirton Economic Roundtable**  
 April 21, 2008  
 Weirton, WV

**National Brownfields Conference**  
 May 5 - 7, 2008  
 Detroit, MI

**Northern West Virginia  
 Brownfields Assistance Center**  
 150 Evansdale Drive, Room 202  
 P.O. Box 6064  
 Morgantown, WV 2650

**Environmental Insurance and Risk  
 Management Workshop**  
 May 21, 2008  
 Morgantown, WV

**West Virginia State Brownfields  
 Conference**  
 September 10 & 11, 2008  
 Huntington, WV

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**Business of Brownfields Series, Part 2:  
 Brownfields Training for Bank Examiners**



The complexities and unique challenges involved in financing brownfields redevelopment are an important area of discussion. The second workshop in the "Business of Brownfields" series hosted by the West Virginia Brownfields Assistance Centers, was focused on educating the community of financial regulators in West Virginia on environmental issues related to property transactions. The Bank Examiners Workshop was held on March 4, 2008 in Charleston at the office of the West Virginia Division of Banking.

Examiners from the Division of Banking attended and participated in the discussion of brownfield properties as well as an explanation of site assessments and environmental risk management options. As part of the workshop, James Schoonover of Davis Trust shared his experiences with brownfields redevelopment projects and how bank lending policies address environmental risk from the perspective of a local banker.

Ken Ellison, Director of the Division of Land Restoration at the WVDEP, provided the attendees with an overview of the WVDEP's Voluntary Remediation Program (VRP). The VRP is a mechanism by which brownfield properties can be cleaned up to risk-based standards to protect human health and safety, as well as to ensure future development on these properties.

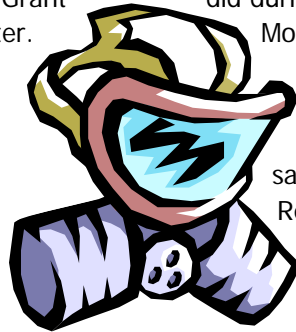
The workshop offered a sound foundation on which to base future evaluations of banking decisions and lending activities, which will continue to encourage the financing of brownfields redevelopment in the future.

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## Environmental Jobs for WV! Moves East

The Environmental Jobs for WV! program funded through an EPA Brownfields Job Training Grant finished its final training offering this winter. Through a partnership with Citizens Conservation Corps of West Virginia and WV Women Work, four weeks of classes were held in the Eastern Panhandle.

Classes were held at the James Rumsey Technical Institute in Martinsburg, WV from February 19 - March 12. WVU Safety & Health Extension oversaw the



instructional component, as they successfully did during the previous training offerings in Morgantown, WV.

Twenty-two students were trained in the basic environmental and safety courses including Asbestos Remediation, OSHA Hazardous Waste Operations & Emergency Response, and First Aid. Three students from the Winter 2008 classes have already been placed in jobs.

## EPA Announces Brownfields FY08 Grant Awards

After much anticipation, the EPA announced that West Virginia received two community wide brownfields assessment grants. The cities of Huntington and Ronceverte each received \$200,000 to perform Phase 1 and Phase 2 assessments on brownfields property for the FY08 grant cycle.

The EPA also released newly revised guidelines for brownfields assessment, clean-up, and revolving loan fund grant funding for public comment. The Request for Proposals for federal brownfields grant funding in FY09 is expected in late August. Contact NBAC for assistance in putting together a funding application.



## Community News

**Quality Glass Clean-Up:** The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection (WVDEP) is nearing completion of the site assessment and analysis of the former glass plant located on the Monongahela River. NBAC has instigated stakeholder meetings to establish a preliminary end-use design for the purpose of identifying updated remediation costs.

**Weirton:** Arcelor Mittal announced on January 16th that approximately 1700 acres or almost 90% of their property holdings in Weirton will be sold to spur economic development. The news has been welcomed by city officials who see it as a great opportunity to attract new businesses and jobs to the area. An Economic Roundtable in Weirton on April 21 to discuss the future of the city is being hosted by Senator Jay Rockefeller with Guest Keynote Speaker Governor Manchin.

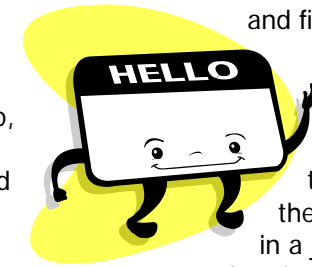
## Brooke-Hancock Region Receives Community Workshop Grant

The Brooke-Hancock-Jefferson Metropolitan Planning Commission has been selected by the American Planning Association (APA) to participate in Round II of its national training workshops "Creating Community-Based Brownfields Redevelopment Strategies".

The three-hour training workshop, which will be held on **May, 14 2008**, is designed to educate and empower communities dealing with brownfields issues.

The training will focus on developing an understanding of brownfields as opportunities, and creating a community vision. Participants will choose among three break-out sessions

related to brownfields issues: redevelopment, cleanup, and finance. The workshop will conclude with a discussion on building community support and on finding the next steps in the process, such as where to locate resources, get additional help, and find partners.



The Northern WV Brownfields Assistance Center facilitated the preparation of the grant application for this training, and will help to facilitate the workshop. The training will be taught in a joint effort by the Commission, the APA and Bethel New Life, a Chicago-based Community Development Corporation with extensive experience in brownfields redevelopment.

## Staff Spotlight



In January, NBAC welcomed a new Graduate Research Assistant, Ryan Dondero. Ryan is a 2004 graduate of the University of Tennessee with a degree in Logistics. After graduating, he worked for 3 years for Knight Transportation as a customer service representative.

Ryan is currently working on a Masters in Business Administration at WVU, which he will finish in August. Here at NBAC, he is working on the economic side of the Brownfields Inventory and researching the economic indicators for successful brownfields redevelopment.

## Brownfields Get a New Design

Through a collaboration with the Senior Design Studio in the West Virginia University Graphic Design Program, a creative touch is being put on the explanation of brownfields redevelopment to WV communities. The student designers are currently developing outreach and educational materials for NBAC. The outreach materials will include a brownfields posters, a new brochure that explains the brownfields redevelopment process, and 2008 WV Brownfields conference materials.

