Minnesota Brownfields promotes, 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.
The national trend of population movement back toward the urban core is playing out here in Minnesota, from millennials to the elderly. So what does the trend imply for Minnesota’s regional growth centers?

Clearly, redevelopment will be critical to meeting Minnesota’s future needs for housing, jobs and other community services, while allowing efficient use of existing infrastructure. Recycling and reusing urban land revitalizes neighborhoods and communities, improves the environment and benefits local economies. It’s good for business, the environment, and for people, and it’s central to Minnesota Brownfields mission.

We are proud of our efforts to promote efficient cleanup and reuse of land throughout Minnesota. And we are so grateful to our financial supporters, volunteers, and leadership. The following pages describe Minnesota Brownfields work throughout 2013. We hope you’ll find value in what you see.

Future challenges in our state posed by climate change, the aging of our population and infrastructure suggest that redevelopment will continue to be crucial to Minnesota’s ability to keep pace with the needs of future generations. We’re up for that challenge if you’ll join us.

Best Wishes,
Program Highlights

Education and Local Assistance
Our education and local assistance programs support communities and redevelopment professionals across a range of disciplines. We identify solutions to existing redevelopment barriers; emerging policies and technical issues; available resources and replicable best practices and brownfield success stories.

Policy & Technical Forums
- Brownfields to Parks – St. Paul
- Brownfields 101 Workshop – Bemidji
- State of Brownfields Update – Minneapolis
- EPA Grant Writing Workshop – St. Cloud

EPA Technical Assistance to Brownfields service provider for Minnesota

Policy & Advocacy
We monitor and communicate key federal, state, regional, and local legislative changes affecting brownfield cleanup and redevelopment.

Spotlight on ERF
The Minnesota Legislature allowed Hennepin & Ramsey Counties’ Environmental Response Funds, which provide gap funding for assessment and cleanup, to sunset in 2013. Our advocacy to reinstate the funds in July, 2013 helped preserve a critical source of redevelopment gap financing.

Partners
Our partners span all redevelopment sectors -- public, private, non-profit and academic -- and disciplines, including real estate, environmental, legal, regulatory, funding and others. Our partnerships enable effective collaboration on innovative policy solutions to redevelopment challenges, enabling cost savings and making redevelopment activities more efficient.

Research
We respond to existing gaps in research to make brownfield cleanup and reuse more affordable, sustainable and efficient.

Soil Reuse Efficiency Study
Minnesota Brownfields analyzed the potential for economic and environmental cost savings associated with the off-site reuse of soil at brownfield sites in Minnesota. Our study focused on a set of redevelopment site case studies, as well as current regulatory and legal barriers to soil reuse in Minnesota. In 2014, we’ll release a report outlining policy and statutory solutions for maximizing the benefits of marginally contaminated soil reuse.

Brownfields and Transit-Oriented Development: Making Connections for Community-Wide Redevelopment Success
Brownfield reuse is one key to successful transit-oriented development (TOD). We prepared an analysis of U.S. communities with innovative brownfield reuse approaches to their transit corridors, looking for opportunities to complement redevelopment tools available in Minnesota.

Public Health Impacts of Brownfields
With the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), we examined potential health indicators that are most relevant to brownfield redevelopment sites in Minnesota. Following completion of a 2014 Health Impact Assessment in Duluth, we’ll work with MDH to create a brownfield health assessment tool that can inform future redevelopment planning in communities throughout Minnesota for better health outcomes.
In 2012, Minnesota Brownfields launched the ReScape Awards to recognize exemplary brownfield redevelopment throughout the state. Winning projects feature transformation of abandoned or underutilized sites using innovative solutions to significant environmental issues.

**2013 RESCAPE FINALISTS**

Twelve finalist projects were selected by four panels of independent judges for the 2013 Minnesota Brownfield ReScape Awards.

