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**Minnesota Brownfields Announces ReScape Award Project Finalists that Revitalize Formerly Contaminated Land**

**SAINT PAUL, Minn. – (October 7, 2015) – Minnesota Brownfields is celebrating 12 finalist projects demonstrating innovation, collaboration, and exemplary results in re-vitalizing formerly contaminated land throughout Minnesota. Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony at Union Depot in Saint Paul on November 12, 2015, from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

This 4<sup>th</sup> annual event will include a Redevelopment Showcase, a seated dinner, and networking. Winning projects feature transformation of abandoned or underutilized sites using innovative solutions to significant environmental issues.

“Brownfield redevelopment is an effective way to generate economic growth,” said Commissioner Katie Clark Sieben of the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED). “The Minnesota Brownfields ReScape Awards are a fantastic opportunity to highlight projects that have cleaned up contamination, created jobs and increased the local tax base.”

“The ReScape Awards recognize the unique redevelopment challenges posed by brownfield sites, the partnerships required to revitalize them, and the various ways that revitalization benefits communities. These projects can serve as models for future redevelopment”, stated Executive Director Martha Faust.

The call for project nominations closed on September 17. Seventeen project nominations were received representing seven Minnesota cities. Minnesota Brownfields is continuing to work with a local artist to create award statues that captures the themes of land reuse and sustainability. Alli Luhmann of FOCI Minnesota Center of Glass Arts is creating an original design using recycled glass and steel.

The public can purchase single tickets or tables online at [www.mnbrownfields.org](http://www.mnbrownfields.org).

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## **FINALISTS:**

### **COMMUNITY IMPACT CATEGORY**

[Steve O'Neil Apartments - Duluth](#)

[Trout Brook Nature Sanctuary - St. Paul](#)

[Washburn Center for Children - Minneapolis](#)

### **SMALL CITY IMPACT**

[Castle Danger Brewery - Two Harbors](#)

[Johnson Street Remediation and Redevelopment - Fosston](#)

[Northern Stacks I - Fridley](#)

### **ECONOMIC IMPACT CATEGORY**

[Beacon Bluff Parcel 5- St. Paul](#)

[Rayette Lofts - St. Paul](#)

[Surly Brew Hall- Minneapolis](#)

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT CATEGORY**

[CHS Field - St. Paul](#)

[KNOCK - Minneapolis](#)

[LifeSource - Minneapolis](#)

## **EVENT DETAILS:**

Day: Thursday, November 12, 2015  
Time: 5:00-7:30 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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