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OER releases first Brownfield Community Service Report



Above: Daniel Walsh (left), Director of the Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation, talks with community leaders at City Hall

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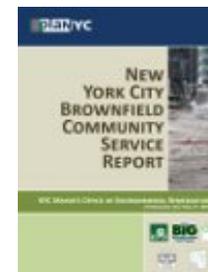
Deputy Mayor Stephen Goldsmith announced the establishment of the NYC Brownfield Community Service Program and released the first edition of the [New York City Brownfield Community Service Report](#). The report was released at a meeting of brownfield community planning organizations in the Blue Room at City Hall. The City's brownfield programs are managed by the Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation (OER), a new office established in June 2008 to implement the initiatives in the Brownfields chapter of *PlaNYC*.

The announcement comes less than one week after Mayor Bloomberg announced the launch of the [New York City Brownfield Incentive Grant \(BIG\) Program](#), a collaboration between the Mayor's Office and the New York City Economic Development Corporation, to provide funding to assist investigation and cleanup of NYC brownfield properties.

"Under the leadership of Mayor Bloomberg through *PlaNYC*, we are fixing the barriers that too often prevent brownfield sites from being remediated and redeveloped," said Deputy Mayor Goldsmith. "This new report captures in one place all of the grants, education sessions and programs for cleanup that we offer to communities and locally based organizations involved with brownfields."

The new report identifies the range of services that OER has developed to help City communities cope with brownfields and related issues. These services include the country's only municipal Brownfield Cleanup Program, a community-minded brownfield grant program, a community protection 'Bill of Rights' for brownfield cleanups, community access to expert technical assistance, brownfield training workshops, funding and opportunities for green job training in the brownfield industry, and innovations to make the brownfield cleanup process more sustainable.

"*PlaNYC* called for the creation of progressive new brownfield programs with a strong community focus," said Dr. Daniel Walsh, Director of the Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation. "The Mayor's Office consulted many community-based organizations and heard first-hand what services were needed to solve brownfield problems. That process helped us design a community service program that will make a big difference for New Yorkers."



- [Download the Press Release.](#)
- [Download the Community Service Report.](#)
- [Learn more about the Community Service Program.](#)

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OER Launches Brownfield Planning Initiative for NYC Community Groups

Fulfills important PlaNYC initiative



On June 24, OER launched a new program to help community based organizations (CBOs) better work with city agencies to plan the reuse and revitalization of brownfield sites in neighborhoods throughout NYC. The program will provide special assistance and additional resources to CBOs now involved in Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) planning at 17 different areas throughout NYC.

“In the Brownfield plan introduced by Mayor Bloomberg in PlaNYC, the City has made a major commitment to NYC communities to help them develop and advance local plans for dealing with brownfields in our

neighborhoods. This new initiative is an important part of our plan to deliver on that promise. By helping to create new community plans for cleanup and reuse of local brownfield sites, we will help revitalize communities to the benefit of all New Yorkers," said OER Director Dr. Daniel Walsh. The program was launched at a meeting at City Hall attended by BOA community groups and NYC agencies.



Lee Ilan, Chief of Planning at OER, and John Fleming, Capacity Building Project Program Manager from New Partners for Community Revitalization address community groups and city agencies

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National Brownfields Conference: Call for Ideas



The National Brownfields Conference, to be held in Philadelphia on April 3-5, 2011 is the largest, most comprehensive conference focused on cleaning up and redeveloping abandoned, underutilized, and potentially contaminated properties in the nation. Cosponsored by the U.S. EPA and the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), the conference attracts more than five thousand registrants to more than 100 educational sessions. The content of the sessions will reflect this national call for ideas. This year, conference organizers are particularly interested in new ideas related to green jobs, community engagement and environmental justice, the business of brownfields, green technology and emerging solutions, planning for community revitalization, and sustainability.

To submit your session proposal by the deadline of July 30, 2010 go to www.brownfields2011.org. For more information please contact Julie Butler at jbutler@icma.org or see the conference website.