*Winners designated with asterisks.*

**COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD**
East Side Family Clinic – St. Paul
*El Colegio El Patio – Minneapolis
Union Depot – St. Paul

**ECONOMIC IMPACT AWARD**
Buzza Lofts – Minneapolis
*Canal Park Brewing – Duluth
Twin Lakes IV – Brooklyn Center

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AWARD**
Renaissance Box – St. Paul
*Robbinsdale Middle School
Twin Lakes IV – Brooklyn Center

**SMALL CITY IMPACT AWARD**
*Birch Lake Business Center – White Bear Township
Itasca Eco-Industrial Park – Grand Rapids
Wildwood Elementary School – Grant

On November 7th at St. Paul’s historic Union Depot, 235 public and private developers, environmental consultants, attorneys, bankers, engineers, architects, contractors, public funders and regulators, elected and appointed officials gathered at a celebration to honor the finalists and award winners. Jerry Stahnke of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency won the inaugural Mac Hyde Leadership Award.

Thank you ReScape Award judges! (pictured below)

A Winning Transformation:
Canal Park Brewing Company in Duluth, MN

Canal Park Brewing Company (pictured left) successfully converted an unused, contaminated industrial site into a tourist destination. The project spurred surrounding economic development and energized Canal Park while retaining a deep appreciation and respect for Mother Earth and leaving a minimal carbon footprint wherever possible.
The Brownfield Gap Financing Program (BGFP) provides small grants to nonprofits for environmental assessment and clean-up of property in Hennepin County through funding from its Environmental Response Fund (ERF). This fund is intended to be used for unexpected environmental issues, to prepare for a larger funding request in the County funding cycle, or to identify/clarify and, in some cases, remediate suspected environmental concerns. In 2013, Hennepin County asked Minnesota Brownfields to co-administer this program.

Projects funded by BGFP benefit the community through the development or clean-up of green space, recreation centers, affordable housing, education centers, community centers, and neighborhood level economic development opportunities.

### 2013 Highlights

- **Budget:** $150,000 (24 month funding allocation)
- **Total grant awards:** $144,491 (96% of budget)
- **22 total grants**
- **$61,375 (54%)** of grant funds for affordable housing projects

### The Clara Barton Open School

The school received BGF funding to conduct soil sampling for a new onsite organic vegetable garden. The garden provides opportunities for hands-on learning to cultivate curiosity and exploration, while creating a greener, healthier environment for students.

“Kids are so interested in what is happening in the garden! Previously, there wasn’t a speck of green coming out of the ground for kids to become intrigued by, explore and learn from. The garden has added a much needed dimension to their learning experience!”

- Marnie Peichel, Barton School parent

### Hawthorne EcoVillage

BGF Funding enabled Project for Pride in Living to complete a Phase I ESA and hazardous materials survey for the EcoVillage project in the Hawthorne neighborhood of North Minneapolis. The project involves construction of 75 units of sustainable rental housing affordable to households earning 50% AMI or less.

“Support through the Brownfields Gap Financing Program was an important and essential source early in project conceptual phase allowing us to better understand project costs and in our fundraising efforts for the Hawthorne EcoVillage projects in North Minneapolis.”

- Chris Dettling, Project for Pride in Living

### The Cookie Cart

Located in North Minneapolis, Cookie Cart is a non-profit commercial bakery providing local teens job and leadership skills. The BGF program enabled Cookie Cart to complete a Phase I ESA for renovation and expansion of their operations.

“The Brownfield Gap Financing Program was invaluable in catalyzing the renovation project, helping lower our project costs and kept the renovation within reach. We could not have fast-tracked this renovation, which will double the number of teens that Cookie Cart serves, without their support.”

- Matt Halley, Executive Director
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2013 Revenue

Foundation Gifts & Grants $37,000
Government Contracts $36,902
Corporate Gifts $55,400
Individual Gifts $2,826
In-Kind & Other Revenue $36,175
Program Income $12,376
Other $42
Total: $144,546*

*Total excludes In-Kind & Other Revenue

2013 Expenses

Program Services $36,995
Management & General $63,521
Fundraising $18,931
Total: $119,447
Unrestricted Change in Net Assets $25,099

Balance Sheet

Total Assets $113,467
Total Liabilities $9,541
Total Net Assets $103,926

2013 Revenue Sources
Thank you!

As a 501c3 non-profit organization, Minnesota Brownfields relies on the support of a wide range of individuals and partners.

Your generosity and commitment make our work possible.

Stay in touch!

Pictured below:
ReScapes Award
volunteer committee

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