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## **Minnesota Brownfields Recognizes Statewide Projects that Revitalize Formerly Contaminated Land**

**SAINT PAUL, Minn. – (October 29, 2013) – Minnesota Brownfields is celebrating 12 statewide finalist projects demonstrating innovation, collaboration, and exemplary results in revitalizing formerly contaminated land. The awards ceremony will take place at Union Depot in Saint Paul on November 7, 2013, from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.** This 2<sup>nd</sup> annual event will include a Redevelopment Showcase, appetizers, and networking.

Winning projects feature transformation of abandoned or underutilized sites using innovative solutions to significant environmental issues.

“Brownfield redevelopments create jobs, increase local tax bases and attract millions of dollars in private investments,” said Katie Clark Sieben, Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development. “These projects are a tribute to the success of brownfield redevelopment projects throughout Minnesota.”

"The ReScape Awards offers the opportunity to recognize the exceptional redevelopment challenges posed by brownfield sites and to honor innovative projects throughout the state of Minnesota that can serve as models for future redevelopment", stated Executive Director Martha Faust.

The call for project nominations closed on September 13. Fourteen project nominations were received representing eight Minnesota cities. Minnesota Brownfields worked with a local artist to create an award statue that captures the themes of land reuse and sustainability. Alli Luhmann of FOCI Minnesota Center of Glass Arts has created an original design using recycled glass and steel.

The public can purchase single tickets or tables online at [www.rescapeawards.com](http://www.rescapeawards.com). For more information about Minnesota Brownfields, visit [www.mnbrownfields.org](http://www.mnbrownfields.org).

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**FINALISTS:**

**COMMUNITY IMPACT CATEGORY**

East Side Family Clinic – St. Paul

El Colegio / El Pato – Minneapolis

Union Depot / Multimodal Transportation Hub – St. Paul

**SMALL CITY IMPACT – *NEW THIS YEAR!***

Birch Lake Business Center – White Bear Township

Itaska Eco Industrial Park – Grand Rapids

Wildwood Elementary School - Grant

**ECONOMIC IMPACT CATEGORY**

Buzza Lofts of Uptown - Minneapolis

Canal Park Brewing Company - Duluth

Twin Lakes IV / Former Lifetime Site Redevelopment – Brooklyn Center

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT CATEGORY**

Renaissance Box – St. Paul

Robbinsdale Middle School - Robbinsdale

Twin Lakes IV / Former Lifetime Site Redevelopment – Brooklyn Center

**EVENT DETAILS:**

Day: Thursday, November 7, 2013

Time: 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Location: Saint Paul Union Depot  
214 East 4th Street  
Saint Paul, MN 55101

**About Minnesota Brownfields**

Minnesota Brownfields is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization whose mission is to promote, through education, research, and partnerships, the efficient cleanup and reuse of contaminated land as a means of generating economic growth, strengthening communities and enabling sustainable land use and development.

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