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Northern West Virginia Brownfields Assistance Center

A program of the West Virginia Water Research Institute at West Virginia University

NBAC AWARDS \$65,000 in FOCUS WV GRANTS

Fifteen \$5,000 grants were awarded spark progress on brownfields projects in Northern West Virginia through NBAC's new FOCUS WV Program.

The **F**oundation for **O**vercoming **C**hallenges and **U**tilizing **S**trengths (**FOCUS**) in West Virginia Mini Grant Project funds were made possible through a grant from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation to the WVU Foundation. The grants are set up to enable communities to cultivate and implement a redevelopment vision for brownfield properties of strategic community interest.

FOCUS WV Mini-grants were awarded to the following from the following communities/organizations:

- City of Clarksburg
- City of Morgantown
- City of Wheeling
- City of Ranson
- City of Fairmont
- City of Shinnston
- Rowlesbrg Revitalization Committee
- Friends of Deckers Creek
- Friends of the Cheat
- Brooke Hancock Regional Planning and Development Council
- Region 9 Planning and Development Council
- Marion Regional Development Corporation



EPA Awards WVVRI \$600,000 Sustainable Energy Grant

Paul Ziemkiewicz (left), Director of the WVVRI and Susan Janowiak, Director of the Office of Brownfields and Outreach, EPA Mid-Atlantic Region

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- National Brownfields Association**
The Big Deal: March 25-26
Phoenix Arizona
- FOCUS WV Site Showcase**
August 4, 2009
Morgantown, WV
- WV State 2009 Brownfields Conference**
September 9-10, 2009
Morgantown, WV
- EPA National Brownfields Conference**
November 18-21, 2009
New Orleans, LA

Looking for a Challenge!



The Northern West Virginia Brownfields Assistance Center and the West Virginia Water Research Institute are seeking qualified individuals to fill two exciting positions.

Project Manager (WVVRI130) To view the job description and to receive consideration for this position, applicants should apply at <http://hr.research.wvu.edu>. AAE/EOE.

Outreach Coordinator(WVVRI131) To view the job description and to receive consideration for this position, applicants should apply at <http://hr.research.wvu.edu>. AAE/EOE.

Future Projects

Eight communities in northern West Virginia applied for a total of two million dollars in EPA brownfields clean-up and assessment grants.



EPA is expected to announce grant awards in May 2009.



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EPA Grant Opportunities

2009 CARE Cooperative Agreement Request for Proposals (RFP)

http://www.epa.gov/air/grants_funding.html#0902

Application **deadline: March 16, 2009.**

EPA will conduct conference calls on: *February 24, 2009 at 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. ET*
February 27, 2009 at 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. ET

2009 Smart Growth Implementation Assistance

Seeking applications for technical assistance from communities that want to incorporate smart growth in their future development to meet environmental and other community goals

For application materials, visit http://epa.gov/smartgrowth/2009_sgja_rfa.htm.

Applications Deadline: April 23, 2009.

EPA Awards WVWRI \$600,000 Sustainable Energy Grant

The EPA recently selected the West Virginia Water Research Institute a \$600,000 brownfields grant to develop plans for Sustainable Energy Parks (SEPs) on Mine – Scarred Lands.

WVWRI and NBAC will be use the grant to provide technical assistance to rural Appalachian communities in identifying potential energy production sites called sustainable energy parks. These parks will develop local economic growth, reduce or minimize greenhouse gases through carbon sequestration and promote renewable energy technologies.

The grant is one of 10 EPA grants awarded nationwide this year for Brownfields training, research, and technical assistance projects that explore new and innovative ideas in the areas of human health, environmental protections, sustainable development, and equitable development. If you have questions or ideas concerning this grant funding, please contact Patrick Kirby at (304) 293-2867 ext 5459.

Brownfield Note

Each dollar of public investment in a brownfield site leverages an average of \$8 dollars in private investment

Resource Corner

Petroleum Brownfields Action Plan

In November 2008 the EPA Petroleum Brownfields Action Plan: Promoting Revitalization and Sustainability ([http://www.epa.gov/oust/rags/ petrobactionplan.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/oust/rags/petrobactionplan.pdf)) was issued by the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER). The document was developed in collaboration with the Office of Brownfields Cleanup and Redevelopment (OBLR) and OUST. The document includes background on EPA's petroleum brownfields efforts and details the Agency's new action plan for enhancing its approach to petroleum-contaminated sites. The plan draws on the perspectives of many stakeholders, including local governments, the private sector, states, non-profit organizations, and EPA staff from headquarters and Regional offices.

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