



CONFERENCES

The 9th Northeast Sustainable Communities Workshop



Monday, May 23, 2018: Newark, NJ

Now in its 9th year, the Brownfield Coalition of the Northeast (BCONE) will be hosting the Northeast Sustainable Communities Workshop (NSCW) 2018 at the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) in Newark, New Jersey, on May 23, 2018. The conference brings together experts and attendees to discuss the most current approaches and strategies.

Pennsylvania Downtown Center's (PDC) Premier Revitalization Conference



June 3-6, 2018: West Chester, PA

This conference provides attendees with a wide array of educational programming, with sessions that cover revitalization fundamentals, subject-specific strategies, and leadership skills necessary to advance local program efforts.

INTERNET-BASED TRAINING CLASSES

Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council (ITRC)

The Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council (ITRC) has released its newest guidance document, which describes the general concepts of the bioavailability of contaminants in soil, reviews the state of the science, and discusses how to incorporate bioavailability into human health risk assessment. This guidance addresses lead, arsenic, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons for the incidental ingestion of soil.

Click [here](#) to access the document. Please join the Bioavailability Team's first online training class, scheduled for February 13, 2018. Check [ITRC Training](#) for further 2018 training information.

American Society for Testing Materials (ASTM) Online Environmental Training Courses

ASTM E1527 - Environmental Site Assessments for Commercial Real Estate

Learn how to conduct a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) at your own pace and at your convenience using this online self-study course. This online version of [ASTM's E1527](#) in-person course is taught by the same instructors that teach the live courses and was created specifically to offer an equivalent learning experience. It is in full compliance with the latest 2013 version of the ASTM E1527 Phase 1 ESA Standard.

ASTM E2600-10 - Standard Guide for Vapor Encroachment Screening on Property

Vapor encroachment into the subsurface of a property involved in a real estate transaction can potentially create significant issues for the deal. The methodology in the [ASTM E2600-10](#) Standard Guide for Vapor Encroachment Screening on Property was developed for use by environmental professionals conducting due diligence to facilitate screening of a property for a possible vapor encroachment condition. This online course offers you the same great content you've come to expect in person.

ASTM E2790-11 Standard Guide for Identifying and Complying With Continuing Obligations

In [this e-seminar](#) you will gain an understanding of how to use the standard and how it affects the way you do business. The instructor will discuss the three liability protections available under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), how continuing obligations relate to the liability protections, when continuing obligations apply, and why compliance with them is critical.

Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA)



Hazardous to Healthy: Financing Solutions for Recovering Brownfields

The latest webinar of CDFA's Brownfields Technical Assistance Program, the [Brownfield Financing Webinar Series](#), discusses how three communities went about financing the re-use of hazardous spaces into healthy places. This series was designed for professionals who work directly with brownfield sites as well as economic development professionals and communities interested in shaping programs to enhance redevelopment financing opportunities.

[For previous and future webinars, click here.](#)

FUNDING

Business in Our Sites

The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) is still accepting applications for the Business in Our Sites (BOS) Grant/Loan Program. The BOS Program provides grants and loans for the acquisition and development of key sites for future use by businesses, private developers, and others. The program is intended to provide financial assistance to municipalities and others to plan and prepare sites for future use. Those eligible for the grant/loan programs are municipalities, redevelopment authorities, municipal authorities, industrial development agencies, and private developers.

For more information on the BOS program, click [here](#).

For more information about DCED financial assistance programs visit [www.newPA.com](#).

Pennsylvania First Program

The Pennsylvania First Program was established as a comprehensive funding tool to facilitate increased investment and job creation in the commonwealth. All costs financed through the Pennsylvania First Program must be necessary for the operation of an eligible business or businesses at a brownfield project site(s) in the commonwealth. Funds may be used for infrastructure, land and building improvements, environmental assessment/remediation, acquisition of land/buildings, and site preparation that includes demolition and clearance. Those eligible for funding are businesses, municipalities, municipal authorities, redevelopment authorities, industrial development authorities and local development districts. Funds are administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and are awarded on a competitive basis. [To learn more, click here.](#)

CLEANUP STANDARDS SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD (CSSAB)

Meeting Dates

The 2018 meetings of the CSSAB will be held on the following dates in Room 105 of the Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market St., Harrisburg, PA 17105. All meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at approximately 3:00 p.m.

- April 4, 2018
- August 1, 2018
- December 6, 2018

IN THE NEWS

Work Begins on Redeveloping Former Allentown Brewery into Commercial Space

By Brian Pedersen

Construction has begun on transforming a long-dormant property in Allentown's Neighborhood Improvement Zone (NIZ) into fresh commercial space near the Lehigh River. The NIZ, which features a tax incentive that has fueled more than \$1 billion in construction of new buildings and renovations of existing ones, could entice companies looking for space in the building.

Several years ago, a New York City developer planned to [redevelop the former Neuweiler Brewery](#) at 401 N. Front St. into a beer production facility. While those plans have not moved forward, a construction crew is doing demolition and site work to prep the buildings on the 4.5-acre property for commercial tenants.

Bethlehem's SteelStacks Campus Receives Rudy Bruner Award for Urban Excellence

By Colin McEvoy

[Bethlehem's SteelStacks Arts and Cultural Campus](#) has amassed more than 30 awards since opening six years ago, from regional and statewide recognitions to national and international awards, according to Tony Hanna, executive director of Bethlehem Redevelopment Authority.

This week the campus received arguably its most prestigious honor, when it was awarded the Rudy Bruner Award (RBA) for Urban Excellence, which celebrates transformative places distinguished by physical design and contributions to the economic, environmental and social vitality of America's cities.

Tracking the Evolution of Industry at 34th and Grays Ferry

By Madeleine Helmer

Pennovation Works at [34th and Grays Ferry Avenue](#), the University of Pennsylvania's newest campus for research and innovation, officially opened in October 2016. The 23-acre riverfront property's signature building, Pennovation Center, is an industrial holdover from when the site was home to the DuPont Marshall Research Labs and other chemical manufacturers. The old paint factory was adapted and redesigned by architects Matthias Hollwich and Marc Kushner (with KSS Architects) and now houses shared desks, wet labs, common areas, a "pitch bleacher," and other hallmarks of a tech incubator. The rest of the site, formerly called "South Bank," is a blend of lightly refurbished industrial buildings that serve as affordable and flexible workspaces. The mission of the campus is to provide a place for researchers and entrepreneurs to easily set up shop and cross-pollinate with one another to generate ideas, creativity, and innovation.

Governor Wolf Announces Remediation and Assessment of Former Industrial Sites

Harrisburg, PA – Governor Tom Wolf announced two new approvals last month through the Industrial Sites Reuse Program (ISRPP) that will clean up a former Danksin factory industrial site in York County and assess the environmental condition of the former Black Diamond Silk Mill in Northampton County to prepare them for occupation by businesses and residential properties. [To read the full article click here.](#)