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New York City Deputy Mayor for Operations Cas Holloway announced the award of the first NYC Green Property Certification for the completed cleanup performed under the NYC Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) at 67 Brighton Street in Coney Island. The announcement was made at the annual Big Apple Brownfield Awards ceremony held at New York University in May 2012. The announcement included presentation of a plaque bearing the NYC Green Property Certification seal. A NYC Green Property Certification is obtained by successfully investigating and cleaning up a property under the NYC BCP and signifies the city's confidence in the cleanup for protection of public health and the environment for the intended use. The cleanup exceeded the strictest State standards for cleanup available under the BCP program and was subsequently developed into a six-unit LEED Platinum residential building. The cleanup was managed by Laurel Environmental Associates.

Cleanups at Eleven NYC Brownfield Cleanup Program Projects Eligible to Claim Deductions on Federal IRS Tax Filings

The NYC Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation (OER) Director Daniel Walsh announced that all 11 cleanups performed in the NYC Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) during 2011 were certified by New York State – making it possible for developers of these projects to receive Federal IRS income tax deductions for cleanup-related costs. Certification, which was provided by NYS Department of Environmental Conservation in collaboration with OER, allows developers to deduct brownfield cleanup costs as qualified environmental remediation expenditures on their federal tax filings during the year in which the costs were incurred. This certification is offered as a federal brownfield cleanup incentive under Section 198 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code. Availability of this tax deduction for more than forty BCP cleanups performed in 2012 is currently pending reauthorization by congress

Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation Certifies 157 Environmental Industry Professionals through TurboTraining 2012

NYC Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation (OER) Director Daniel Walsh announced that 157 brownfield industry professionals have been certified through their participation in OER's advanced training program, TurboTraining 2012. TurboTraining provides detailed instruction on effective navigation of OER's cleanup and incentive programs and this certification signifies that parties have been trained on such programs as the NYC Brownfield Cleanup Program and the NYC Brownfield Incentive Grant Program. TurboTraining took place in May 2012 at the MetroTech Center in Brooklyn and is the first event in an ongoing training series designed to help brownfield professionals efficiently achieve brownfield cleanup and redevelopment. Visit www.nyc.gov/oer to see a list of brownfield professionals certified through TurboTraining 2012.

Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation Offers Project Information in Six Local Languages

NYC Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation (OER) Deputy Director Josslyn Shapiro announced that the Community Protection Statement for cleanups performed in the NYC Brownfield Cleanup Program (BCP) will now be available in six languages. These translations will help more New Yorkers understand how they are protected when cleanups occur in their neighborhoods. The Community Protection Statement (CPS) summarizes, in non-technical language, protective measures employed during a cleanup to ensure there are no impacts to the surrounding community. The CPS appears in the executive summary of all cleanup plans. Translated versions in Chinese, Haitian-Creole, Spanish, Russian, Italian in addition to English are now available online and were made possible through a collaboration with the NYC Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs. Increasing the transparency of the BCP, by making documents accessible to more New Yorkers fulfills a milestone for the City under PlaNYC 2011.

OER Releases Four Videos for Community Brownfield Education

NYC Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation (OER) Director Daniel Walsh announced the launch of *Cleaning Up NYC*, a four-part brownfield educational video series created to increase New Yorkers awareness of brownfield-related issues and the availability of new brownfield programs and incentives. The videos support our outreach efforts to demystify highly technical language of environmental investigations so that all community members and stakeholders can easily understand such work that occurs in their neighborhoods, to increase public awareness of the protection of human health and the environment provided by cleanups in the NYC Brownfield Cleanup Program, and to broaden grassroots support and increase environmental justice awareness of the clean up, redevelopment, and revitalization of brownfield properties throughout NYC. The videos were produced in collaboration with the Mayor's Office of Media and Entertainment and Devine Pix with funding provided by the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. Director Walsh announced the launch of this series at the Big Apple Brownfield Awards in May 2012. These videos fulfill a brownfield education milestone under PlaNYC 2011 and can be found at www.nyc.gov/Videos.

SPEED Wins ACEC Diamond Award for Engineering Excellence

OER's Searchable Property Environmental Electronic Database (SPEED) was honored with the Diamond Award for Engineering Excellence by the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) of New York at a ceremony held at the Waldorf Astoria in March 2012. SPEED is OER's online real estate and environmental research engine that enables users to search a NYC map and access a wide range of property information including government environmental data, site-specific property data, historical maps from as far back as the 1800's and historical aerial photos. SPEED was designed by OER staff and built by Gannett Fleming Engineers and Architects, P.C. SPEED is available for public use on OER's website free of charge and has been enormously popular, having received over 4 million views in its first 18 months. SPEED can be found at www.nyc.gov/SPEED.

OER Establishes Agreement with the NY Public Library for Community Brownfield Education

The Mayor's Office of Environmental Remediation (OER) General Counsel Mark McIntyre announced that OER has entered a Memorandum of Agreement with the New York Public Library (NYPL) to make it easier for community residents to access educational information on brownfields in NYC, such as brownfield educational videos produced by OER, and information on brownfield projects in their neighborhoods. Under this agreement, OER will provide NYPL with direct links so that this information can be viewed online in local library branches. This fulfills a brownfield education milestone under the PlaNYC 2011.

Mark your Calendar for Brownfields 2013 Conference – 15-17 May in Atlanta, GA

Join nearly 6,000 brownfields professionals and stakeholders at Brownfields 2013: Sustainable Communities Start Here conference in Atlanta, GA. This National Brownfield Conference is planned for 15-17 May at Atlanta's Georgia World Congress Center and is being organized by U.S. EPA and the International City/County Management Association. Registration is free, and by signing up you gain access to more than 100 educational and learning opportunities, plenary sessions, 200 exhibitors, networking events and business development opportunities, mobile workshops, walking tours, special training sessions, film screenings, book signings, and many other interesting opportunities.

Ideas for educational sessions are welcome through 24 August at www.brownfieldsconference.org

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Turbo Training 2012



(L to R) Maksim Kleban (OER), Gary Rozmus (Garrett Fleming), Mike Wiley (Garrett Fleming), and Shaminder Chawla (OER) accept ACEC Award

